



## LPIS Workshop – Session 5

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## Content of the guidance

- Update of the guidance for 2014 (DSCG-2014-27-FINAL); main changes concern:
  - Random/Risk analysis selection
  - Timing of OTSC
  - Land use / land cover check
  - Check of "minimum maintenance/ minimum activity"
  - Pro-rata for PG
  - Specificities of greening
  - Single buffer tolerance
  - Cross notification between Pillars



## Today, let's focus on

- Agricultural parcel definition
- Checks of land use / land cover for eligibility purpose
- Checks of EFA
- Checks of crop diversification





## Agricultural parcel (AP) definition

- Art. 67 of R.1306/2013:
- "agricultural parcel means a continuous area of land, declared by one farmer, which does not cover more than one single crop group;
- however, where a separate declaration of the use of an area within a crop group is required in the context of R.1307/2013, that specific use shall if necessary further limit the agricultural parcel;
- Member States may lay down additional criteria for further delimitation of an agricultural parcel;"



## Agricultural parcel (AP) definition

- MS have flexibility to determine the level of their AP
- AP should at least be the "BPS/SAPS parcel" and where relevant the "VCS parcel" (Art. 17 of DA IACS)

1 BPS/SAPS  
parcel

Wheat

Protein  
crop

Wheat

Perm.  
grassland

1 BPS/SAPS  
parcel  
+ 1 VCS parcel

Wheat

Protein  
crop

Wheat

Perm.  
grassland





## Agricultural parcel (AP) definition

- Greening "crop group" (Art 22 of DA IACS)
  - CD: areas of single crops should be declared (inc. localisation at RP level) and controlled
  - EFA: each individual area of EFA counting in the "5%" should be declared, identified unambiguously and controlled

both cases do not necessarily require a further limitation of the AP



## Agricultural parcel (AP) definition

- Minimum size of AP (Art. 72(1) of HZR)
  - Applies to AP claimed for payments, i.e. "BPS/SAPS parcels" and/or "VCS parcels"  
does not apply to each single EFA or each single crop area for CD
  - Parcels below the minimum size count in the calculation of the different shares for greening (e.g. share of arable land for exemption threshold or for EFA requirement)



## Check of land use / land cover

- Type of agricultural areas (AL, PG, PC) declared by the farmers, including the landscape features (a priori same principles as for the LPIS at level of RP)

!!! Big impact on greening!!!

- Check of eligibility/agricultural activity, now also the "minimum activity / minimum maintenance" as defined by MS under Art.4 and 5 of DA DP

!!! Think of controllability when deciding !!!



## Check of EFA

- "Exemption thresholds" at holding level
  - <15 ha of arable land (art.46(1) of DPR)
  - >75% of arable land is grassland, fallow land and/or leguminous and the rest of arable land <30ha (art. 46(4)a of DPR)
  - >75% of agricultural area is PG, grassland and/or crops under water and the rest of arable land <30ha (art. 46(4)b of DPR)
- Cf importance of the check of land use/cover including landscape features





## Check of EFA

- Determination of the total eligible ha of arable land 5%
- Check of the conditions (nature, dimensions, "at the disposal of", etc.) of each EFA declared
- Determination of the area of each (declared) EFA (until 5% is achieved) !!! no compensation between EFA declared and EFA not declared !!!
  - Based on established areas or on conversion factors
  - Same principles as for "normal" area /length measurement
  - Provision on "50% sample of parcels" does not apply to EFA



## Check of Crop diversification

- "Exemption thresholds" at holding level
  - <10ha of arable land (art.44(1) of DPR)
  - >75% of arable land is grassland and/or fallow land and the rest of arable land <30ha (art. 44(3)a of DPR) !!! Different from EFA exemption threshold (leguminous) !!!
  - >75% of agricultural area is PG, grassland and/or crops under water and the rest of arable land <30ha (art. 44(3)b of DPR)
  - >50% of arable land declared is newly declared AND all arable land is cultivated with a different crop compared to last year (art. 44(3)c of DPR)





## Check of Crop diversification

- Determination of the total eligible ha of arable land    number of crops and different shares  
!!! cultivation period!!!
- Determination of the crop area, possibly based on crop residue and/or remote sensing  
!!! Landscape features    (art.40(2) of DA DP),    mixed crops    (art.40(3) of DA DP)    !!!
- Checks of the actual crop diversification (not the declaration of crops)



## Conclusion

- Next version for the DP committee of 16/10
- More to come on control report, cross notification for greening equivalence, single buffer tolerance
- Questions and comments welcome!
- Thank you

