

HNV farming indicator in RDPs 2014-2020

Expectations and use

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Policy context

- Environment, biodiversity continued policy objective – general CAP objective of sustainable management of natural resources and climate action
- High Nature Value Farming included under Priority 4 (focus area 4a) Rural Development Policy
- Concept relevant for the whole CAP – new CMEF
- Continued attention, examples:
 - EIP-AGRI focus group on Sustainable HNV farming
 - HNV-Link: thematic network supported under Horizon 2020

Policy context

High Nature Value Farming Indicator:

Defined as "% of UAA farmed to generate High Nature Value"

Included in Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the whole CAP as:

- Context indicator C.37 and
- Impact indicator I.09

Farming <-> Farmland?



Policy context

Relevance of the indicator for answering evaluation questions:

8. Focus area 4a: To what extent have RDP interventions supported the restoration, preservation and enhancement of biodiversity including in N2000 areas, ANC and HNV farming and the state of European landscapes

Answer in AIR 2017

26. To what extent has the RDP contributed to improving the environment and to achieving the EU Biodiversity strategy target of halting the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services, and to restore them?

28. To what extent has the RDP contributed to the CAP objective of ensuring sustainable management of natural resources and climate action?

Answers in AIR 2019 and ex-post evaluation

Expectations regarding HNV indicator

- HNV indicator obligation since 2005
- Linked to objective to preserve and enhance HNV Farming systems, obligation for MS to conduct effective monitoring



- 2013-2014 baseline data for context are a must !
Role of ex-post evaluation
2007-2013 RDP

Expectations regarding HNV indicator

- Common definition, no common methodology for HNV identification – tailored to regional context, use of best available data or new cost-efficient data collection
- Solid methodology geared for assessing impact
 - Capture dynamics
 - Step up to also include quality aspect
 - Trends: data intervals – consistent methodology



Use of the HNV indicator

- Context indicator: Appropriate targeting and design of RDPs – CAP implementation
- Link between RD measures and HNV indicator
- Assessment of impact of RDP and CAP: need to devise method to assess net effects
- Sound indicator methodology, sufficient data quantity and of high quality is key for the success of evaluation



Importance of the HNV indicator

- Goal of evaluation to help make policies more efficient and effective, protect environment and provide transparency
- Demonstrating policy achievements legitimises funding for RD/CAP – CAP HNV impact indicator depending on MS data!
- Society's expectation to preserve and enhance HNV farming systems – environmental, social and economic benefits
- Needs of farmers delivering HNV – innovation?
- HNV indicator signalling the positive role farming can play

