

Interactive Reflection Workshop: A Roadmap for Future Monitoring of the CAP

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MEF Agenda 4CAP

- 9h30 Welcome & overview of MEF4CAP project
- 9h40 Demo Case 1: Use of digital information flows in the agri-food sector
- 10h10 Demo Case 2: Integrating open-source satellite data with farm level data
- 10h30 Demo Case 3: Linking national datasets for a broader use in policy evaluation
- 10h40 Demo Case 4: New ways for monitoring agri-environmental measures
- 10h50 Break
- 11h05 Generic framework for EU roadmap(s)
- 11h15 Interactive session on the framework presented, gaps and steps ahead
- 12h15 Wrap-up and closing remarks
- 12h30 End and networking lunch



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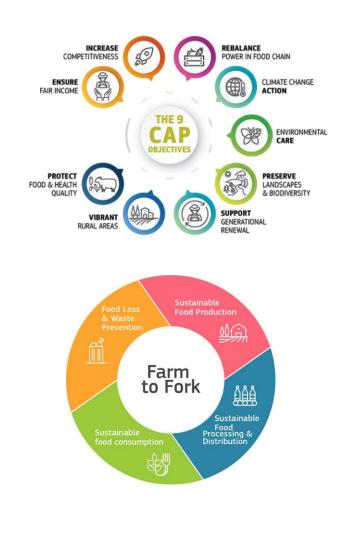


Background

Agricultural statistics Advisory services Earth observation Farm economics Monitoring Policy evaluation Farm cooperatives Citizen organisations

MEF Direction of the new CAP

- CAP direction influenced by **emerging sustainability agenda**
 - Global, EU, national policy drivers & various stakeholder perspectives
 - EU Farm to Fork, EU Biodiversity Strategy, UN SDGs & Paris Climate Agreement
- Transformative change required changing societal expectations
 - Civil society seeking the promotion of environmental sustainability in EU policy
 - Agri-food sector seeking a slower pace for change time to adjust
- These factors have motivated the revision of CAP objectives
 - Environmental and Societal goals in particular





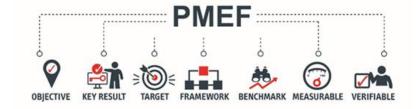
MEF Implications for monitoring & evaluation

• Shift from compliance to performance

- Compliance with actions or regulations (original approach)
- Performance, or achievement of specific objectives (new delivery model)
- MS CAP **Strategic Plans -** greater autonomy at MS level
 - But commonality with overarching EU indicator set
- Existing indicators considerable, <u>but</u>...
 - Not always fit for purpose in need of update (also granularity)

Additional environmental and social data a particular priority

- GHGs, biodiversity, water, organics, pesticides, fertiliser usage etc.
- Quality of life, gender issues and animal welfare etc.
- Economic data some gaps remain
 - e.g. little information on use of risk management tools



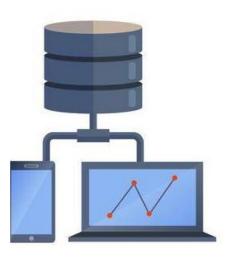


MEF HCAP Impacts for administrators & data providers

Costs and benefits

- For administrators and data providers (farmers)
- Obstacles, but also opportunities.
- These will differ across Member States.
- Increased opportunity to produce relevant indicators
 - Multiple sources of agricultural data
- Evolving technology
 - For data collection, processing, management, analysis
- Potential for **improved integration** of data sources
 - e.g. IACS, FADN/FSDN, FMIS, LPIS, farm machinery/sensors.





MEF Data utilisation

- Strong case for the **benefits of data sharing**
 - Make better use of existing data
 - Reduce collection cost and burden
 - Richer data analysis possible
- But obstacles to data integration
 - Issues around interoperability, trust, sensitivity and potential legal impediments
- Policy has/should influence decision making at the farm level
 - Indicators should reveal farm specific differences
- **Farmer buy-in is crucial** uptake of sustainable practices
 - Data must be used in a way that returns benefits to farmers too
 - Role for farm advisory in the demonstration of such benefits, but heterogeneous in MSs







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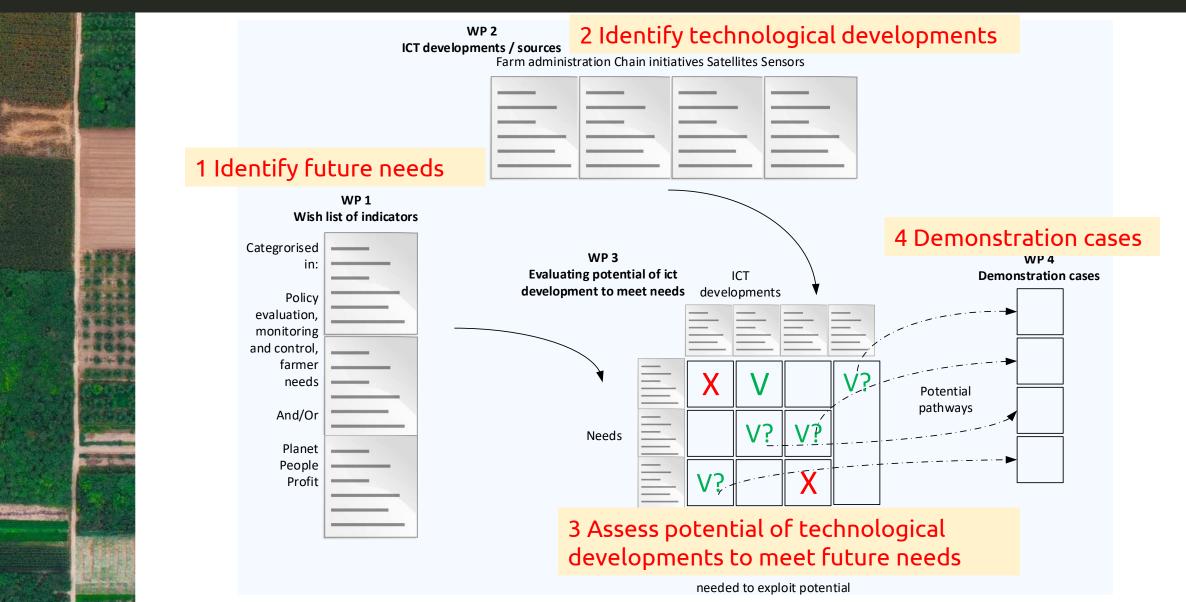
Wide **range of needs** and **increasing amount of data** in agrifood sector

MEF4CAP will deliver a roadmap for future monitoring and evaluation

- where the needs of <u>different stakeholders</u> are identified
- and the potential of different technologies is (fully) exploited
- while minimizing the associated cost and <u>administrative burden</u>

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Project logic



MEF Demonstration cases

- Develop demonstration cases to illustrate, communicate potential of technological developments to meet monitoring and evaluation needs
 - Use of digital Information flows in the agri-food sector (entry point FADN)
 - Integrating open-source satellite data with farm level data (entry point FMIS/farm books, IACS)
 - Federated learning across multiple data stations (entry point FADN)
 - New ways for monitoring agri-environmental measures

MEFF Objectives reflection workshop

- Present lessons learned
 - From the project in general but especially from the demo cases and the national workshops
- Critically reflect on the lessons learned, especially regarding to
 - Identified pathways
 - Roadmaps
 - Demonstration cases

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Thank you for your attention

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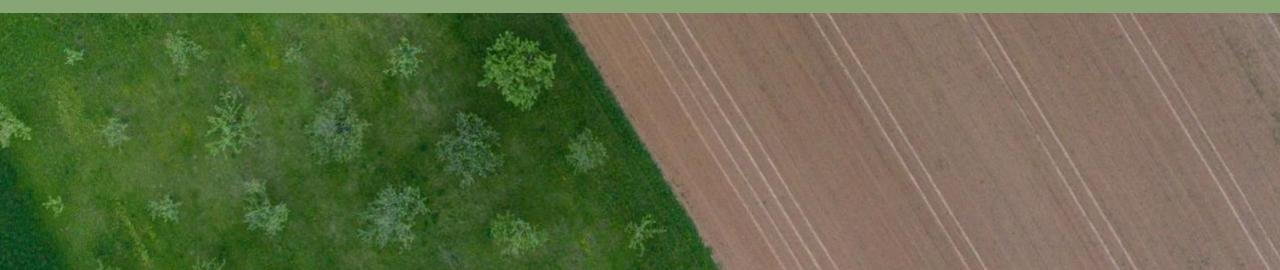
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Demonstration Case 1 - NL System for information Transfer to Reduce Administrative burden Krijn Poppe on behalf of WUR and SOOPS b.v.



MEF Short description of the DC: the need for innovation in the farm office

- Context, rationale and objectives
 - Food production is becoming more data-intensive: industry schemes on sustainable food, CSRD-scope 3, Organic farming and certification of mass-balances, Eco-schemes in CAP, FSDN as follow up of FADN.
 - Family farms do not collect a lot of data for internal management, external demand for data leads to administrative burdens
 - External stakeholders often choose their own solution (paper, web site to be filled in, authorisations of farmers to build large central databases etc).
- Innovation in farm office is needed.
- Our stakeholders: farmers, farm trading partners as data providers

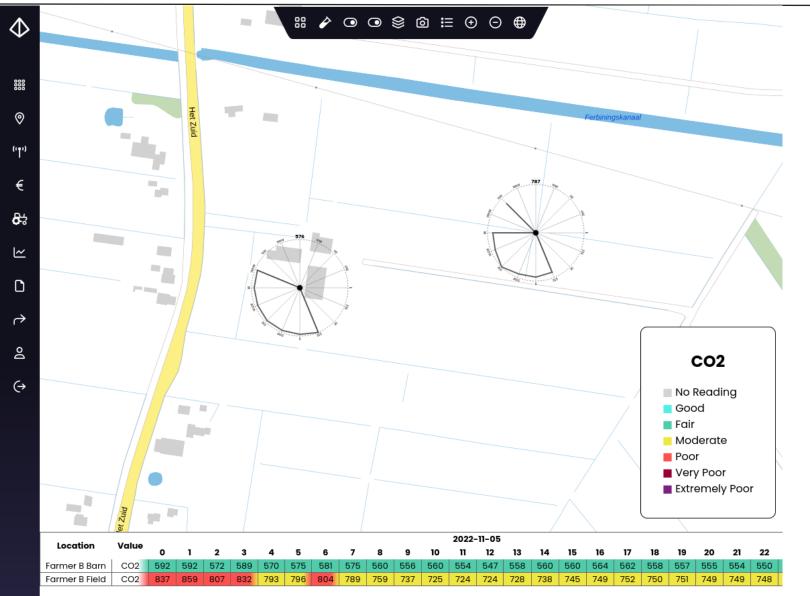
MEF The digital technologies

- Collect farm relevant sensor- and satellite-data and integrate this with farm accounting data in a farm friendly dashboard
- Robotic accounting based on digital invoices (UBL, XML, UNCEFACT)

