

## Working group EFA-layer

## Data structure

### Problem/question:

With the Greening many controls and cross- checks have to be done among geographical data. For example with GAEC data.

MS might have created a separate layer for GAECs

Some MS create the EFA layer in advance, some ask the farmes to create the layer on a declaration basis and put it into a reference layer afterwards.

There are different approaches possible.

## Data structure

### Solution/proposal:

It is up to the MS to decide if the data is stored in a GIS layer or whether they have another solution

## Accuracy of measurement

### Problem/question:

- Discussion about exact boundaries (fuzzy, scale)
- Problem of unstable elements (over time)
- Problem of re-measurements and updates because of better measurement tools (farmer penalised )

### Solution/proposal:

- Guidance on how to measure (research based, margin for update? )

## Geometry

### Problem/question:

- Polygons or lines and points?
- Effects choice on data collection, management, cross-checks, farmers' application....

### Solution/proposal:

- Recommendations /considerations according to the MS systems or the type of reference parcel used by MS

## Completeness of EFA-layer

### • Problem/question:

- How to measure completeness?
- How does one take up newly declared EFAs (farmer's sketch...)?
- Is there a need to measure beyond the 5% of EFAs? (Ok? for OTSC, but for EFA-layer maintenance? ...2 different scopes)
- When is a EFA a potential EFA? Where does it stop ?
- What are the consequences if one or more EFAs are missing (declared/not declared)

## Completeness of EFA-layer

- **Solution/proposal:**
- The layer should be considered as being complete when all declared EFAs are in the layer before payment

## Quality control

- **Problem/question:**
- To what extend do we have to check the declared EFAs, also in case one does not have an EFA-layer? (how? ortho-imagery, field checks...)? Are OTSC sufficient?
- What is meant by the 'plausibility check'?
- What are the requirements?
- Will EFAs become part of the ETS?
- **Solution/proposal:**
- Quality control should be limited to the declared EFAs!
- ETS requirements for EFA should be proportional to the purpose

## At the disposal to the farmer

### Problem/question:

- Does the farmer have to prove that the Efa is at his disposal? (e.g.: hedge between two parcels, but declared by one of the farmers)
- Or is the presence of the EFA on the farmer's land the only requirement?

### Solution/proposal:

- Minimum requirement: the disposability has only to be proved if there is a conflict between 2 farmers
- But some MS require the prove of ownership (national law)

## Eligibility

### Problem/question:

- Can adjacent EFAs under GAEC be included into the eligible reference parcel?
- And if they are not under GAEC?
- Does it make a difference if they are topographically included in the Reference parcel or if they are adjacent?

## Eligibility

### **Solution/proposal:**

- Clarification needed....

## Update EFA

### **Problem/question:**

- Which information should be used to update and how should it be done? (farmer's sketch, OTSC)

**Solution/proposal:** recommendations, best practices needed