

Good Practice Workshop

Final agenda

Assessing simplification of the CAP for beneficiaries and administrations

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The EU CAP Network supported by the European Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP organises is organising the eight Good Practice Workshop on 7 – 8 November 2024 in Budapest, Hungary, which will be kindly hosted by the Hungarian National CAP Network with the support of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and the Institute of Agricultural Economics. The Workshop will focus on assessing simplifications of the CAP for beneficiaries and administrations.

The CAP has undergone various modifications over consecutive programming periods, where simplification has been an essential part of these modifications with the aim to tailor and improve implementation. Simplification is also a component of the assessment of efficiency. The EU CAP Network's [guidelines 'Use of Factors of Success in Evaluation'](#) defines it as the minimisation of costs that are not strictly necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the CAP and the adoption of measures that reduce administrative burden for the administration and beneficiaries. Simplification also implies that additional administrative costs without added value for the achievement of CAP objectives are avoided.

Simplification is subject to specific attention in the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plans (CSP). According to [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2115](#), Member States shall take appropriate measures to reduce the administrative burden and ensure simplification in the implementation of the CAP, when pursuing [the CAP Specific Objectives](#). When designing their CSP, Member States were expected to explain how their interventions and elements common to several interventions contribute to simplification for final beneficiaries and reducing administrative burden.

Against this background, the assessment of simplification is an important issue from an evaluation perspective. The ex-ante evaluations of CSP have already analysed simplification and this synthesis confirmed that all 28 CSP support simplification and the majority have targeted the reduction of administrative burden. In addition, simplification is enshrined in the CAP [Implementing Regulation](#) as a component of efficiency, where Member States are expected to assess simplification both for beneficiaries and for the administration, with special focus on administrative costs and on the use of digital tools and satellites. Indeed, Member States have already completed and started implementing their evaluations plans, including simplification as one of the topics to be assessed.

Furthermore, an EU level study on simplification and administrative burden for farmers under the CAP is under way, with the objective to support Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) in understanding and assessing the burden on EU farmers arising from the 2023-2027 CAP and drawing concrete examples for further simplification. Initial findings from this study will be discussed with workshop participants.



Aims of the Workshop

The aim of the Good Practice Workshop is to reflect and learn from participant's experiences, insights, and ideas in relation to the assessment of simplification of the CAP for both for beneficiaries and for the administration, with a view to preparing Member States for future evaluations of simplification of the CAP. The Workshops' specific objectives are to:

- **Increase the evaluation knowledge of stakeholders** involved in the assessment of simplification in the context of CSP, covering the perspectives of beneficiaries and administrations.
- **Exchange practical experiences and triangulate knowledge** from existing assessments and studies of simplification, including both Member State and EU level evaluations and studies.
- **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 simplification both for beneficiaries and for administrations.

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. Experts with specific knowledge of simplification aspects will attend to provide specialised input on related concepts, evaluation elements, and useful approaches to assess this topic. The working language will be English, and participants are expected to interact in groupwork and jointly identify and discuss relevant issues and approaches for the assessment of simplification in the future in this language.

Outcomes

The presentations of the speakers and an event report synthesising the key outcomes of the Workshop will be published in due time on [the event page](#) of [the EU CAP Network website](#) after the Workshop takes place.

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Timing	Final agenda - Thursday 7 November
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Registration with a buffet lunch and coffee available</i>
13.00 – 13.30	Introduction and objectives of the Good Practice Workshop
13.30 – 14.20	The framework for assessing simplification of the CAP for beneficiaries and administrations – insights from the European Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP and DG AGRI
14.20 – 15.10	Knowledge sharing on Member State evaluation experiences – the cases of Germany and Romania
15.10 – 15.40	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.40 – 16.10	Knowledge sharing on Member State evaluation experiences – the case of Sweden
16.10 – 16.50	Group discussions on the challenges and opportunities for assessing simplification of the CAP for beneficiaries and administrations
16.50 – 17.00	Conclusions of Day 1
17.00	End of Day 1
18.00	<i>Cultural activity – Walking tour</i>
20.00	<i>Social dinner - Urban Betyar, Október 6. utca 16-18, 1051, Budapest</i>
Timing	Final agenda - Friday 8 November
08.15 – 09.15	<i>Getting to know Hungarian rural products – visit to local rural market</i>
09.00 – 09.30	<i>Registration with coffee & pastries available</i>
09.30 – 10.00	Introduction to Day 2
10.00 – 10.30	Knowledge sharing on Member State evaluation experiences from 2023-2027 CAP programming period – the case of Spain
10.30 – 11.00	Insights from the EU-level studies on simplification and administrative burden for farmers
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 12.30	Group discussions on the conceptual framework for assessing simplification
12.30 – 13.00	Sharing conclusions of Day 2
13.00	End of Day 2, followed by a buffet lunch
14.00 – 16.00	<i>Getting to know Hungarian rural products - presentations</i>



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