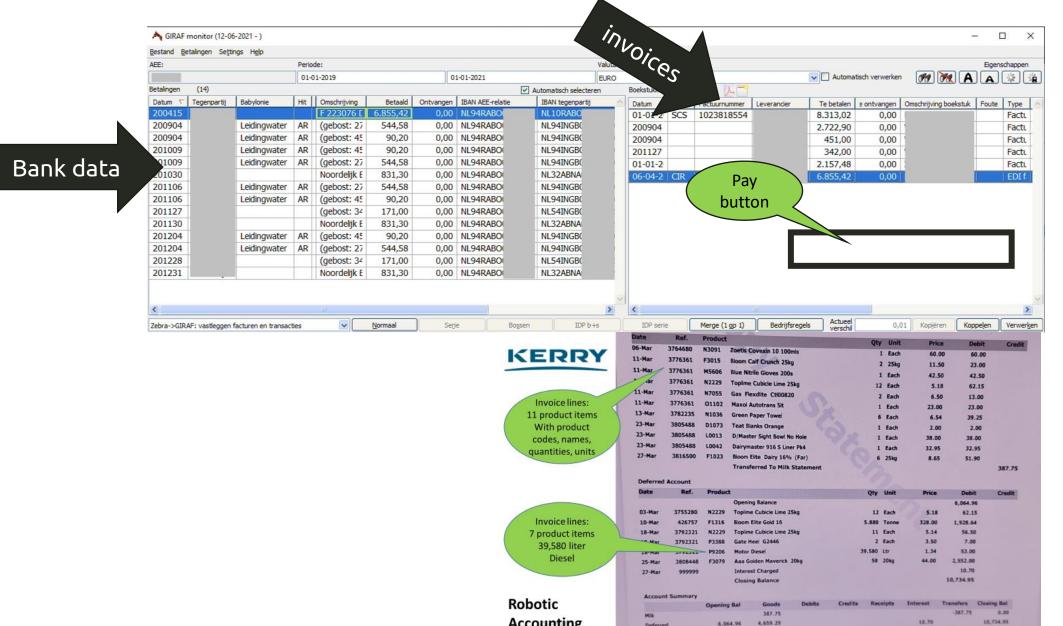
Design criteria for the farm dashboard:

- Deliver useful sustainability data with pathway to new data types
- Reduce manual input by farmers as much as possible
- Integrate administrative work in management (paying, programming machines)
- Farmer is the owner of his own data and has full control over options to share
- Auditable in certification process of the farm (integration Financial accounts and Management information systems)

Screen: Map Farmer B CO2 Pollution rose



Screen on Finance: farmer pays EDI-invoices, checks bank account



MEF The technology "readiness"

Technology component	Technical readiness	Socio-economic readiness
Sensor - technology	medium. Good for monitoring in research and advisory projects. Not for evaluation and regulation of individual farmers.	High (at least in the NL, given debates on ammonia policy)
Mix sensor and accounting data	high	High (at least in the NL)
Digital invoices	high	Lack of incentives
Robotic accounting	high	Depends on digital invoices
Farm dashboard with robotic accounting	high	Depends on willingness to invest by software providers / collective action
Sharing data, under control of the farmer	high	high

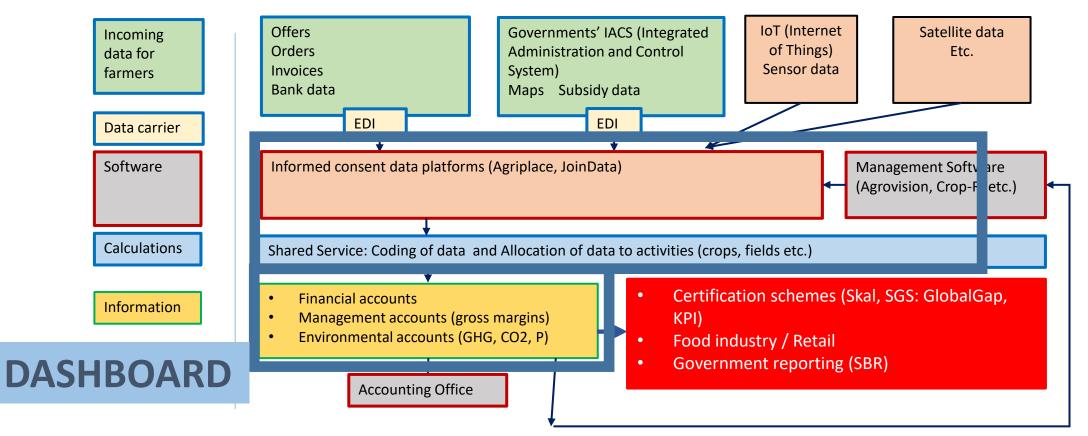


- Sensor data on air pollutants: AQI (Air Quality Index), NH3, CO, CO2, PM10, PM2.5,
- Environmental accounting data: use of pesticides, use of antibiotics, Nsurplus/ha, P-surplus/ha, energy use (and implicit GHG emissions). At farm level and crop/field level (if financial accounts and farm management systems are integrated)
- Certification data: mass balances for organic farms
- Economic / financial accounting data (as in FADN; non-farm income)



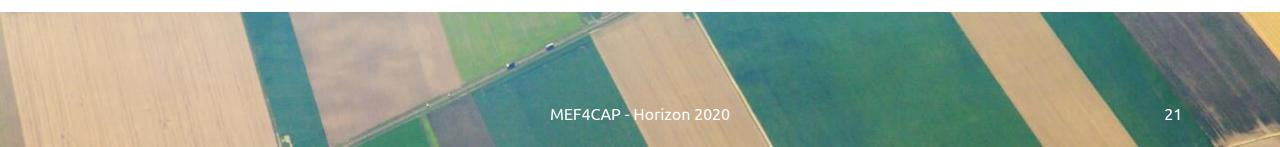
Data flows to/from farms via dashboard: potential future situation

Problem frame: Realise a "future-proof", international and scalable plaform where structured and nonstructured data for farmers can be combined. The created data can be used as a base for reporting, compliance and –monitoring, AI, Machine Learning, etc Based on Data Space concept for data governance.



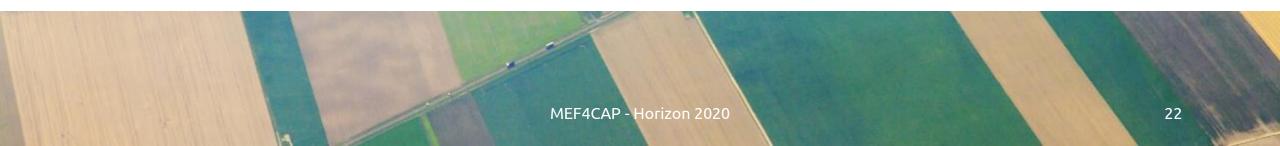
MEF Drivers for adoption

- Farmers want less administrative burdens
- Many farmers are interested in their emissions (if not yet punished on it)
- Farmers want control over their data
- Accountants want digital invoices in tight labour market
- Software companies might be interested in new features
- Food companies and banks are interested in the farm data for several reasons



MEF Barriers to adoption

- Sensors are not yet advanced enough to base environmental regulation on the data
- Some farmers are afraid of more transparency
- It is easier for strong trading partners in the food chain to create their own websites and apps, and force farmers to type in the data
- Not clear if current software companies want to invest in dashboard (small market, FMIS are now international, Accounting software is non-agro)
- Governments are afraid to intervene in the data and software market



MEF Possible actions to favour adoption

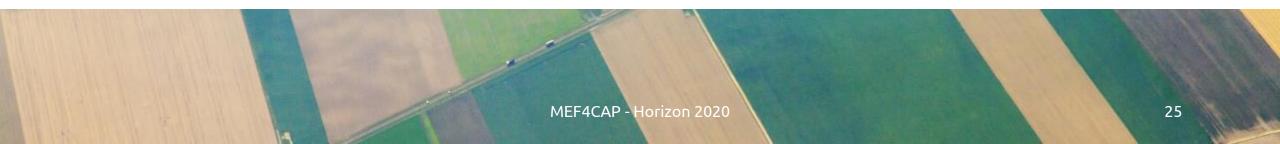
BARRIER	ACTION	WHO SHOULD TAKE ACTION?
Sensors and protocols for sensor data to be improved	Align with stakeholders and develop new projects in practice	SOOPS b.v., Wageningen UR, some regional stakeholders
Some farmers afraid of transparency	Develop governance solutions and business models to mitigate	MEF4CAP 4 th paper Farmers' organisations
Find incentives for trading partners to provide digital data	Create a joint mission	MEF4CAP policy brief ?? accounting offices, FMIS suppliers, branch organisations
Not clear if current software companies want to invest in dashboard	Develop alternative collective solutions	MEF4CAP 4 th paper Farmers' organisations
Government is non-interventionist	Create a joint mission	MEF4CAP policy brief ??

MEF Comments and insights from the national workshops

- Several follow-up projects of regions, farmers organisations and agri-business on sensor data are interested in the dashboard with sensor and accounting data
- It is important to find an incentive for trading partners of the farm to digitize invoices; concentrate on the 20% companies that provide 80% of data necessary.
- A shared service to support the algorithms for indicators in robotic accounting might be an interesting option to investigate
- Current negotiations between Dutch government and the farm sector on the future of farming might support digital solutions as proposed

MEF HACAP Reflections on the applicability of the DC results to other contexts other users, member states, indicators

- Digital invoices: can be applied EU-wide. Also tested in DC 1 in Ireland
- Robotic accounting: can be applied EU-wide.
- Sensor and satellite technology: also relevant for water (pollution, use in irrigation), integration with machinery data. Can be applied EU-wide
- Farm Dashboard: can be applied EU wide. Useful to kick-off FSDN based on FADN.
 - In larger markets a market solution could be possible, in smaller markets a collaborative action could be desirable



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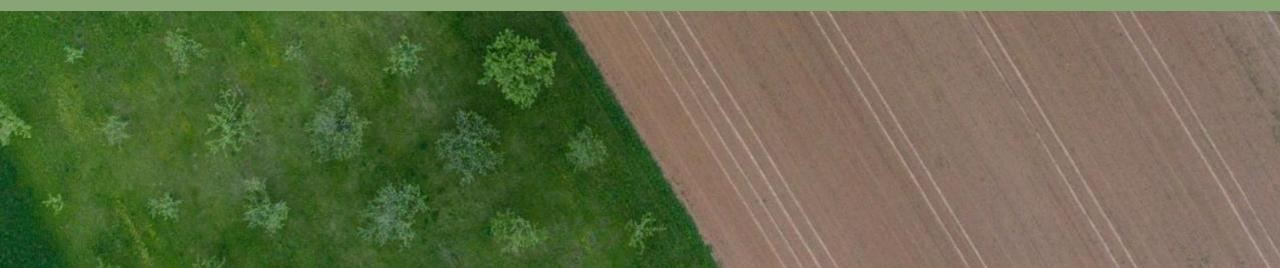


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Demonstration Case 1 Title: Modernising farm data collection and exploring new ways of visualising farm data

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Digital Data Flows

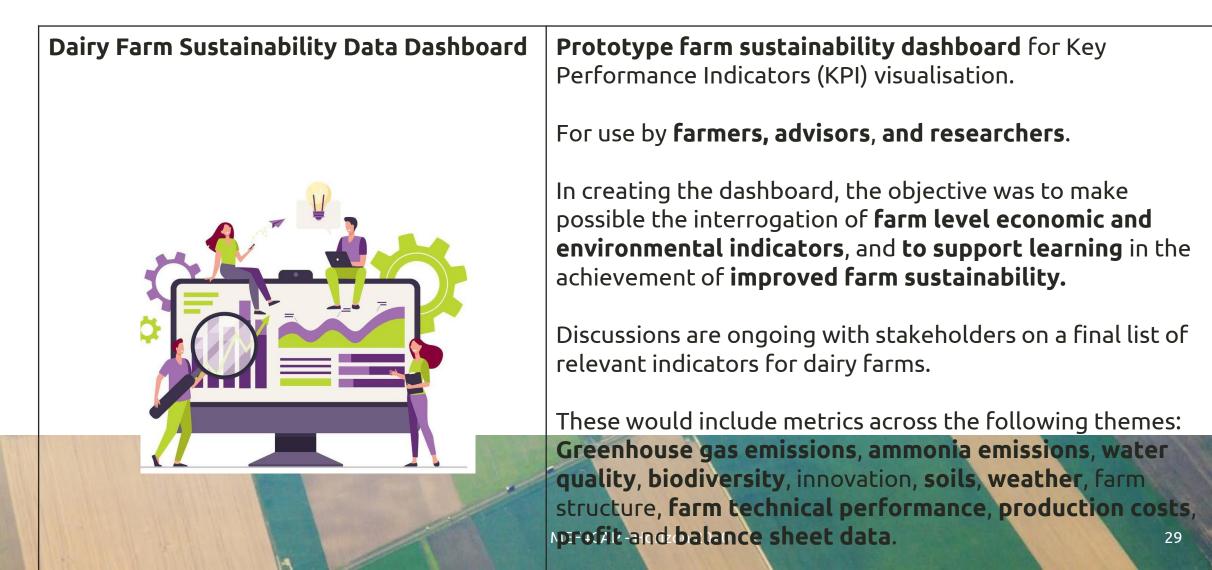
To benefit the Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) **data collection agency (Teagasc) in Ireland**

Current manual data collection process could be **digitalised** by **automating data flows** from existing **databases.**

Investigating the feasibility of this by developing a digital **data flow from dairy processors** is one objective of this demonstration case.

