

Field cases and semantics working group 1

A panorama of best practices

Cropping patterns
Local practices
Predominant use
Agroforestry
Tree density

Introductory presentations

1. Agroforestry in the CAP 2014 – 2020:
Eligibility issues regarding Direct Payments
relating to Pro Rata and „counting trees”
in Reg. 1306 Art. 9
2. Field Cases: Digitization of arable land vs.
situation on the ground: Problems in the
Czech Republic

Overview

First round of stickers brought 47 issues: mostly questions, experiences regarding the topics Agroforestry, Tree density, Local Practice
Plus a new topic was clustered: Eligibility

However: not all issues could be discussed in depth due to lack of time and concentration on technical approaches for Tree density.

(Established) Local Practices

Top 3 questions, experiences ...:

- - What impact have deviations between polygon (LPIS) and observed area?
- - Grazable trees in local practice: extensive grassland vs. Landscape features eligibility (Art 9) vs. 100 tree rule (Art. 9 par. 3)
- - What are national definitions of forest (minimum area, minimum cover, minimum height of a tree)?

Eligibility methods

Top 3 questions, experiences ...:

- Conditions under rural development support (e.g Natura 2000 layers work in different scales = invariabilities with LPIS structure)
- Definitions and criteria
 - objective
 - non-discriminatory
 - Measurable
 - consistent
- Estimating non eligible areas in an objective way

Cropping patterns

Top 2 questions, experiences ...:

- Maximum densities are defined by traditional cropping practices and member states decisions about those
- Sofa Farmers (application for areas which are not used by applicant)

Predominant use

Top 2 questions, experiences ...:

- „Photovoltaic fields”: when are such areas to be considered non-eligible?
- How to distinguish between different usage of land regarding arable vs. permanent grassland

Agroforestry

Top 2 questions, experiences ...:

- Difficult to identify eligibility of areas covered with trees
- Arable land, permanent grassland, permanent crop

Tree density

Top 2 questions, experiences ...:

- What is a tree (how big: now vs. in the future)?
- When does a parcel with trees become a forest?

Technical Specifications: When - What - Where - How!

For defining Permanent Grassland covered with trees we might

need to know the species of the trees, plus where in Europe it is located

have to get info about species (remote sensing? Rapid field visits? Google Earth? Ancillary data?)

Have to work with decision tree for Data Capture along the questions: see next slide!

