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Farm Advisory System in the Lithuania

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Lithuania

- Area (Ha)
2.631.600 ha
- - Livestock Units
1.753.000
- Farms 190000
- Ha per farm 13,3
- Gross agricultural
production (in billion
€) € 2,16



Legal basis of the implementation of Farm advisory system

Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003

- Legal act by Government of the Republic of Lithuania by the decision No. 987 of 11 October 2006 Ministry of Agriculture assigned as the responsible institution for issues of advising agricultural work subjects and farm management.
- Legal act No. 3D-242 of 18 May 2007 by Ministry of the Republic of Lithuania laying down accreditation rules of advising institution and advisors'.
- Rural Development Programme for Lithuania 2007 – 2013 measure „Use of advisory services“ aproved September 19, 2007.
- Legal act by Ministry of the Republic of Lithuania by No 3D-92 of 27 February 2008 laying down RDP 2007-2013 measure „Use of advisory services“ implementation rules.

Accreditation of advisory bodies and advisors

The accreditation is given to these sectors:

- Advisory on the statutory management requirements and the good agricultural and environmental conditions (cross-compliance) provided for in Articles 4 and 5 of and in Annexes III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 as well as of the Community occupational safety standard ;
- Advisory on agri-environmental issues;
- Advisory on the matters of bookkeeping in farm;
- Advisory on issues related to the forestry;
- Advisory on issues of arranging business plans and administration of projects;
- Advisory on issues of implementing the “Leader” method.

Requirements for advisory bodies

- to be a legal person
- To have a right to give advisory service, it means one of the institution work spheres has to be advising
- Has to be accomplished responsibilities connected to payments;
- Has to have at least one accredited advisor who gives advising service;
- Advising institution seeking to accredit statutory management requirements and good agricultural and environmental conditions and occupational safety standards issues has to have two accredited plant-growing, cattle breeding, engineering and (or) work safety specialization advisors;
- Has to have administrative and technical resources, that will be used to give advising service (advising service office, employees, responsible for advising service administration, finance management advisors' work places, equipped by good computer software communication)

Requirements for advisors (I)

Common requirements for advisors

- To have at least post-secondary education (or equal to the one)
- To have advising service experience
- to have competence in giving advising service according to chosen sphere.

Requirements for advisors (II)

Special requirement for cross-compliance advisors

- Has to have at least post-secondary education or education equal to agricultural, forestry , engineering or equal to one, also environment safety or in veterinary;
- One has to have listened in-service listening course on statutory management requirements and the good agricultural and environmental conditions and occupational safety standards issues

Institutions responsible for accreditation advisory services and advisors

- The Centre of Leader Programme and Farmers' Training Methodology:
- evaluation of applications given to get accreditation;
- Presentation of suggestions for the commission, made by the ministry;
- Ministry of Agriculture:
- decision-making
- Information of applicants

Overview of the introduction of Cross Compliance requirements in the Lithuania

- Cross Compliance requirements will be introduced in: 2009 (A part of requirements) and 2011 (B, C parts of requirements)
For advising on cross-compliance issues 3 advisory services accredited
- Lithuanian agriculture advisory service - 67 advisors
- Chamber of agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania – 30 advisors
- Public institution „Information centre” – 8 advisors

Tools for provision of information about Statutory management requirements (SMR) and Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAEC) (2008-2009 year)

- Individual advice on one to one basis
- Training courses related SMR and GAEC for farmers
- Newsletters/infobulletins and a brochure/manual
- Training courses related SMR and GAEC for advisors

**Ministry of Agriculture;
Paying Agency**

Training courses
Newsletter, brochure

**Newsletters/infobulleti
ns/
Leaflets
Publications in media**

**Private Advisory
institutions, training
centries**

Farmer

**Individual advice on
one to one basis
Training courses**

Individual advice on one to one basis

- in 2008 farmers can **give** applications to get support for the individual advising service from Rural Development Programme for Lithuania 2007 – 2013 measure „Use of advisory services“;
- A farmer prepares an application and he can chose an ministry's accredited advising service institution;
- Subsidy: 80 % of the costs of the advice with maximum of 1000 EUR. Support amount is allocated only till 2013;
- At the moment only 200 applications received::::::☹

Training courses for farmers

- In 2008-2009 from Rural Development Programme for Lithuania 2007 – 2013 measure „Vocational training and information actions“ is anticipated to teach 8000 farmers;
- 800 000 EUR allocated, courses organized in every self-government;
- In 2009 new teaching project is anticipated to start.

Brochure/publications

- At the end of 2008 SMR and GAEC requirement guide for farmers will be published;
- the edition of the book is 180 thousand and the book size is 40 pages.

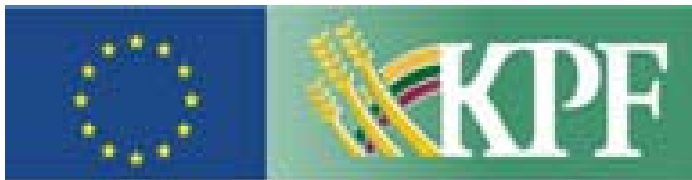
Concluding Remarks

- farmers advising system on SMR and GAEC issues starts operating
- To increase farmers' motivation it is anticipated that together with SMR and GAEC advising services he can buy also advising service on agri-environmental issues, bookkeeping and issues related to the forestry.
- Problems faced:
 - ; Farmers activeness applying for the support for advising is very low, because they are not motivated to get the support as long as they risk their own direct payments;
 - Advisors do not offer their service for advising SMR and GAEC, because final control procedures are not estimated yet, especially that connected to SMR requirements and the system of penalties are not outlined;
 - Advisors avoid giving this service, because they do not want to risk with their own reputation and experience loss because of possible farmers' requirements to cover experienced direct payments penalties



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