Digitalisation of **other data flows** (such as from administrative data) **could also be explored**

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MEF Drivers for adoption of Digital Data Flows

- What motivates Dairy Processor/Data Collection Agency to adopt Digital Data Flows?
- **Reduced** data **collection burden** for data collection agency
- Less time spent by the farmer in providing data to the data collection agency
- Together the above would provide potential for cost savings and time efficiencies in the data collection process
- Improved data collection efficiency and accuracy
- Fewer transcription errors, reduced risk of disagreement with other data sources
- **Speedier reporting** of farm data for use by stakeholders and policy makers
- Scope to collect a broader range of sustainability data from farmers such as social sustainability indicators or evidence of environmentally sustainable changes in farm practices

MEF JCAP Drivers for adoption of the Dairy Farm Sustainability Dashboards

- What motivates Dairy farmers to adopt a Sustainability Dashboard?
- Efficient use of data to facilitate farm-level analysis and decision making by farmers
- Provides more comprehensive data presented in a user-friendly format
- Informs farmers in terms of appropriate/identified KPIs for their farm
- Allows for more tailored/bespoke farm advice based on the (summarised) data
- Provides data (and proof) on the sustainability status of the farm, and trends over time
- Allows for the **benchmarking of farms** relative to other farms or relative to a target level of performance (with a range of performance metrics (KPIs) possible)
- Aids in improved (and informed) farm management
- A more digitally confident farmer in an ICT era

MEF Possible actions to favour adoption of Digital Data Flows

BARRIER	ACTION	WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS ACTION?
Requires stakeholder (in this case dairy processor) buy-in to facilitate digital data flows to data collectors	A clear demonstration of benefits such as more timely, and detailed farm data and the capacity to better demonstrate (prove) the sustainability credentials of dairy suppliers (farmers).	Data collectors/ Liaison agency/ Advisory services
Needs farmer agreement	Engage and liaise with farmers on the process involved and benefits of same.	Data collectors/ Liaison agency/ Advisory service
GDPR and data sharing agreements	Prepare a clear briefing note and agreement on data sharing for farmers. Undertake training for staff on their obligations.	Liaison agency
ICT and human resources	ICT training may be required for relevant staff. Likewise, investment will be needed to refine the data sharing process , and the logistics of same.	Liaison agency/ ICT colleagues

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Dairy Farm Sustainability Dashboard

BARRIER	ACTION	WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS ACTION?
Concern around how the data will be used e.g. compliance	Involve farmers in the discussion at an early stage to improve awareness and buy- in.	Data collectors/ Liaison agency/ Advisory services / Processors
Concern about data privacy	Prepare a clear briefing note and agreement on data sharing.	Data collectors/ Liaison agency/ Advisory service
Skillset lacking for some	Training rollout	Liaison agency/ Advisory services
Reluctance to try something new – inertia/fear	Engagement and education to understand and reassure	Liaison agency/ Advisory services / Processors
Time constraints	Engagement and education to demonstrate benefits	Liaison agency/ Advisory services / Processors

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workshop on Digital Data Flows

- 1. There was broad agreement that **stakeholder buy-in is required** to ensure the smooth integration of data from disparate sources.
- 2. There needs to be **agreement and engagement with ICT colleagues** to facilitate the changes required so as to **ensure that ICT people are aware of the required data** for the digital data flow and in what **file format.**
- **3. Relationship building and trust** in the **use and control of farmers' data** are crucial to ensure **continued farmer authorisation of the digital data flow** process.
- The use of the data to facilitate the calculation of sustainability metrics is of crucial importance given the need to demonstrate improvements in agricultural sustainability over time.

MEF
HCAPComments and insights from the national
workshop on Dairy Farm Sustainability Data

- 1. Broad **community of stakeholders** in the agri-food sector need to **promote its use by farmers**, therefore enabling them to take actions to improve farm sustainability.
- 2. Capacity to demonstrate farm improvement in sustainability over time. The dashboard that has been developed should not be considered as a finished product. Ongoing refinement of the dashboard is likely to be necessary given the evolving monitoring and evaluation framework in the new CAP, and commercial pressures coming from industry and consumers to improve sustainability across a wide range of topic areas.
- 3. Dashboards are a powerful tool, bringing the capacity to analyse data in many different ways. However, some concerns were voiced by dairy processors and farm extension experts in knowledge transfer that the farmer may be overwhelmed with data and may struggle to draw key inferences to identify the actions necessary.

MEF HCAP Reflections on the applicability of the DC results to other contexts

Digital data flows:

- Piloted with dairy farms but could be generalised to other farm types and could be adopted in other Member States.
- 2. Other sources of data could be utilised e.g., administrative data or other commercial data for agriculture (from e.g. banking institutions or other input suppliers, other types of farm data or datasets relating to e.g., weather, soil and grass growth).

Sustainability dashboard:

- 1. Piloted for dairy farms but could be adapted to cover other farm types.
- 2. Other sources of data could be utilised and indicator sets could be widened as appropriate.
- The dashboard could also allow for the benchmarking of individual farm performance against the average farm in the population or against the better performing farms.
- 4. Although the **prototype dashboard** has been **developed for Ireland**, there is **potential for this format** to be **used across other Member States**.

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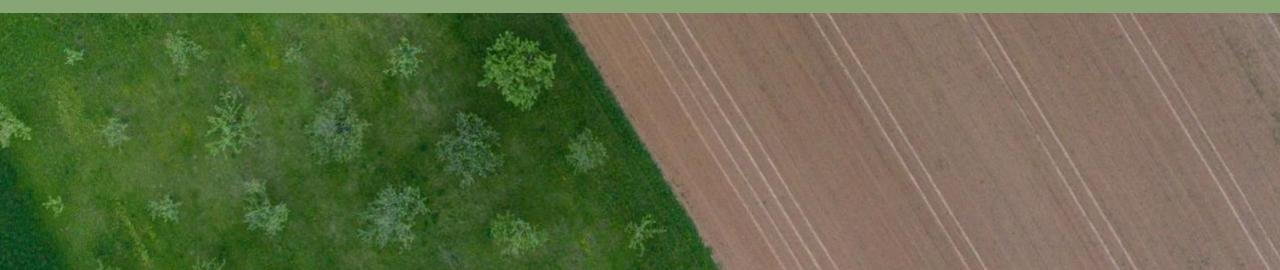


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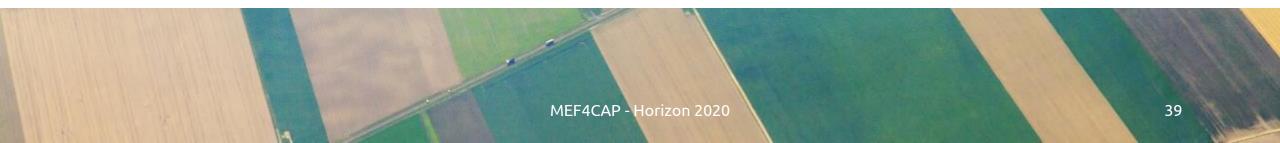
Demonstration Case 1 - PL Integrating and digitalizing administrative data in FADN to support efficient and sustainable fertilization

Zbigniew Floriańczyk, Institute of Agriculture and Food Economics - NRI



MEF Short description of the DC: support for fertiliser management

- Context, rationale and objectives:
 - Growing interest in environmental aspects of agriculture production requires more specific and detailed information on farm level.
 - Small farms have limited capacity to collect additional information and to analyze new indicators.
 - Part of the information needed for calculation new indicators is collected by administration.
 - In order to decrease additional burden on farmers and advisors connected with new indicators direct transfer of digital administrative data was proposed.
- The stakeholder(s) considered:
 - farmers, advisory, agricultural policy stakeholders.



MEF The digital technologies

The flow of digitalized information:

Currently data on fertilizer use, collected for FADN purpose, is aggregated at farm level and reported to farmers as an element of total costs of production.

Direct transfer of data from Paying Agency regarding parcels and crops to FADN is a base for simplification of new indicators generation.

Finally linking administrative plot data with additionally collected data on mineral and organic fertilizer applications and catch crops would allow for new indicators calculation – balance of NPK on plot level.

Ambitions:

Provide information that support fertilizer management on farm level.

Reduce farmers effort in obtaining new indicators as much as possible.

Integrate administrative data with FADN.

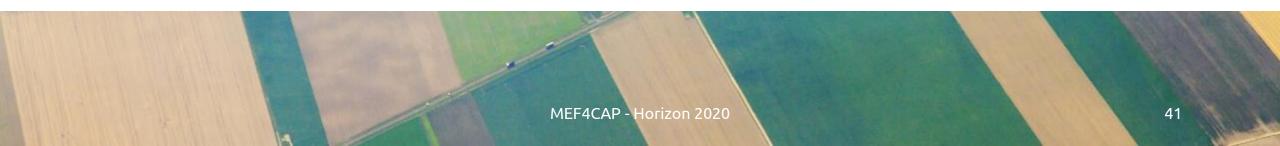
Provide solutions with upscaling application potential.





MEF The technology "readiness"

- The flow of digitalized information between administrative body and FADN sounds ready to implement but:
 - inconsistency of data definitions collected for administrative purposes and FADN require additional manual work to combine them: names of crop products and administrative databases are not matching names of products reported in FADN system.
 - real data collected by FADN not necessary corresponds with administrative data. Transfer of digitalized information require manual assistance to adjust administrative data to real situation. This however creates uncomfortable situation for farmer – revelation of farmers "wrongdoing".
- Flow of digitalized information from administration to FADN requires changes in data
 protection regulations. Despite farmers agree to transfer administrative data to FADN
 internal procedures of administration bodies do not allow for this.





Indicators selected for DC 1:

- Nitrogen Balance per Hectare
- Phosphorous Balance per Hectare
- Nitrogen Use Efficiency per Farm
- Phosphorous Use Efficiency per Farm

Due to the sensitivity of the indicators to other factors, e.g. rainfall, soil moisture, experts suggest periodical application of soil tests to cross check accuracy of the calculated indicators.

Comparison of new indicators values between farms is complicated while adjustment to local uncontrolled conditions such as weather, must be taken into account.



