

Thematic Group (TG) on Effective Approaches for Simplification within the CAP

Feedback from the responses to the
Expression of Interest (Eoi)

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Definition of CAP Simplification

- 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 the administrative burden for the administration and beneficiaries. Source: [*Use of factors of success in evaluation | EU CAP Network*](#).
- The process implies that additional administrative costs without added value for achieving CAP objectives should be avoided.
- Simplification action can take place at different levels (e.g. EU, MS, regional).



Context



- › Open expression of interest (Eoi): 27 January – 26 February
- › 132 response received
- › Questions on examples of complexity that cause issues for CAP implementation and possible responses
- › Examples of already implemented solutions



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Issues with eligibility criteria	Benefi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear guidance • Flexibility and exemption for some farmers • Practical tolerance and de minimis rules 	MS/EC
Rules vs real life conditions	Benefi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased flexibility • Result-based focus • Decision support tools 	EC/MS
Complexity of processes	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlined and simplified application forms • Online platforms • Training communication and guidance 	MS
Payment rules	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow advance payments (e.g. for collectives) 	MS
Rules for investments	Benefi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportionate requirements • Lump sums 	MS/EC



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Overly complex / detailed reporting requirements	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filled tools/templates • Improve linkages and interoperability • Shift to result-based reporting • Reduce documentation requirements • Adapt reporting schedule, increase flexibility 	MS/EC
Same information to be provided multiple times	Benefi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve data sharing • Unified system 	MS/EC
Issue with indicators and their reporting	Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review result indicators • Clear linkages between interventions and indicators 	EC/MS



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Overly complex control requirements	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk-based control approach • Use of digital tools • Clear guidance on what needs to be controlled 	MS/EC
Multiple inspections, unclear definition of roles	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased use of remote checks • Coordinate inspections & clarify roles • Improve communication 	MS
Disproportionate sanctions	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow buffer for deviations • Adapt control sample rates • Warning system 	MS/EC
AMS requirements	Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on system components rather than unit amounts 	MS
Complexity of performance clearance & APR	Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More harmonisation • Biannual performance reporting • Flexibility in case of deviations 	EC/MS



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CAP structure & changing regulatory framework	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid changes to CAP framework • Consolidation of funds 	EC/MS
New delivery model & CSP amendments	Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater flexibility on modifications • Clearer EU guidelines of rules 	EC/MS
Conditionality	Admin & benefi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take national regulations into account • More tailored, locally adapted measures 	EC/MS
Green Architecture	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better alignment of interventions • More flexibility regarding ring-fencing 	EC/MS
Definitions	Benefi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearer definitions 	EC/MS



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Use of digital tools and skills	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplify digital interfaced and ensure they are tailored to needs • Integrated systems • Training and technical support • Improve digital infrastructure in rural areas 	MS
Lack of advisory support	Benefi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve advisory system (availability, quality) 	MS
Different communication & information channels	Benefi. & admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralised system • Structure information according to needs • Promote exchange between MS and EC • Advisory boards of different actors 	MS/EC



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Focus of today

#CAPSimplification

Horizontal: use of digital tools

