

Webinar with Member States on Farm Advisory Systems – 21/10/2020

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- Challenges for environment, climate and food: depending on how it performs, agriculture can contribute to win this challenge or to lose it. Almost half the EU's land is farmed. The farmers, as custodian of the land, play a key role in tackling climate change, protecting the environment and preserving landscapes and biodiversity
- The process of knowledge creation and transfer involves all actors: research, advisory services, farmers, NGOs.
- Farming practices beneficial for the environment and the climate need to be taken up by farmers. This implies a growing farmers' awareness, the use of new technologies, the role of advisory services.
- JRC is supporting this approach by providing new methodologies in the use of new technologies (such as Copernicus sentinel data) as well as meta review analysis of farming practices impact on environment and climate
- JRC support on FAS: since 2008 specific workshops dedicated to the Farm Advisory System to facilitate Member States exchanges about the implementation of the FAS. Since 2017 a JRC FAS database has been operational (a web platform where Member States introduce information about FAS implementation and where some data on FAS implementation are collected).