MEF Drivers for adoption

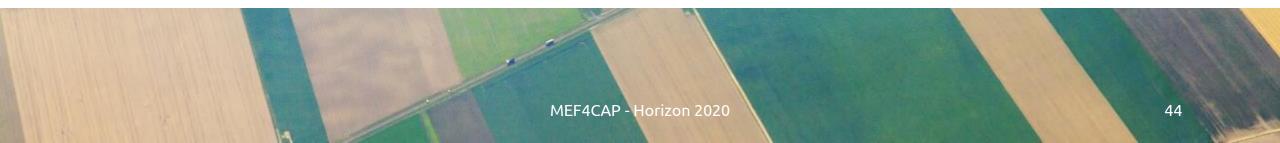
- Farmers want to increase farm income and growing costs of fertiliser motivate them to look for alternatives (catch crops, natural fertilizer).
- Protection of scare water resources results in growing interest in monitoring farm fertiliser practises.
- Consumers and policy makers recognise problem of food security dependency on imported components of fertiliser.
- Researchers and agriculture policy analytics desire more detailed data.
- There is a need to reduce burdens of farm data collection.



MEF Barriers to adoption

FARM/SOCIAL:

- collection of additional, more accurate data on fertilizers application at plot level is a significant problem for farmers requires additional effort.
- problem of potential disclosure of administrative data inaccuracy. METHODOLOGICAL:
- inconsistency of definitions applied in FADN and administrative databases.
- accuracy of new indicators.
- ORGANIZATIONAL:
- legal solutions allowing for data flow between organizations.



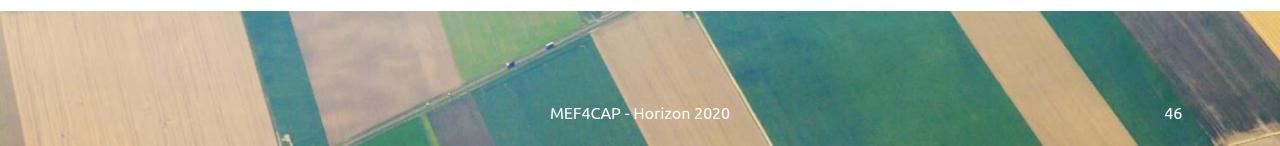
MEF Possible actions to favour adoption

• Given these barriers, which actions or measures do you think should be in place to overcome them? By whom?

BARRIER	ACTION	WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS ACTION?
FARM/SOCIAL	Insure, that there is a value for farmers of new indicators and secure protection of information.	ADVISORY, FADN.
METHODOLOGICAL	Unification of definitions used in administrative data that are collected for CAP purposes.	MARD, PA, FADN, EU COMMISSION.
ORGANIZATIONAL	Change in regulations allowing for direct data transfer form administration for research purposes.	MARD, EU COMMISSION.

MEF Comments and insights from the national workshops

- Advisors that participated in national workshop expressed the need for training to support farmers with new indicators interpretation.
- Majority of the small farmers are rather disinterested in undertaking heavy investments to increase farm activity while there is also a problem of succession in their farms.
- On the other hand, in some large farms advanced technologies supporting fertilization management (e.g. machinery equipped with technologies automatically recording and transferring data on fertilizer application at plot level for farm management purposes) are already in use.
- Researchers are interested to obtain new indicators and consider them essential for future CAP analysis.



MEF PACAP Reflections on the applicability of the DC results to other contexts other users, member states, indicators

Despite the declarations of policy makers, the future of small family farms is rather murky. The cost of new technologies makes them affordable only for bigger farms, which deepens the technological gap between the two. One can expect some dramatic structural changes in the near future followed, only then, by a broader adoption of new technologies.

Application of solutions elaborated in Poland are rather country specific but barriers can be observed in other Member States.



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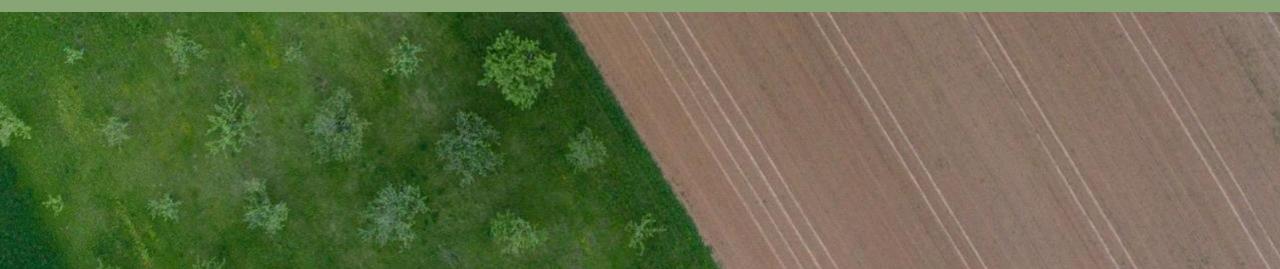


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Demonstration Case 2 - Greece Title: Integrating open-source satellite data with farm level data

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MEF Short description of the DC HCAP

- Digital farm calendars and agricultural decision support systems (FMIS) are already in use and contain data needed for policy monitoring.
 - ✓ FMIS offer data-driven advice for optimised use of inputs (e.g. pesticides, fertilises, irrigation)
 - Can we use FMIS as farm-level <u>data repositories (DB)</u> and <u>gateways (API)</u> for calculating and sharing farm level aggregates?
 - > Can <u>Farmers and Advisors</u> be an integral part of the policy monitoring process? Incentives and benefits?
- > Design, implementation and testing of an "Agri-data aggregation platform"
 - Mechanisms for **close-to-real-time calculation of performance indicators and aggregates** at parcel and/or group of parcels level (e.g. farmers association).
 - Controlled sharing of calculated outcomes with Advisors, Farmers, Policy makers -Ensure Role-based Access Control on data outcomes/aggregates.



MEF 4CAP The digital technologies

- Tested with the use of "gaiasense" Smart Farming Solution
- ~400 IoT stations, ~70.000 ha, ~26 different crops
- A tool for advisors and farmers
 - Advice on irrigation, fertilization, crop protection
 - Supports certification audits (e.g., GlobalGAP, organic, subsidies)
 - Traceability

"Agri-data aggregation platform"

- Create/update/remove a group of parcels
- Calculate aggregates and **performance indicators** for parcels basd on user defined time-frames
- Share calculated aggregates with farmers





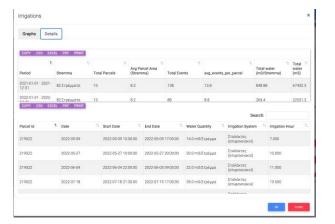
Technology	Properties
Digital Farmers Calendar	Data on Applied Farming practices
Agro-environmental sensors	Supportive evidence on practices
Satellite based EO	Calculated Indices relevant with agricultural activity
Information systems	Calculation of aggregates/ indicators, Controlled sharing of data (API), Export to file (pdf, xls, csv

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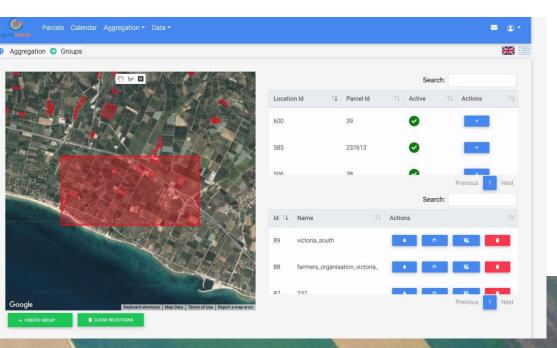
The technology "readiness"

- FMIS are available in the market as operational/commerial solutions.
- There is a need for better **alignment and interoperability** among systems for more accurate data recordings
 - Common EU wide semantics for pesticides and fertilisers
 - Common data models and APIs for calculated indicators Directions on measurement units – methods for calculation

(DIVINE project extending AIM data model for CAP indicators)





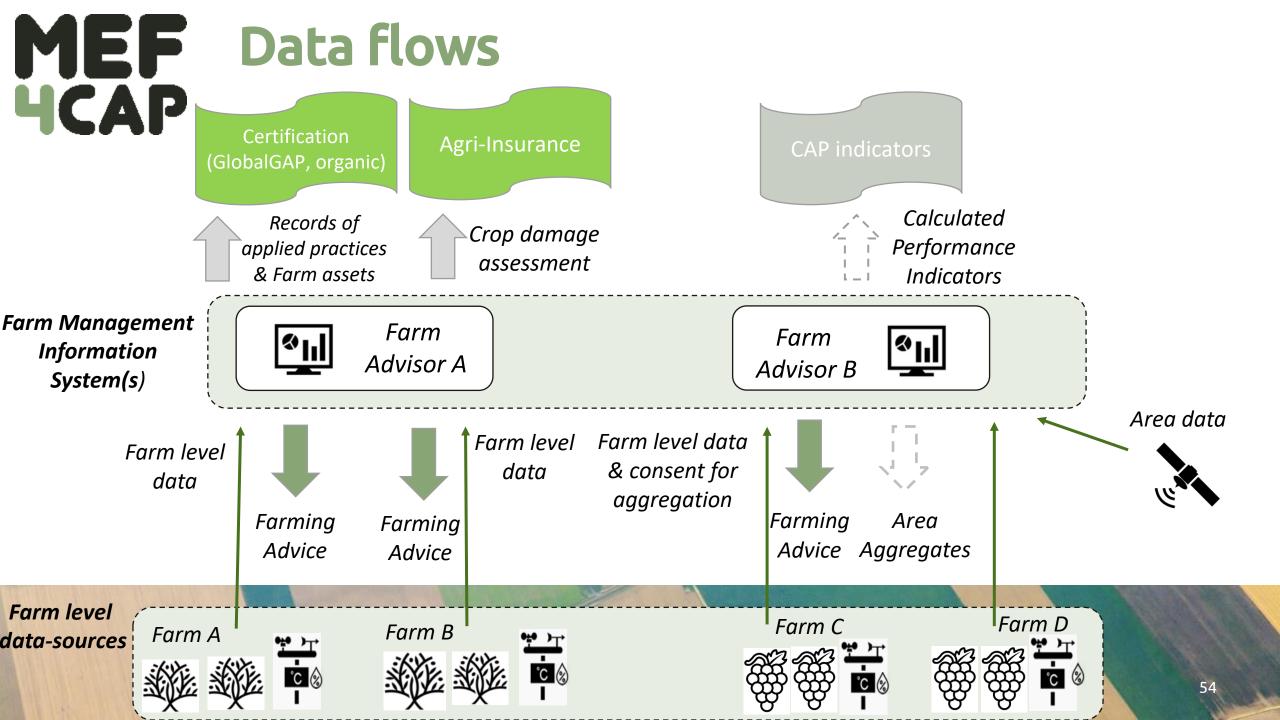




Indicators	Description
Fertilisations application	Date-time, type of chemical, dose and their aggregates.
Pesticides application	Date-time, type of chemical, dose and their aggregates.
Irrigation	Date-time, volume and their aggregates.
Land management	Date-time-frequency of Ploughing
Harvests	Date-time, quantity, quality

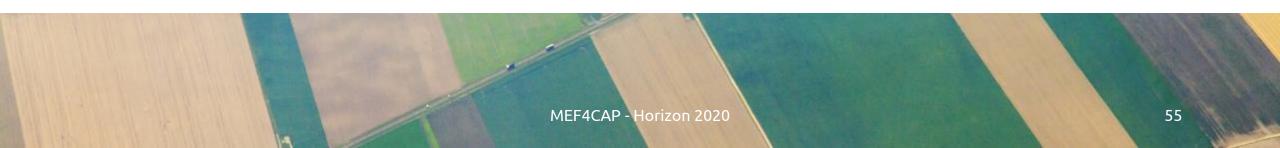
Time period and (group of) parcels defined by the user (advisor)





MEF Drivers for adoption - Farmer

- Automate reporting obligations (e.g., subsidies, pesticides use, certifications for Organic, GlobalGAP, traceability for selling fruit/vegetables, etc.)
- Provide criteria-based benchmarking of farm's performance compare with last year and/or other farms in the area.
- Allow **cross-farm information sharing** in a protected manner (farmer has access on applied practices and conditions in other farms in the area in pseudonymized manner).
- Save time User friendly visualization of farm's status.



