

Good Practice Workshop

FINAL AGENDA

Measuring what matters - Approaches to netting out CAP impacts

16 – 17 October

Grand Hotel Bucharest
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Bucharest, Romania

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The EU CAP Network supported by the European Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP will organise the eleventh Good Practice Workshop on 16-17 October 2025 in Bucharest, Romania, which will be kindly hosted by the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. The Workshop will focus on the rationale, challenges, and key approaches for netting out CAP impacts.

Measuring the CAP impacts is important because the impacts show whether the CAP is achieving its objectives, the nine specific objectives, the cross-cutting objectives, and also whether the CAP is delivering tangible benefits for farmers, rural areas, the environment, and society as a whole. For the 2023–2027 CAP programming period and its Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (PMEF), impacts are central to understanding not just what is funded, but what has changed as a result of CAP support, and whether the policy is achieving a real change on the ground. As Member States are accountable for what they achieve (not just what they spend), the [PMEF impact indicators](#) (Annex I of [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2115](#)) are essential to track strategic performance and to enable policy adjustments.

Netting out CAP impacts (i.e. distinguishing policy-driven effects from other influences) is crucial, as per the [Implementing Regulation \(1475/2022\)](#) Member States are to measure the contribution of their CAP Strategic Plan (CSP) to the nine specific objectives based on the impact indicators outlined in Annex I of [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2115](#), as well as to quantify the CSP contribution(s) to at least the nine common impact indicators set out in Annex III of [Regulation \(EU\) 1475/2022](#). Furthermore, according to the [EU-level CAP evaluation framework](#), the cost-effectiveness calculation must be based on net impacts, ensuring that assessments reflect only those improvements directly attributable to CAP interventions.

In the context of CAP evaluations, impacts are netted out using methods like counterfactual analysis (comparing beneficiaries of CAP support with similar non-beneficiaries), econometric modelling that controls for external variables in statistical models, before-after comparisons that adjust for confounding factors and theory-based approaches that use logic models and contribution analysis to trace causality. However, evaluating the CAP's net impacts is associated with several challenges, such as identifying a credible counterfactual, ensuring the availability and quality of data, accounting for the variability of effects across farm types and regions, considering timing and lag effects, and addressing resource constraints to name a few.

Aims of the Workshop

The overall objective of the eleventh Good Practice Workshop is to demonstrate and analyse approaches for netting out the impacts of the CAP. The Workshops' specific objectives are to:



- **Build capacity of CAP evaluation stakeholders** about the rationale for netting out CAP impacts and ways to carry out the netting out exercise;
- **Share knowledge through the exchange of practical experiences** from evaluations of net impacts of the CAP under different CAP objectives;
- **Provide an opportunity for networking and identification of needs for further support** for Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, CAP networks and evaluators in relation to the limitations and opportunities for netting out CAP impacts.

Target audience

The Workshop will be an opportunity for Managing Authorities, CAP networks, Paying Agencies, evaluators, statistical authorities, and other evaluation stakeholders in the Member States and the EU to exchange with each other. The working language will be English, and participants are expected to interact in groupwork and jointly identify and discuss relevant issues and approaches for netting out CAP impacts in this language.

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

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Timing	Final agenda Thursday 16 October
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Registration with lunch available</i>
13.00	Introduction to Day 1 & icebreaker
13.15	Enrich your capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why assessing CAP impacts • What impacts to net out and why • Overview of the different choices of netting out methods
14.00	Sharing of experiences from Member States` evaluations for netting out economic impacts, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing netting out economic impacts using PMEF I.3 • Other empirical approaches for netting out I.2 and I.3
15.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30	Group discussions on challenges and potential solutions when assessing net impacts of the CAP
16.30	Sharing conclusions of Day 1
17.00	End of Day 1
18.00	<i>Cultural activity</i>
19.00	<i>Social dinner</i>
Timing	Final agenda Friday 17 October
09.00	<i>Registration with coffee available</i>
09.30	Introduction to Day 2 & icebreaker
10.00	Sharing of experiences from Member States` evaluations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing net impacts on water quality • How to calculate and net out I.2.6 Distribution of CAP support
11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30	Expert panel and group reflections on the choice of appropriate net out methods
12.45	Sharing conclusions of Day 2
13.00	End of Day 2, followed by a lunch
14.00 – 16.00	<i>Market with wine tastings, product tasting, traditional dances, and visit to the ministry in the yard of the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development</i>

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