

Background

The agriculture of the European Union has been facing many challenges, including issues such as growing world population, changing lifestyles and diet, price volatility, economic slowdown and the new market environment, climate change, environmental degradation and various rural and local problems. In order to meet these challenges, the latest CAP reform introduced a number of new instruments, including, inter alia, the new (and greened) system of direct payments, the support of small farms, the active farmer concept, the revised system of endorsing producer organisations, the risk management toolkit, the Common Strategic Framework, new priorities for rural development as well as EIP programmes.

Four years have passed since the introduction of these new instruments and in line with the mid-term-review of the CAP, it is time for evaluating them in light of the latest data and experience available. Have these new instruments proved to be efficient? How flexible member states were to implement them? What are the lessons learned with the new policies of the first and second pillar? Have economic, environmental and social challenges been met by these new instruments? The seminar aims to answer these questions by exchanging knowledge and ideas on the efficiency of the new CAP policy instruments.

The seminar well fits into the growing debate on the future of the CAP after 2020, which has already started. On the one hand, several political and NGO documents have recently been published on various dimensions of the CAP, including background papers of the Dutch and French government together with the Cork 2.0 Rural Development Declaration and the European Commission's 2017 working programme. On the other hand, several think tanks and researchers have published a number of documents on the future of the CAP, including the various reports and studies commissioned by the European Parliament.

Objectives

The first objective of the seminar is to bring together researchers working on the various topics within the overall theme of agricultural and food policies in order to stimulate discussions, collaborations and future research. The second objective is to take stock of the lessons learned since 2013 in CAP design and implementation.

The third objective is to bring together research on possible ways and ideas how to reform the CAP after 2020. Contributions are sought from a variety of academic disciplines (e.g. political science, rural sociology, etc.) as well as agricultural economics, and from policy practitioners.

Topics

The effectiveness of economic policy instruments

- Analysis of direct payments and their possible phasing-out options
- Analysis of market measures and risk management schemes
- The effectiveness of measures related to food security and competitiveness
- Flexibility of Member States in CAP implementation
- CAP simplification and administration

The effectiveness of environmental policy instruments

- Experience and evidence on green direct payments
- Effectiveness of agri-environmental programmes
- Implications of climate change, and water & energy use on the new CAP
- Sustainable and resilient agriculture in the CAP
- Safe and healthy food in the CAP

The effectiveness of rural policy instruments

- Jobs, Growth and Investment in the agri-food supply chain and the wider rural economy
- Effectiveness of CAP Pillar 2 programmes
- LEADER in the CAP after 2020
- Targeting innovation to farmers' needs
- Rural viability and the CAP

Language

The working language of the seminar is English.

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Researchers intended to present papers should submit their abstracts of 2 pages maximum and 1 page for posters. On the cover page, the abstract should include name(s), affiliations, and full address of the author(s), including the e-mail of the corresponding author, and indicate whether the submission is for paper or poster.

The deadline for abstract submission: January 31st, 2018

Notification of acceptance: February 15th, 2018.

Important dates

31 January 2018: Submission deadline for abstracts

15 February 2018: Notifications of acceptance & registration opens

15 March 2018: Early bird registration deadline

1 April 2018: Deadline for submission of full papers

15 April 2018: Late riser registration deadline

Participation fee

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Period	Regular	PhD student
Early bird (before 15 March 2018)	180 euro	100 euro
Late riser (between 16 March – 15 April 2018)	225 euro	125 euro

The fee includes two lunches, one dinner, coffee breaks and conference materials. The fee has to be paid by 15 April 2018 the latest.

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