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Agricultural sector model PASMA

Application in evaluation of the Austrian CAP programmes

Perspective of the Managing Authority

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Background of the application of PASMA

- How to assess the overall impact of the CAP in Austria?
 - ex-ante & ex-post applications
- No instrument / reference available at the MA
- Simulation model to develop a BASELINE:
 - Tools needed to overcome the information gap on counterfactual developments
 - Simulation of production, income, labour and environmental effects of expected price and policy scenarios
 - Regional (NUTS-3 resolution) & structural consequences



Background of the application of PASMA

- "Positive Agricultural Sector Model Austria" developed by Erwin Schmid & Franz Sinabell, BOKU University Vienna & WIFO in 2002 (published through peer-reviewd journals)
- Early application: assessment of medium-term consequences of the EU membership for Austrian agriculture in 2006
- Well suited for detailed sectoral analyses
- Gradually established & useful model: progressively developed together with MA



RDPs since 2000: Evolution of PASMA modelling



overall impact of the CAP since the EU membership (without modelling)

Basic indicators such as

employment, standard gross margins, added value, regional distribution

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First application of PASMA (expost)

development of **counterfactual** scenarios

In addition:

gross value added, GHG emissions, land use

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Mid-term and ex-post Question 24,27, Impact indicators 2,3,7

Advanced modelling of GHG

emissions from agriculture (net effects)

Used as **reference** regarding: economic output (focus area 2A), **Agri-environmental programme** (ÖPUL)



CAP Strategic Plan 23-27 (IR 2022/1475)

- Calculations (including PASMA simulations) from RDP14-20: crucial for SWOT, national needs, overall development of AT CSP
- PASMA: part of evaluation plan (study on land use)
- baseline for mid-term und ex-post evaluations: especially for objective A&B (reference data for evaluators)
- Net effects: PMEF Impact indicators I.2, I.3, I.4, I.5, I.10, I.14, I.15 and I.26
- Results used for **conceptualization of the next** CAP period
- Continuous adaptations of the model on mid-term and ex-post evaluation

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Challenges and usefulness of PASMA for the MA

Challenges:

- Reference year: dependant on data availability
- Modelling uncertainties of agricultural sector & crises (war, pandemia)
- Static comparison with reference year

Usefulness:

• Well suited to present net effects of the programme

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Example of a graph from PASMA Scenario: No CAP payments



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