MEF Drivers for adoption - Advisor

• Reduce advisors' burden on reporting needs.

The presented dashboard automates the extraction of reports (e.g., subsidies, pesticides use, certifications for Organic, GlobalGAP, traceability for selling fruit/vegetables, etc.).

• Provision of more informed advice.

The advisor uses a single dashboard to view evidence from a group of farms, but also on individual farm bases. For example, identify anomalies in the use of inputs (e.g., when a parcel is overirrigated) and to react in a direct manner.

• The advisor can **demonstrate the performance and quality for a group of farms** (e.g., farmers association) to new potential customers (e.g., fruit processing factory). Support the faster building of trust even between organizations and people who didn't know each other.



MEFPossible actions to favour adoptionYCAPFarmer

ļ	BARRIER	MEASURE	WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS MEASURE?	
	Farmers' age and lack of training	Generational handover + training	Advisory services / Government / regional administration	
	Lack of experience in digital techs	Training and real cases	Advisory services / Government	
	Administrative burden/workload especially on manual data input.	Technical means to make data entry easier. Provide incentives to farmers that provide rich and accurate data.	Advisory services / Government / regional administration	
	Reluctance to share data	Provide incentives for data sharing (e.g., access to regional data outcomes) <u>Reassure farmers that sharing of their</u> <u>data will not cause penalties.</u>	Government / regional administration	
	Investment Cost	Market competition/forces will lower the cost eventually	ver the Government should provide incentives	
	Low connection in rural areas	Infraestracture investment	Government / Private companies	
	Farmer's data used for control vs policy improvements	Strategy	Government	

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BARRIER	MEASURE	WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS MEASURE?
Data sharing issues	Give incentives/reward for sharing/build trust	Advisory services / Government / regional administration
Administrative burden/workload	Support end users	Advisory services
Lack of training	Training and real cases	Advisory services / Government / regional administration



MEF Generational Comments and insights from the national workshops

On line workshop 28/2/2023 - 1.5 hours, 50 participants - mostly farmer advisors, farmers, farmer organizations. Feedback through questionnaires.

Key outcomes:

- Farmers are willing to share part of their farm-book data with other producers in the area (e.g. members of the same cooperative). Incentives for data sharing:
 - a) 45% get similar data from other parties
 - b) 15% financial benefits
- Advisors where more responsive and more willing to test the "Agri-data aggregation platform".
- In many cases, farmers are still not well familiar with the use of such systems Advisor help is necessary.



MEF HCAP Reflections on the applicability of the DC results to other contexts

- Great and yet unexplored potential in the use and sharing of agricultural aggregates especially for area based - group of farms
- Use of FMISs a mandatory prerequisite for the applicability of the results
- Easy to be applied for farms using the same FMIS.
 Access control and GDPR issues
- More challenging to be applied for farms using different FMISs.
 Data interoperability, Access control and GDPR issues



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Demonstration Case 2 Integrating open-source satellite data with farmer level data

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Short description of the DC

Case-country context:

EU Farm to Fork strategy will ensure that farmers keep more detailed tracking of all the tasks they carry out in their holdings. **Special concerns are on the use of fertilisers, pesticides and water**.

SIEX and related regulations enforce to provide this information (mainly fertilisers and pesticides treatments) **on a monthly basis** (after each treatment/application) **through digital means** from September 2023 onwards (one of the main novelties for the new CAP period in Spain).

Expected outcomes:

- An easy-to-use digital farm book which integrates into a GIS both in-farm and out-farm data for a better decision making.
- Farm book API development to communicate the required information to the administration and download the farms holdings available information. The adequate aggregation of farmers' data will result in indicators for CAP monitoring and evaluation purposes.
- A friendly system for tracking data at farm level in cooperative frameworks and available to be replicated beyond grapevines sector.

The stakeholder(s) considered:

Farmers and advisory services in cooperatives

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The digital technologies



Digital farm book & GIS integration:

- ✓ In-farm data: crop, area (LPIS), yield, inputs consumption (water, fertiliser, pesticides), application dates.
- ✓ Out-farm data: earth observation (Sentinel 2), meteorological (AEMET & SiAR) and soil information (LUCAS and regional databases when available).

The technology "readiness"

- Commercial technology already in place and well tested (digital farm book & GIS).
- ✓ High average age of the Spanish farmers + lack of knowledge in digital technologies→barriers
- ✓ GIS Training to >500 staff from the cooperatives' advisory services
- \checkmark Next step \rightarrow training in the digital farm book

USO DE LA INFORMACIÓN GEOGRÁFICA EN COOPERATIVAS AGROALIMENTARIAS EN ENTORNO ARCGIS HUB

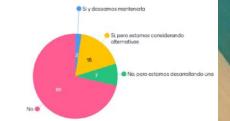


Dirigido a: Servicios agronómicos y veterinarios de las cooperativas.

- Formato: Online.
- La realización del curso permitirá el acceso posterior de la cooperativa a una licencia de acceso al sistema SIGCEX y al Cuaderno de explotación.

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¿Dispone tu cooperativa de una solución e cuaderno de explotación digital ya implementada?



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MEF The indicators

KPI	Farmers پچرچ 6	Plots	8 1 -		
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CAP GIS use

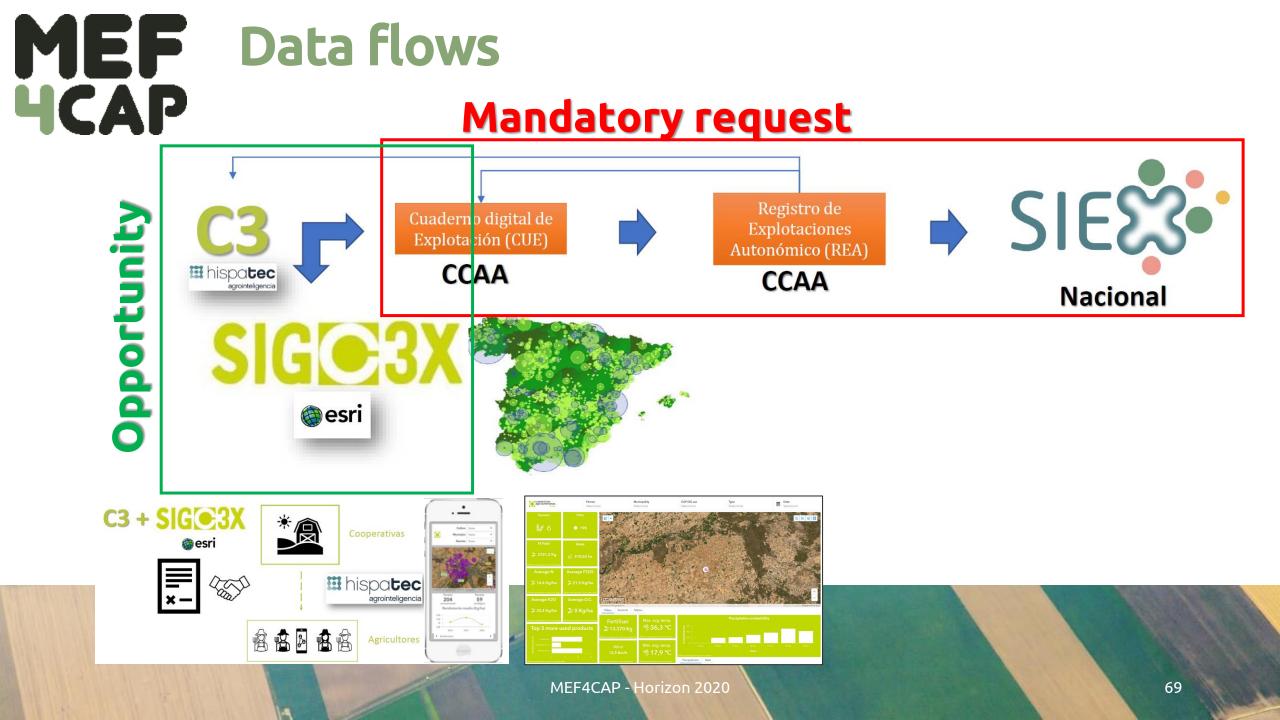
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¿Con qué perfil te sientes mejor identificado?





¿Qué factores consideras pueden favorecer la adopción del cuaderno de explotación digital?



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MEF HCAP Reflections on the applicability of the DC results to other contexts

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/564

of 10 March 2023

as regards the content and format of the records of plant protection products kept by professional users pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council

(Text with EEA relevance)

- **Obligation to record the information** set out in Annex I is established:
 - ✓ type of use (surface treatment, indoor treatment or treatment of seeds or plant propagating material)
 - ✓ plant protection product used (name and registration number)
 - ✓ date of use
 - ✓ application rate
 - ✓ location or area/unit treated
 - \checkmark the size or quantity of the area or unit treated
 - ✓ and crop or use
- It specifies the <u>obligation for the professional user to transfer this information into electronic format at the latest 30 days after the date of use of the plant protection product.</u>
- It shall apply from 1 January 2026.

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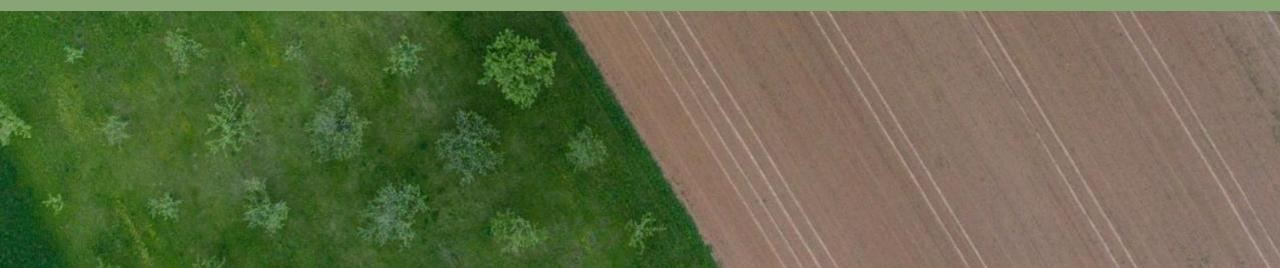


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Demonstration Case 3 : Federated learning across multiple data stations

Presenter: Daoud Urdu, Marcel van Asseldonk Organisation: Wageningen Research



MEF Short description of the DC HCAP

- Context, rationale and objectives
 - From a compliance perspective: individual farmer data cannot be shared without consent
 - GDPR by-design: GDPR compliance is an essential motivation for this demonstration case.
- The stakeholder(s) considered: data providers, users, others if relevant
 - Data providers: FADN Liaison Agencies, for example Teagasc in Ireland, NRI in Poland and Wageningen Economic Research in the Netherlands
 - Users: CAP Policy analysts, for example researchers and policy makers
 - Data infrastructure providers, for example internal IT department or external IT company



MEF The digital technologies

- The proposed federated learning setup allows data to be shared in a GDPR compliant manner. The raw source data is made autonomously accessible for analysis purposes and the user receives only result summaries
- See the next slide for an overview of reusable components



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Towards Federated Learning

Data Station:

- Provides FAIR access to data and metadata

- Allows train (model to access and interface with data)





Data Gateway:

- Authorization and
- Authentication with restricted access to data



Tracking System: The routing of models and transport infrastructure

Train:

- Interacts with data (these are models that processes data including analysis)



MEF The technology "readiness"

