

# 1<sup>st</sup> TG Meeting on the Design and Implementation of Eco-schemes in the new CAP Strategic Plans

GROUP 3: Advisors' perspective  
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# CHALLENGES

- A completely new CAP – farmers complaining about lack of information
- A huge number of E-S is available – difficult to explain all options to farmers - even more difficult for them to choose
- Enhanced requirements. Greening moved to conditionality. Farmers need to increase their efforts.
- Easier eco-schemes with less obligations that pay more are more attractive → all farmers may end up in 2-3 eco-schemes.
- Their implementation and documentation may increase the cost and administrative burden
- Some sectors are left with limited options (in GREECE livestock sector)
- The role of FAST platform for nutrient management is still not known
- Farmers usually choose an E-S according to whom they trust more and not on certain needs
  - Organic Certification Body – Eco-scheme for organic farming
  - Agricultural supplier – Eco-scheme for use of fertilizers or pest traps
  - Digital technology provider – Platform for registering farming practices
  - Agricultural Advisor – Eco-scheme that includes a plan for farm management



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR BRIDGING THE GAPS BETWEEN ADVISORS AND FARMERS

- A **synergistic** relationship with **Farm Advisory Services** will fill in gaps in knowledge, cover the cost of implementation and train the farmer to use more eco-friendly farming practices.
- An opportunity to **upscale farming practices** that were proven effective in EU projects and implement them in a larger scale or suggest new E-S through AKIS.
- Opportunity for targeted actions in larger areas via a collective scheme (e.g. agricultural cooperative). All farmers in a certain area participate in a single E-S to increase efficiency.
- Demonstration activities will promote new eco-friendly products (eco-traps, slow-release fertilizers (SRF), advanced equipment for plant protection, digital tools etc).
- Data collection on practices applied on E-S will lead to closer monitoring and impact assessment of implemented practices.



Thank you for your attention!

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