



Follow-up of the implementation of the ECA recommendations of the Special report No 26/2016 on cross-compliance

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Summary

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Recommendation 1

- *The Commission should examine as part of the impact assessment for the CAP post 2020 how to further develop its set of indicators to assess the performance of cross-compliance and how to take into account farmers' levels of compliance with the cross-compliance rules in its indicators.*

and follow up

- *An internal DG AGRI ad hoc group has held a meeting on 30 March 2017 in the framework of the IA for the Modernisation and simplification of the CAP 2020*
- *The group concluded that the rate of non-compliances as indicator could not be retained at this stage, as this indicator would link a better respect of the obligations through a decrease of the sanctions rate. However the assumption of effective control systems in all Member States is still uncertain, as shown by the audits carried out by DG AGRI.*

Recommendation 2

- *The Commission should from now on improve the sharing of the information on cross-compliance related infringements between concerned services in order to help them to identify the reasons for breaches and to take appropriate measures to address them.*

and follow up (1)

- *DG AGRI has held on a meeting with DG ENV in the 2 February 2017*
- *In order to follow up this recommendation DG ENV was invited to participate in DG AGRI audits in order to gain better perceptions into how cross-compliance worked in practice*

and follow up (2)

- *DG AGRI and DG SANTE met twice in February 2017*
- *In these meetings:*
 - **DG SANTE informed on an on-going report on the state of implementation of the SUD which is foreseen by the end of 2017**
 - **it was underlined the opportunity to ensure continuation of the regular exchange of information between DG AGRI and DG SANTE**

Recommendation 3

- *For the CAP post-2020, the Commission should propose adapting the rules regarding cross-compliance on-the-spot checks. This would allow a more effective targeting of key control points.*

and follow up

- *The Commission rejected this recommendation because the action proposed by this recommendation would not simplify cross-compliance but "de facto" reduce its scope. The simplification of the cross-compliance scope has been already carried out several times in the past.*
- *The Commission considers that this recommendation might result in reducing the rules on on-the-spot checks which would ultimately weaken the effectiveness of cross-compliance.*

Recommendation 4

- The Commission should analyse as part of the impact assessment for the CAP post-2020 the experience of having two systems operating with similar environmental objectives (GAEC standards and greening) with a view to promoting further synergy between them. This analysis should take into consideration criteria such as the environmental impact of the standards and the historical level of compliance by farmers.*

and follow up

- *DG AGRI is evaluating in the IA for the Modernisation and simplification of the CAP 2020 to promote further synergy between greening and GAEC standards*

Recommendation 5

- *After the report on the performance of the CAP due by the end of 2018, the Commission should develop a methodology to measure the costs of cross-compliance.*

and follow up

- *DG AGRI will include a point to define a methodology to measure the cost of cross-compliance in the on-going EU study on the administrative burden*

Recommendation 6

- *For the CAP post-2020, the Commission should encourage a more harmonised application of penalties at EU level by further clarifying the concepts of severity, extent, permanence, recurrence and intentionality.*

and follow up

- *DG AGRI will organise expert group meeting in order to exchange views on best practise on the application of penalties at EU level in particular on the concepts of:*
 - **severity,**
 - **extent,**
 - **permanence,**
 - **recurrence and**
 - **intentionality**

Thank you

More information:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/direct-support/cross-compliance_en

<http://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=38185>