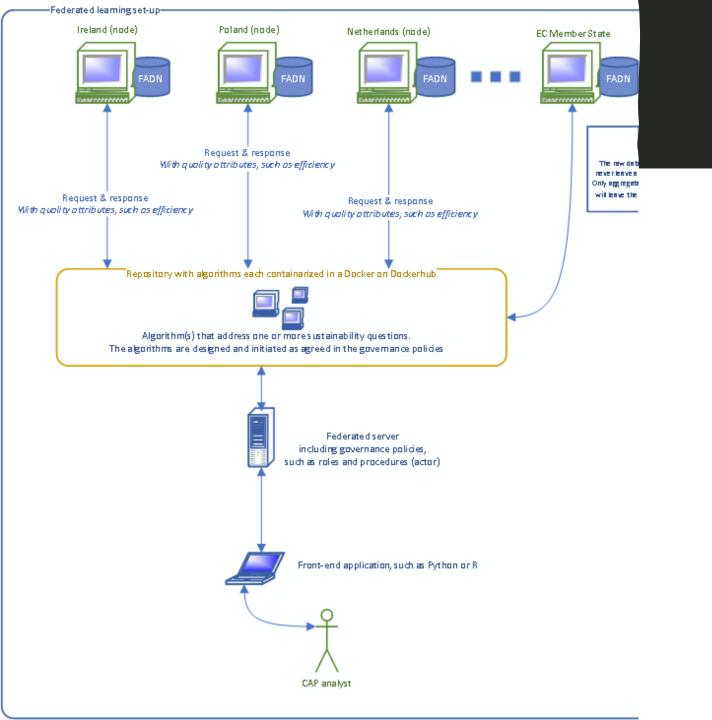
- What is the "readiness" (from a technological and social perspective) of the technologies suggested in this DC? Are these ready to be adopted? Or do they need more time and if so, why?
 - Since this is a rather novel technology, the readiness from a technological perspective is rather low. This case have demonstrated the set-up and will publish a paper on the findings. From a social perspective, the readiness is even lower since no usability tests and no social impact assessment has been conducted





- What are the resulting indicators?
 - Additional diverse set of indicators collected by FADN liaison agencies in addition to FADN variables, including among others more social related indicators.





Data flow

Federated set-up for this demonstration case

MEF Drivers for adoption

- What motivates the stakeholder(s) to adopt the technologies?
 - GDPR by-design, a privacy preserving infrastructure for improved data-sharing
 - Semantic Interoperability (data harmonization) is a potential and a precondition for the design, development and implementation of this technology



MEF Barriers to adoption

- Which barriers do you think the stakeholder(s) faces, to adopt the technologies?
 - Organizational: existing business processes and procedures are there for a long time. It takes time and effort to change these.
 - Data harmonization and standardization requires coordination of bringing different stakeholders together and agree on the semantics.



MEF Possible actions to favour adoption

• Given these barriers, which actions or measures do you think should be in place to overcome them? By whom?

BARRIER	ACTION	WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS ACTION?
Organisational	Define tasks for implementing the change (privacy preserving data sharing) for the FADN/FSDN	FADN Liaison Agencies
Data harmonisation	Define tasks for the coordination of bringing different stakeholders together and agree on the governance and semantics	FADN Liaison Agencies



MEF PACAP Reflections on the applicability of the DC results to other contexts other users, member states, indicators

• The results of this DC will be published in a scientific article and is expected to be useful for the scientific community in data science, artificial intelligence and agricultural policy. The technology could also be applicable to other food and agricultural contexts that require data sharing in a privacy friendly way, current examples could be the development of agricultural data spaces for the data economy.



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Demonstration Case 4 New ways for monitoring agri-environmental measures

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MEF Short description of the DC General aim: To test how agri-environmental data is used and

<u>General aim</u>: To test how agri-environmental data is used and integrated between CAP and other environmental monitoring.

Easily replicable and affordable methodology for farmers in our cooperatives that:

- Demonstrates to paying agencies that herds graze outdoors at least 120 days per year with a maximum stocking rate of 1.2 LU/ha (<u>extensive grazing eco-scheme</u>).
- Provides proxy-information on carbon sequestration of livestock (through manure/slurry depositions).
- Provides information on the degree of intensification or abandonment of grazing areas.





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MEF The digital technologies

- 26 GPS trackers spread over three different flocks (about 1,000 heads) to monitor one batch (about 250 sheeps) in each of them.
- Three different GPS trackers technologies in place:
 - SIGFOX
 - SIGFOX with SD storage
 - GSM (2G network)
- **Geographical Information System (GIS) to integrate** EO **data** (Sentinel-2) and near-real-time GNSS positioning services, including in-farm data such as areas (LPIS), herd features (type, age, cycle stage), etc..
- Very low data submission rate per farm (low connectivity in the área):
 - Alburquerque (SIGFOX): 5%
 - Torrejón el Rubio (GSM): <10%
 - Villanueva de la Serena (SIGFOX & SIGFOX SD): <10%





MEF The technology "readiness"

- \checkmark Commercial technology already in place and well tested (both for the GIS and GPS trackers).
- \checkmark High average age of the Spanish farmers + lack of knowledge in digital technologies \rightarrow barriers
- ✓ GIS Training to >500 staff from the cooperatives' advisory services
- ✓ GPS trackers technology Works well for this DC targets using SD cards, but not for real time monitoring of the flocks→Connectivity must improve in rural areas

The indicators

KPI

KPI_1 Carbon Sequestration per HectareKPI_2 Cattle load per hectareKPI_3 Days/hours of outdoor grazing

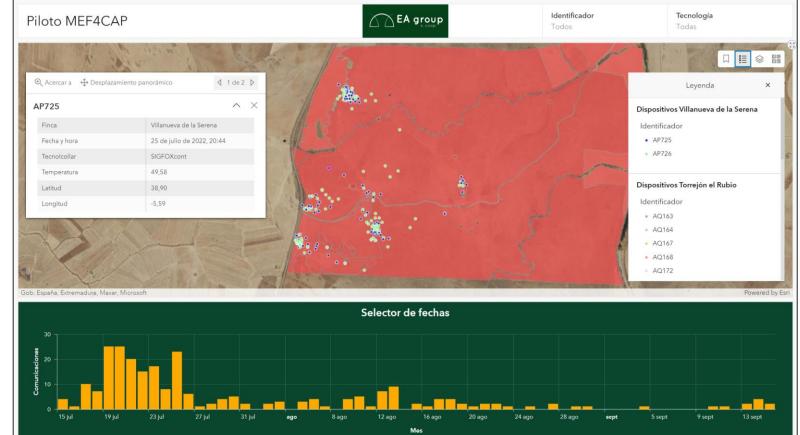


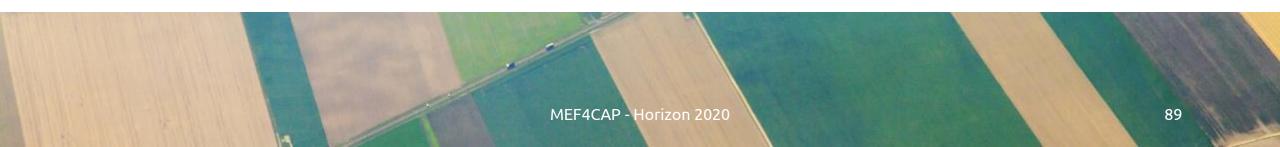


• GPS trackers data (time, temp., etc.)



- EO data (Sentinel-2)
- In-farm data
 - ✓ Areas (LPIS)
 - ✓ Herd features (type, age, cycle stage)
 - ✓ etc..







Drivers for adoption

STAKEHOLDER	DRIVERS
Famers	Young farmers interest in the adoption of new technologies
Famers	Economic + time savings
Farmers	Measuring carbon sequestration will provide positive arguments
Advisory services	Performance improvement
Advisory services	Decrease of work load (long term)



MEF Possible actions to favour adoption

BARRIER	MEASURE	WHO SHOULD TAKE IT?
Farmers' age	Generational handover + training	Advisory services / Government
Lack of experience in digital techs	Training and real cases	Advisory services
Low connection in rural areas	Infraestracture investment	Government / Private companies
Farmer's data used for control	Strategy	Government
Economic cost (GPS trackers)	Affordable methodology / subsidies	Advisory services / Government

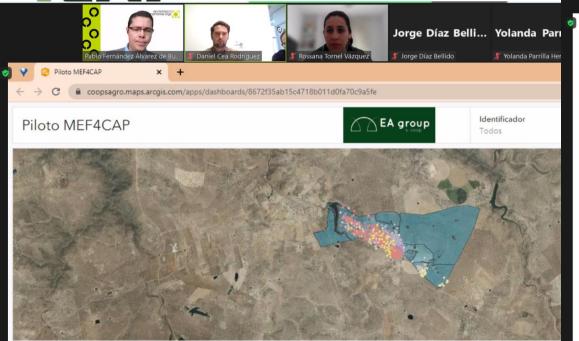
General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Development of non-personal data exchange contracts based on the *Regulation (EU) 2018/1807* and on the COPA-COGECA code of conduct on agricultural data sharing.

EU Code of conduct on agricultural data sharing by contractual agreement



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Gob. España, Extremadura, Earthstar Geographics

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Ejemplos de mejora de cobertura.



GESTIÓN Y MEJORA DEL USO DE LOS DATOS



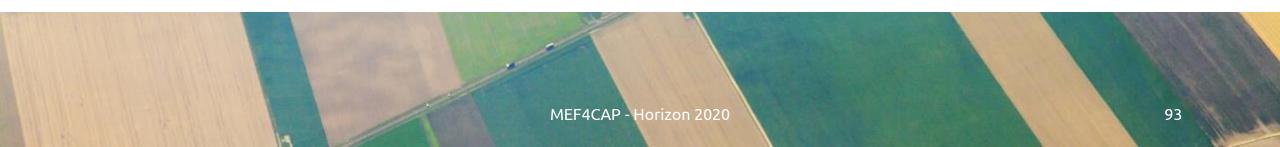




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- Nowadays an affidavit is enough to comply with the extensive grazing ecoscheme requirements in Spain.
- In the near future the administration will take more demanding measures for the extensive grazing eco-scheme.
- The DC was presented to the Spanish Ministry staff on March 2023 (Advanced Monitoring Group, FEGA).
- Other EU countries have set similar eco-schemes where it could be replicated.
- It is important to take farmers' expectations into account.



