

## **Expert consultation on the Green Architecture of the future Common Agricultural Policy: Prioritisation, spatial distribution and remuneration of area-based agri-environmental services in the EU**

Targeting ecological hot-spots or ensuring a minimum level of environmental services across the board? In designing their Green Architecture in the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post-2020, member states can make payments for agri-environmental measures even beyond compensation for income losses. Through these income-generating payments, member states can spread the spatial distribution of measures across the board and aim for an area-wide minimum level of environmental service provision. However, they can also concentrate their funding on individual "hot spots". In order to develop a targeted strategy, each member state must clarify et al. the following questions: Is an environmental problem spatially more locally/regionally concentrated or is it widespread throughout the Member State? What should be the effectiveness of environmental measures per hectare in the Member State? What proportion of the Member State's agricultural land is targeted for environmental measures? How high should the income effect be for the farmers?

In order to be able to provide answers to these questions, we are interested in your assessments as an expert in the field of agriculture and the environment in Europe (mainly from the scientific community). You should plan 20-30 minutes for your answer.

### **Please use the following link to take part in the survey:**

<https://umfrage.agecon-ti.de/index.php/395942?lang=en>

**Background to the survey:** After the publication of the article "Action needed for the EU Common Agricultural Policy to address sustainable challenges" (<https://besjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/pan3.10080>), the scientists involved held talks with the EU Commission. In order to gain detailed insights into the possibilities for shaping the Green Architecture in the member states, workshops were then held with CAP experts from scientific institutions in 13 member states (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia and Spain). More information on this process can be found here: <https://www.idiv.de/en/cap-scientists-statement.html>.

Responsible for this were Dr. Guy Peer (UFZ/idiv), Maren Birkenstock, Dr. Nobert Röder (both Thünen-Institute for Rural Areas) and Prof. Dr. Sebastian Lakner (University of Rostock). Following these workshops, the workshop participants were given the opportunity to contribute their individual expertise on the design of the Green Architecture of future agricultural policy in our online expert survey. In order to be able to include the expertise of even more experts in our scientific analysis, we hope for your participation in our survey.

The survey will also be analysed by Maren Birkenstock as part of her PhD project. So far, experts from 16 EU member states have already participated in the survey.

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