



Experiences with eco-schemes in Member States and their interaction with the Green Architecture

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Recap of EoI key issues - Context

- ✓ Call for Expressions of Interest – 20 July to 13 September
- ✓ Question: ‘Can you briefly describe where there are issues with the implementation of eco-schemes and any reasons for this?’
- ✓ 109 responses

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Issues arising during the first year of implementation – Identified in EoI

Scheme design

- Complexity
- Insufficiently adapted to regional & local situation
- Incompatibilities between eco-schemes
- Eligibility issues
- Requirements vs agronomic practices

Budgeting & payments

- Annual budget & no flexibility
- Low payments vs high effort/costs
- Regional differences
- General budget constraints

Administration

- Delayed information on rules due to approval of CSPs
- Ongoing discussion on interpretation of rules
- Complexity & administrative burden
- IT tools & software
- Delays in approving certification organisations

Controls

- Design & implementation of controls
- Further clarity on monitoring needed
- Challenges of remote area monitoring

Links with conditionality

- Confusion due to new GAEC standards
- Issues due to exemptions for GAEC 7 & 8 in 2023

Links with AECC

- Difference between eco-schemes and AECC not always clear
- National eco-schemes vs regional AECCs

Awareness & advice

- Lack of information
- Need for further guidance on practical implementation & technical details
- Need for evidence on effectiveness
- Need for improved communication
- Need for trainings

Uptake

- Ambition vs demand
- Low uptake by smaller farms
- Lack of interest in intensive areas
- Costly equipment needed
- Some eco-schemes are too specific
- External factors (e.g. droughts)

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