

Good Practice Workshop

FINAL AGENDA

Assessing the contribution of carbon farming to CAP climate objectives

24 - 25 June 2024

Le Palace - Icilundi 4 Rue Voltaire, 44000 Nantes, France

European Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP







Enhancing carbon sequestration is one of the most pressing needs for mitigating climate change and contributing to the European Green Deal target of climate neutrality. To this end, the land sector plays a central role for reaching a climate-neutral economy as it can capture CO2 from the atmosphere. At the same time, the land sector is vulnerable to the effects of climate change and can be a source of emissions, especially when soils are degraded. This is why the EU is supporting practices such as carbon farming to promote sustainability and resilience in agriculture and forestry.

The goals of the European Green Deal have been translated into a number of EU communications and laws, such as the <u>Sustainable Carbon Cycles' Communication</u>, the <u>Carbon Removal and Carbon Farming (CRCF) Regulation</u>, the proposed <u>Soil Monitoring</u> and <u>Forest Monitoring</u> Laws, and the <u>LULUCF Regulation</u>.

CAP Strategic Plans operationalise one of the key objectives of the CAP: to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing carbon sequestration (Specific Objective 4). The CAP has increased its climate ambition in the 2023-2027 period by allocating more funds to environmental objectives, thus encouraging carbon farming, and strengthening ties to climate-related legislation. CAP Strategic Plans include several interventions with potential to contribute to carbon sequestration by promoting carbon farming practices that are linked to PMEF result and impact indicators. Member States are expected to assess carbon storage and the practices that contribute to it, in the context of their CSP evaluations.

Aims of the Workshop

The Good Practice Workshop will provide an opportunity for Member States to exploit and deepen their experiences for evaluating the contribution of carbon farming interventions to the climate mitigation objective of the CAP. The Workshops' specific objectives are to:

- Increase the evaluation knowledge of stakeholders involved in the evaluation of carbon farming interventions and/or practices in the context of CAP Strategic Plans.
- Exchange practical experiences from past evaluations on climate change mitigation, which include the assessment of measures that contribute to carbon conservation and sequestration in agriculture and forestry.
- Provide an opportunity for networking and identification of needs for further support for Managing Authorities, CAP networks, and evaluators in relation to the evaluation framework for assessing the contribution of carbon farming to CAP climate objectives.





Target audience

The Workshop will be an opportunity for Managing Authorities, CAP networks, Paying Agencies, evaluators, EU-level evaluation experts, and other evaluation stakeholders in the Member States to exchange with each other. The working language will be English.

Outcomes

The presentations of the speakers and an event report synthesising the key outcomes of the Workshop will be published on the event page of the EU CAP Network website after the Workshop takes place.

Contact information

The workshop is organised by the EU CAP network with the support of the European Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP and is hosted by the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty.

For any further information or questions, please contact the Evaluation Helpdesk: evaluation@eucapnetwork.eu / Tel. +32 2 808 10 24





Timing	Final agenda Monday 24 June
12.00	Registration with a light lunch and coffee available
13.00	Introduction and objectives of the GPW
13.30	The framework for assessing the contribution of the CAP to carbon farming
14.00	Insights from Member States evaluations on carbon farming
14.30	Group discussions on the challenges for assessing the contribution of the CAP to carbon farming
15.00	Coffee break
15.30	Sharing experiences from EU level and Member State evaluations
16.45	Conclusions from Day 1
17.00	End of Day 1
18.00	Cultural activity – Walking Tour around Nantes; starting point is the venue Le Palace – Icilundi (4 Rue Voltaire, 44000)
20.00	Social dinner – Restaurant Aristide Briand at Place Aristide Briand, Nantes

Timing	Final agenda Tuesday 25 June
09.00	Registration with coffee available
09.30	Introduction to Day 2
10.00	Carbon farming – European market experiences
10.30	Sharing experiences from Member State evaluations
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	Group discussions on how to evaluate interventions that contribute to carbon storage and sequestration
12.30	Sharing conclusions of Day 2
13.00	End of Day 2, followed by a lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Field trip organised by hosted by the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty.





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