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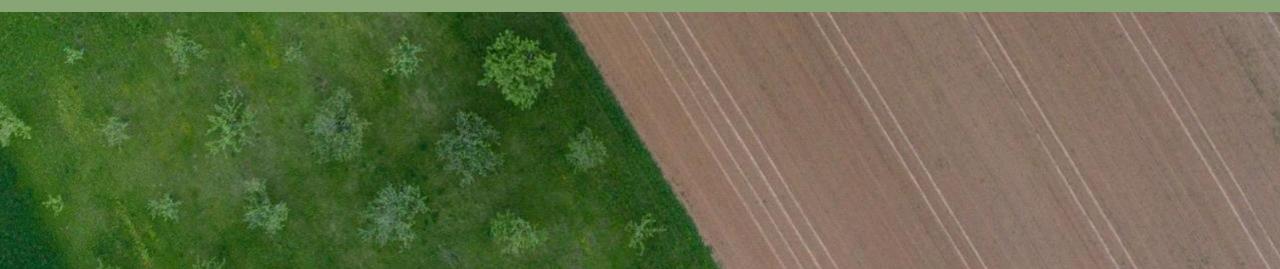
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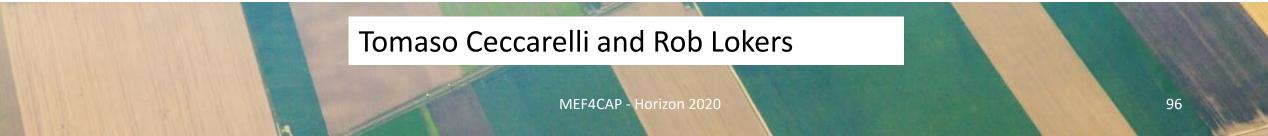
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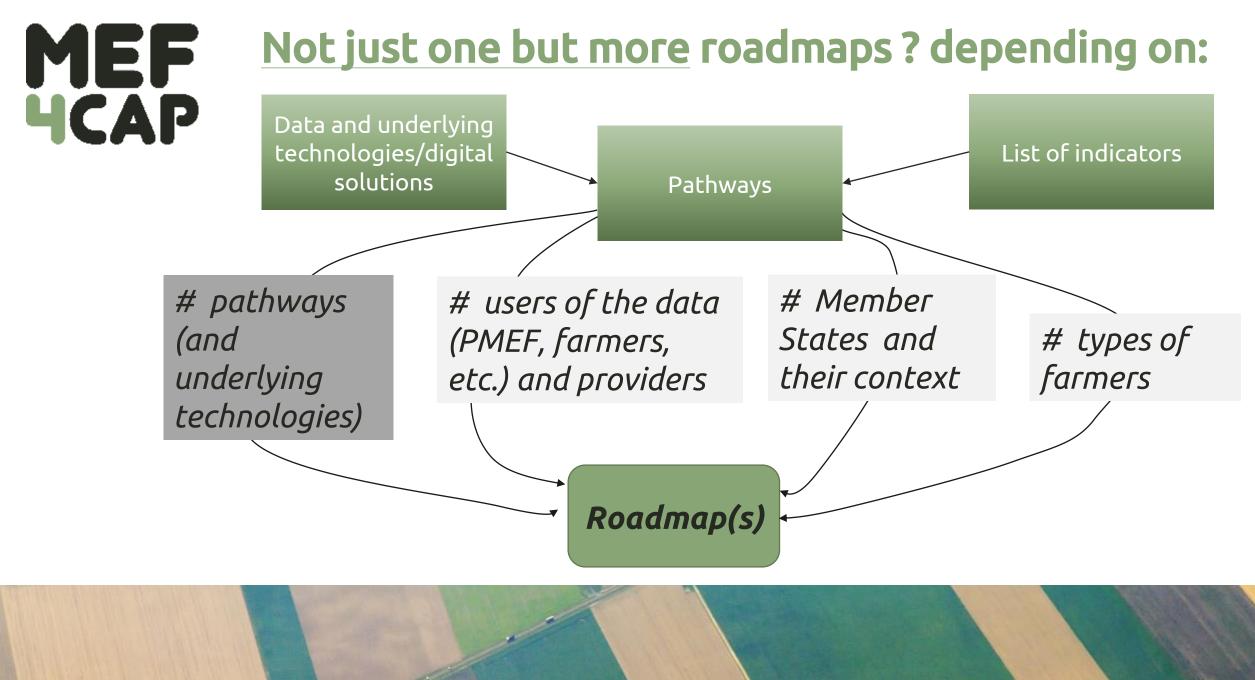
A generic framework for EU agricultural policy roadmap(s)

In MEF4CAP, pathways are the result of matching technologies with indicator needs or, in other words, "actions to compute the metrics"

A Roadmap for **monitoring EU agricultural policy** is seen as the process and the contextual elements (barriers, drivers) that ensure the sustainable generation of data and indicators needed by the users

The primary "user" is the **PMEF**, but **other stakeholders** (data providers and users) need to be considered if the process ought to be sustainable and fair.





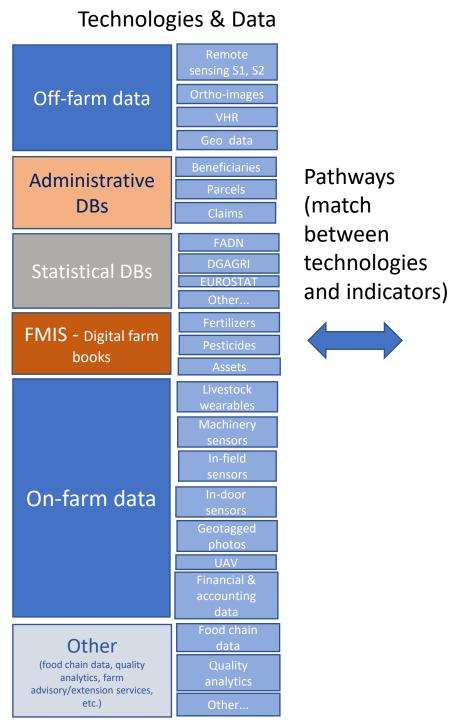
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A generic framework for EU agricultural policy roadmap(s)

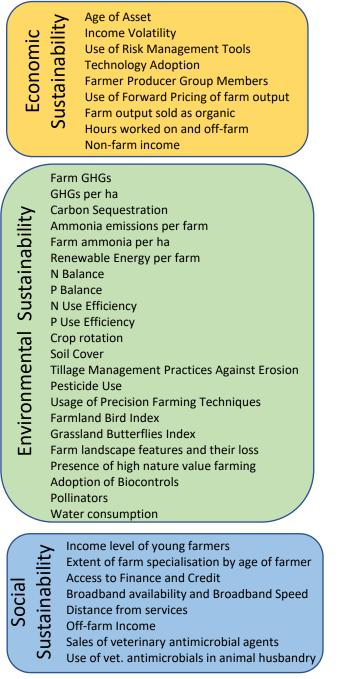
Different roadmaps can be identified at EU level depending on the **pathways**, the **stakeholders** involved, the **type of farmer**, the **Member State**, and relevant **contextual elements**

Reflecting on these roadmaps is the main objective of the workshop

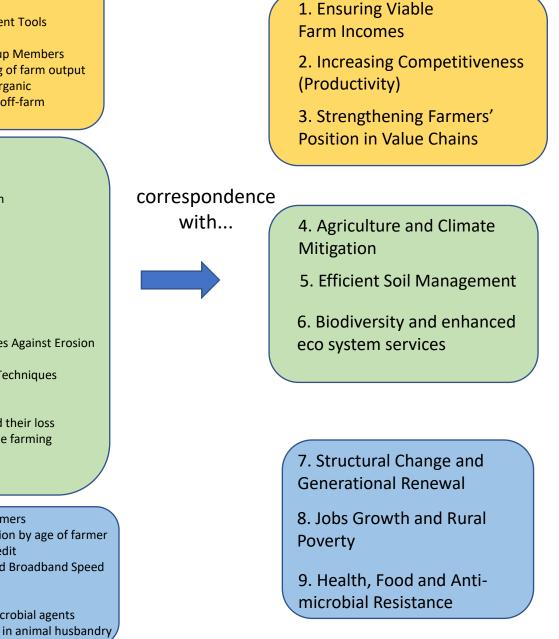




MEF4CAP (EU policy) Indicators



Agricultural policy objectives





eligibility

needs

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Drivers

Assesses CAP measures

Responds to PMEF needs

management needs (e.g.

reduction, precision farming)

Addresses other EU decision

efficiency gains, cost

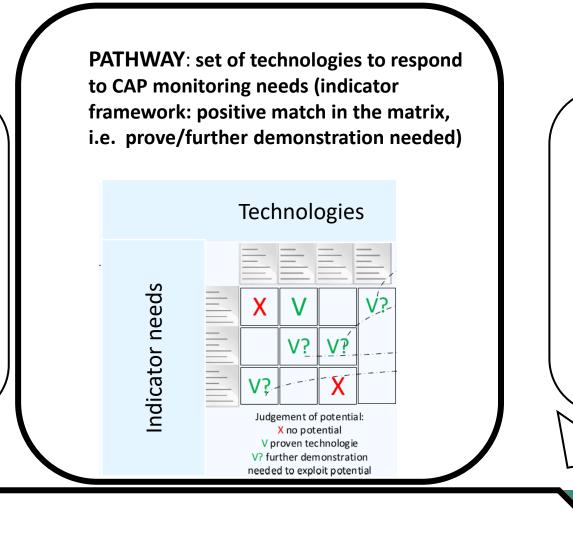
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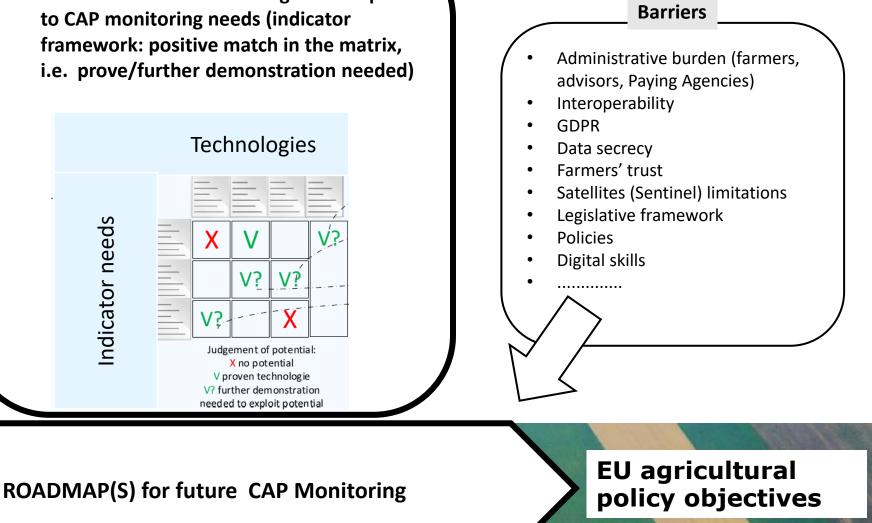
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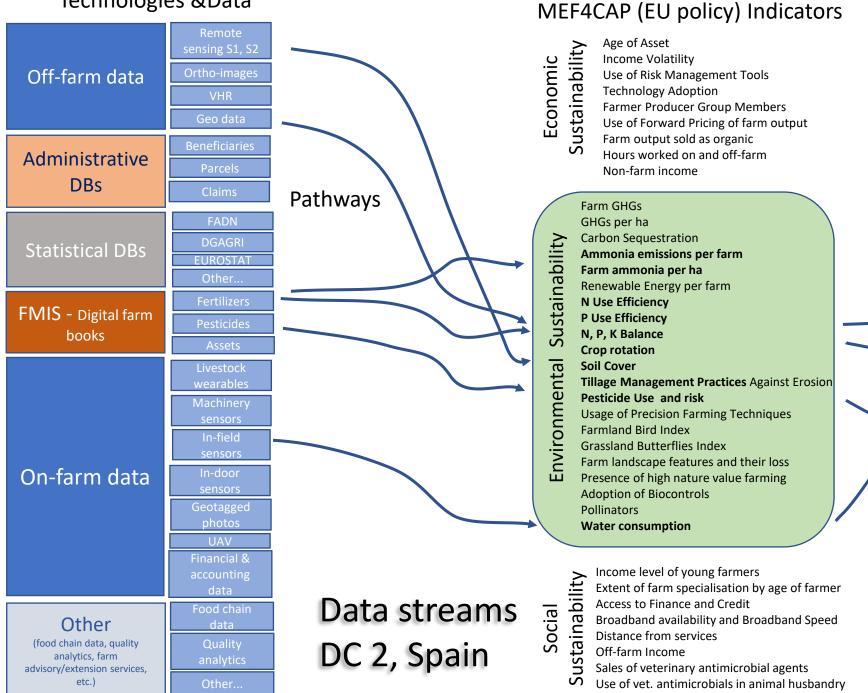
What is *in* the roadmap



