



The aim of the Geospatial aid application and its technical content

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Legal basis for aid application and GSAA

- *Article 72(3) of R.1306/2013*
- *Article 11 of R.640/2014*
 - Direct payments
 - Area related schemes
- *Article 14 and 17 of R.809/2014*

→ **introduction of the Geo-Spatial Aid Application (GSAA)**



Purpose of the GSAA

- to better support the farmer to declare correctly the area
- to render administrative cross-checks more effective
 - spatial intersection with the LPIS
- to reduce the control burden
- to reduce the error rate
- to avoid reductions of payments and penalties





Content of the GSAA (1/2)

(Art.17 of R.809/2014)

- *the pre-established form shall be provided in an electronic format*
 - **maximum eligible area per reference parcel**
 - **area determined of agricultural parcels declared in previous year**
- *the corresponding geographical material shall be provided through a GIS-based software application*
 - **via (web-based) IT application**
 - **boundaries and the unique identification of the reference parcels**
 - **boundaries of the agricultural parcels determined (previous year)**
 - **(as from 2016) type, size and location of EFA determined (previous year)**

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Content of the GSAA (2/2)

(Art.17 of R.809/2014)

- *declaration of beneficiary*
 - **Shall unambiguously identify and declare the area of each agricultural parcel, use of agricultural parcel, size/type/location of EFAs**
 - **the beneficiary may confirm the information already provided in the pre-established form**
 - **the beneficiary shall correct or make changes to the pre-established form, where necessary**

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Focus on area related informations (1/6)

Reference parcels

Pre-established information:

- MEA per reference parcel
- Boundaries of the reference parcels

Recommended

- Other information mentioned in Article 5(2)(d) of R640/2014
 - **Readability of the maps**

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Focus on area related informations (2/6)

Reference parcels

- Beneficiaries should normally declare within the limits of the reference parcels

Otherwise

- Farmers notification -> Where the MEA is incorrect or the beneficiary does not agree with the boundaries
- This should trigger an assessment to update or not the reference parcel before the payment of the claim year

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Focus on area related informations (3/6)

Agricultural parcels

pre-established information:

- the determined agricultural parcels in the previous year
- Beneficiary must declare all agricultural parcels using the pre-established information
 - **Minimise the changes**

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Focus on area related informations (4/6)

Permanent Grassland

Pre-established information:

- MEA under the pro rata
- Ban on conversion or ploughing
- PG with established local practices
- Individual obligation to reconvert
 - **Number of years of ' temporary grassland'**

-> Declare unambiguously

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Focus on area related informations (5/6)

Crop diversification

- Inter-relation with EFA concerning the declaration of uses
- Certain flexibility for farmers to count landscape features to the crop (Art. 40(2) of R639/2014)

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Focus on area related informations (6/6)

Ecological focus areas

Pre-established information

- For claim year 2015 as much as possible
- As from 2016 the determined EFAs of the previous year
 - > **declare unambiguously**
 - > **Declare as much as possible EFAs**
- EFAs which are eligible for BPS/SAPS are expected to be declared for the purpose of BPS/SAPS and EFA by the same beneficiary

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Steps for spatial declaration of agricultural parcels (1/3)

The beneficiary should

1. Localise the agricultural area on the maps by

- **Confirming a pre-established existing agricultural parcel**
- **Changing or correcting the boundaries**
- **Drawing a complete new one**

-> 'Calculated area' based on the surface covered by the polygon

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Declaration of areas



1. spatially declared agricultural parcel (blue polygon)

2. software calculates the exact area (red circle)

3. calculated area to be used for the aid application

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Steps for spatial declaration of agricultural parcels (2/3)

2. Declare the area

- **Confirming the 'calculated area' after step 1**
- **Declaring alphanumerically, within a certain margin, a higher or lower area**
- **Outside the margin, -> redo step 1**

-> The alphanumerically declared area should be considered as the declared area



Steps for spatial declaration of agricultural parcels (3/3)

3. Adding additional information

- **Information on the use**
- **Other relevant information**

-> It should contain the possibility to indicate successive crops on the same parcel (vegetables or catch crops for EFA), where relevant





Tools to facilitate implementation (1/2)

➤ **Transitional period**

- MS may already use a GSAA
- The number of beneficiaries to be taken into account may include those who fall under Article 17(3) of R809/2014

➤ Beneficiaries who are not in a position to submit with GSAA

- **Technical assistance** or
- **On paper but then transcribed into the system**



Tools to facilitate implementation (2/2)

Recommendations:

- Contain as much as possible '**guiding alerts**'
- **Automated controls**

However...

...the beneficiary remains responsible





Automated controls before submission

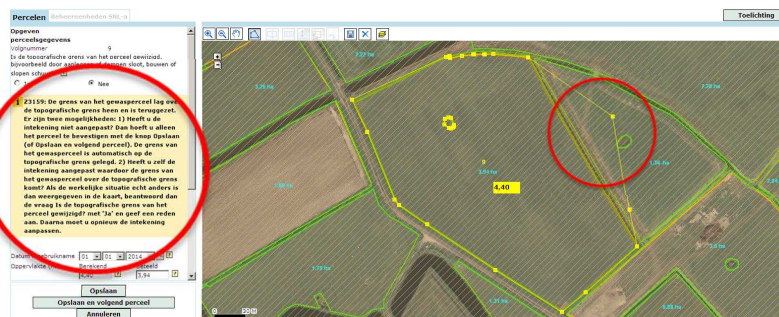
- Reference parcels
 - **Trigger an assessment for the update**
- Overlap of areas
 - **Until the last day of amendments**
- EFA
 - **5%**
- Greening requirements
 - **Several**

certain cross-checks and plausibility checks can be performed + possible non-compliances can be detected before the aid application is submitted!!!

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Error 1: declaration outside the RP spatial intersection LPIS



green : reference parcel (RP) – yellow : agricultural parcel (AP)
right circle: declaration outside the RP
left circle: error message + options for farmer

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Error 2: overlapping parcels error message

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Support to MS

- **Draft guidance document** on aid application and payment claims (DSCG-2014-39)
 - contains a part on Geo-spatial aid-application
 - discussed 1st time on DP Committee of 13/11; other discussions to come (DP Committee of 09/12)
- **Technical fiches**



Thank you

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