

Title: Methodology and tools to measure farm performance

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The integration of environmental concerns into the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is an on-going process but results achieved so far are mixed and often questioned. Indeed, the CAP should do more for the environmental and climate challenges as indicated for example in the Public consultation held in spring 2017 on 'Modernising and simplifying the CAP'.

Given the strong EU commitments to actions such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the COP21 Paris Agreement, the CAP, together with a better integration with other policy areas, has to take its share of the overall Union effort to step up its response to these challenges.

Given also the need to improve policy efficiency and to cope with limited (budgetary) resources, greater focus should be put on results in the delivery system. This shall be translated into strategic planning and agreed objectives with the Member States, better targeting of the measures and credible performance reporting.

To promote such a policy it is required to identify and encourage farming practices with a positive impacts on the environment, promote tools able to measure the performance, build methodologies for the collection of information to assess and monitor the policy impact.

The presentation discusses methodologies and tools that can be used for the above mentioned process: defining targets for the environment and the climate, using robust scientific evidence to identify good practices, building performance indicators, promoting farm level tools.