For different users/stakeholders and Member States



Technologies & Data



Agricultural policy objectives

1. Ensuring Viable Farm Incomes

2. Increasing Competitiveness (Productivity)

3. Strengthening Farmers' Position in Value Chains

4. Agriculture and Climate Mitigation

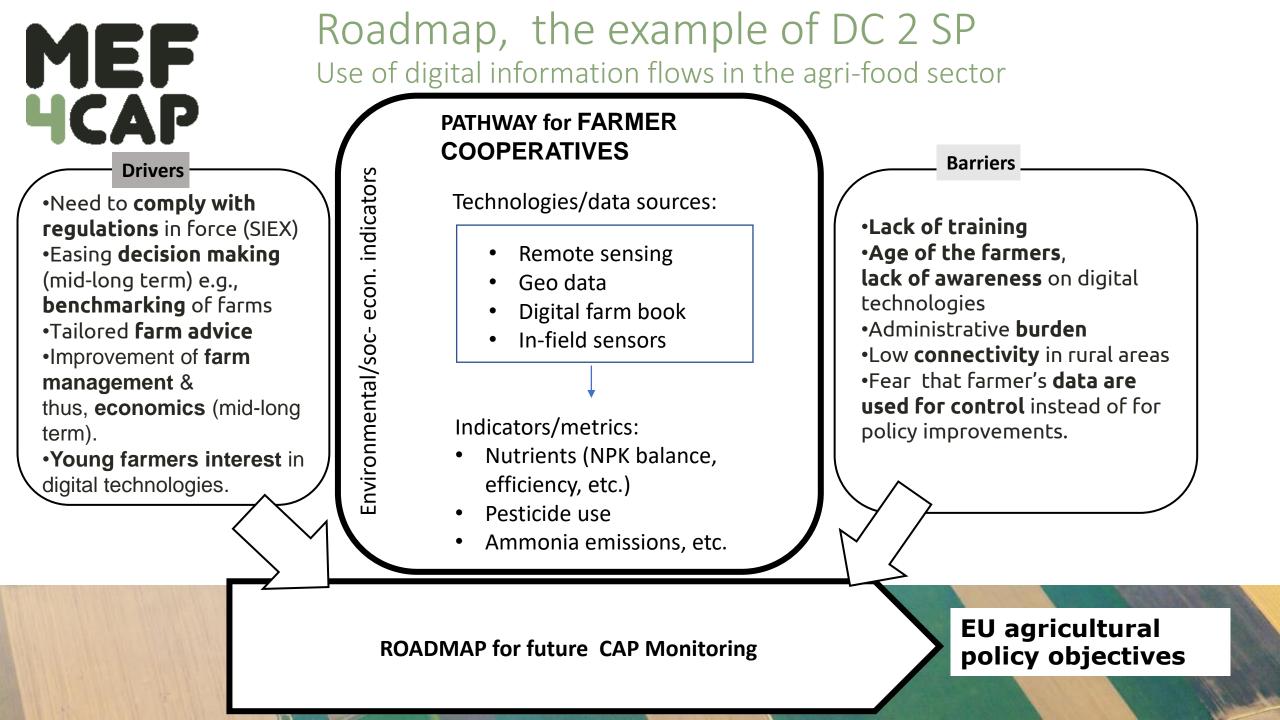
5. Efficient Soil Management

6. Biodiversity and enhanced eco system services

7. Structural Change and Generational Renewal

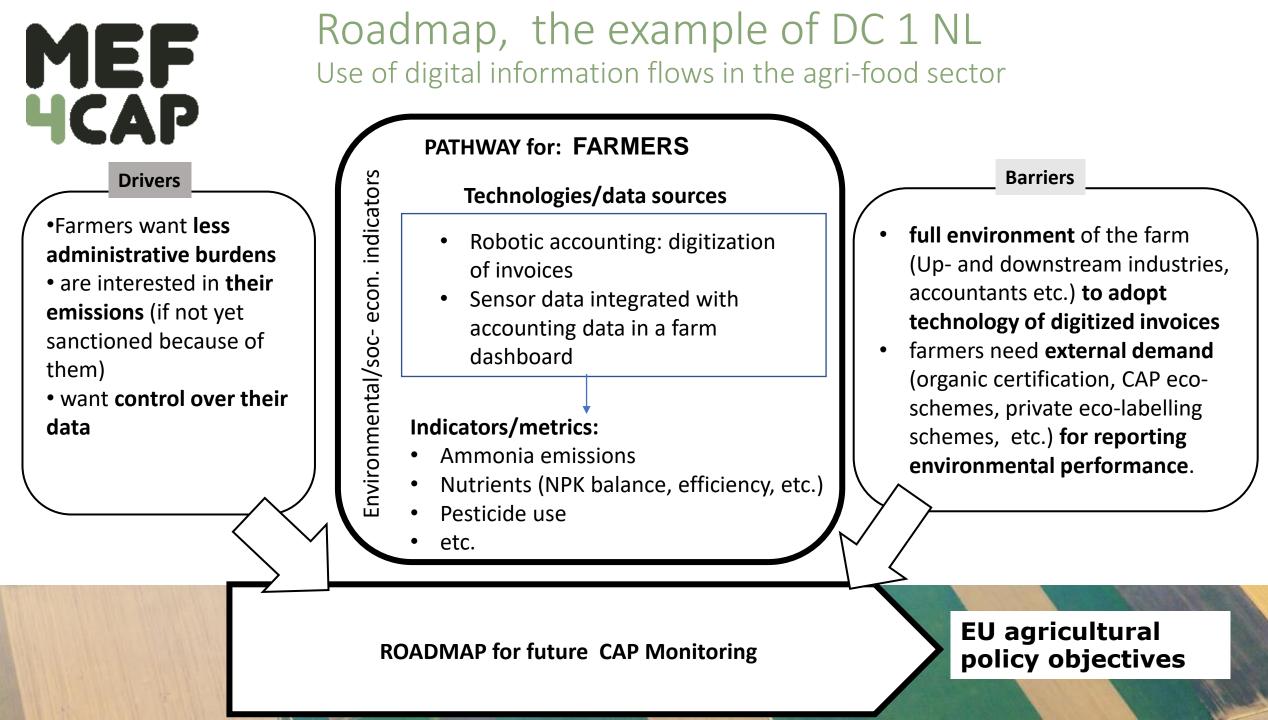
8. Jobs Growth and Rural Poverty

9. Health, Food and Antimicrobial Resistance



Technologies & Data

MEF4CAP (EU policy) Indicators Agricultural policy objectives Age of Asset ustainability sensing S1, S2 **Income Volatility** 1. Ensuring Viable Farm Economic Off-farm data Use of Risk Management Tools Incomes **Technology Adoption** Farmer Producer Group Members 2. Increasing Competitiveness Geo data Use of Forward Pricing of farm output Data for (Productivity) Farm output sold as organic certification S Hours worked on and off-farm **Administrative** schemes. 3. Strengthening Farmers' Non-farm income DBs government **Position in Value Chains** reporting and Farm GHGs food/industry/ GHGs per ha retail **Carbon Sequestration** Sustainability Pathways Statistical DBs Ammonia emissions per farm EUROSTAT Farm ammonia per ha Renewable Energy per farm 4. Agriculture and Climate N Balance FMIS - Digital farm P Balance Mitigation Pesticides books **N Use Efficiency P** Use Efficiency 5. Efficient Soil Management Environmental Crop rotation Soil Cover 6. Biodiversity and enhanced Tillage Management Practices Against Erosion Pesticide Use eco system services Usage of Precision Farming Techniques In-field Farmland Bird Index Grassland Butterflies Index On-farm data Farm landscape features and their loss Presence of high nature value farming Adoption of Biocontrols 7. Structural Change and Pollinators Generational Renewal Water consumption Financial & 8. Jobs Growth and Rural Income level of young farmers Sustainability Extent of farm specialisation by age of farmer Povertv Social Access to Finance and Credit Food chain Data streams DC 1, Other Broadband availability and Broadband Speed 9. Health, Food and Anti-Distance from services (food chain data, quality microbial Resistance Off-farm Income analytics, farm **Netherlands** advisory/extension services, Sales of veterinary antimicrobial agents etc.) Use of vet. antimicrobials in animal husbandry



MEF Summary of the Demonstration Cases

DC	In field/ livestock sensors	Remote sensing	FMIS/digital workbook	IACS	FADN	Financial	Other
DC1 NL	Х	Х		Х	Х	X	
DC1 IRL				Х	Х	X	
DC1 PL				Х	X		
DC2 GR		X	X	X			
DC2 SP	(Х	Х	x			
DC4 SP	Х	Х					

2 clusters (= potential roadmaps ?)



MEF 4CAP Finally, the EU roadmaps? Drivers **Barriers**

Cross-cutting

- Pathway specific •
 - MS or area specific •
 - User/provider • specific

Actions & roles

- ✓ Around concern/trust/ownership of data
- ✓ Around burden reduction
- ✓ Around digital skills
- ✓ Around data... Overload for farmers
- ✓ Around incentivizing the whole ecosystem





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Feedback from the participants and conclusions



MEFDrivers and barriersHCAP(Farmer's perspective)

Need to comply with regulations in force (SIEX)
Easing decision making (mid-long term) e.g., benchmarking
Tailored farm advice

Improvement of farm management & thus, economics

•Young farmers interest in digital technologies.

•Data-driven decision making on the farming practices to be applied supports the optimized use of inputs and thus, financial, and environmental profit (mid-long term).

•Allow **cross-farm information sharing** in a protected manner (farmer has access on applied practices and conditions in other farms in the area in pseudonymized manner).

•Allow criteria-based benchmarking of farms performance (based on time, area, farming activity type)

•Automate reporting obligations (e.g., subsidies, pesticides use, certifications for Organic, GlobalGAP, traceability for selling fruit/vegetables, etc.)

•Save time – User friendly visualization of farm's status.

Efficient use of data to facilitate farm-level analysis and decision making by farmers
Provides more comprehensive data presented in a user-friendly format
Informs farmers in terms of appropriate/identified KPIs for their farm
Allows for more tailored/bespoke farm advice based on the (summarised) data
Provides data (and proof) on the sustainability status of the farm, and trends over time
Allows for the benchmarking of farms relative to other farms or relative to a target level of performance (with a range of performance metrics (KPIs) possible)
Aids in improved (and informed) farm management
A more digitally confident farmer in an ICT era

•Farmers want less administrative burdens

- are interested in **their emissions** (if not yet sanctioned because of them)
- want control over their data

•interested in improving economic results.





Drivers and <u>barriers</u>

Lack of training
Age of the farmers,
lack of awareness on digital
technologies
Administrative burden
Low connectivity in rural areas
Fear that farmer's data are
used for control instead of for
policy improvements.

•Lack of training/trust on the potential benefits – farmers are not fully familiar with data-driven decision making. They still follow an empirical-based decision-making approach.

•Administrative burden/workload – especially with the manual importing of farming practices to digital calendars. Farmers are not providing any or inaccurate data to farm calendar.

•Reluctance to share data. The core benefit of the demonstrated approach is when data are aggregated and shared. Reluctance caused due to the fear of penalties or competition.

•Initial technological investment cost.

•Concern around how the data will be used and by whom, e.g. compliance/regulation

•Concern about **data privacy**: some farmers may want to keep all of their data private

Skillset lacking for some farmers: Some may be unfamiliar with the dashboard concept and may struggle with dashboard navigation
Reluctance among farmers or farm advisors to try something new - inertia/fear, attachment to traditional report formats
Risk of data overload, uncertainty about which data is more/less important, which KPIs numbers indicate good/moderate/poor performance

•Time constraints in learning/adapting: farmers may perceive other farming tasks to be more important

- **full environment of the farm** (Up- and downstream industries, accountants etc.) **to adopt technology of digitized invoices**
- farmers need external demand (organic certification, CAP ecoschemes, private eco-labelling schemes, etc.) for reporting environmental performance.
- Collection of additional, more accurate data on fertiliser application at plot level is a significant problem for farmers, if not economically motivated

