

Good Practice Workshop

DRAFT AGENDA

Exploring the potential of simulation models for assessing the CAP

3 – 4 April 2025

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The EU CAP Network supported by the European Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP organises is organising the ninth Good Practice Workshop on 3 – 4 April 2025 in Bari, Italy, which will be kindly hosted by the Italian National CAP Network. The Workshop will focus on exploring the potential of using simulation models for assessing the CAP.

Policy decisions must be transparently informed by evidence, and simulation models are increasingly used for supporting the policy-making process and analysing the impact of policy options. They are quantitative tools used to represent complex systems and predict their behaviour under different scenarios. They are particularly useful for estimating the potential impacts of policy interventions across a wide array of economic, social and environmental topics.

In agriculture, the main purpose of simulation models is to analyse the effects of parameter changes on outcomes. They help to explain why certain outcomes (e.g. change in organic farming area) may be expected when a policy changes (e.g. a higher rate of support for organic farming). Depending on their complexity, simulation models can be very specific (e.g. show where farmers switch to organic farming, how output-prices are affected) or show only rudimentary results (e.g. show the output change of organic farming in the whole economy).

Member States are encouraged to use simulation models in their CAP evaluations, as these allow to assess the impact of new policy measures and the net impact of existing measures. In addition, simulation models may be useful for closing data gaps when implementation data is not available. The Good Practice Workshop will therefore explore existing simulation models previously used by Member States, as well as models developed by Horizon projects, the JRC, and research/academic institutions or public administration and their transferability at Member State level. The goal is to show the relevance of using simulation models for assessing the CAP, what steps to follow for the use of such a model, and how to assess whether a certain model is the right tool to answer the evaluation question and to interpret the results correctly.



Aims of the Workshop

The aim of the ninth Good Practice workshop is to showcase the possibilities offered by using simulation models for evaluating the CAP, as well as the conditions for implementing them. The specific objectives are:

- **To contribute to building the understanding of CAP evaluation stakeholders** about simulation models, including the scope, relevance, and use of such models for evaluations of the CAP.
- **To exchange practical experiences** from the use of simulation models in the context of CAP evaluations and other relevant projects (Horizon, JRC, research/academic institutes).
- **To provide an opportunity for networking and identification of needs for further support** for Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, CAP networks, evaluators in relation to the use of simulation models for evaluations of the CAP.

Target audience

The Workshop will be an opportunity for Managing Authorities, CAP networks, Paying Agencies, evaluators, EU-level evaluation experts, and other evaluation stakeholders in the Member States to exchange with each other. Researchers/academics and experts with experience in using simulation models will also be present to provide their specialised input. The working language for all aspects of the Workshop (e.g. presentations, Q&As, interactive group work, potential side-activities) will be English, and participants are expected to interact in this language.

Outcomes

The presentations of the speakers and an event report synthesising the key outcomes of the Workshop will be published on [the event page](#) of the EU CAP Network website after the Workshop takes place.

Contact information

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Timing	Draft agenda Thursday 3 April
12.00 – 13.00	Registration with coffee available
13.00	Introduction to Day 1 & icebreaker
13.30	Overview of the typologies of simulation models, and possibilities and challenges for using them in CAP evaluations
15.00	Coffee break
15.30	Group discussions on the scope, relevance, and use of simulation models for evaluations of the CAP
16.30	Sharing conclusions of Day 1
17.00	End of Day 1
18.00	Cultural activity
20.00	Social dinner

Timing	Draft agenda Friday 4 April
09.00	Registration with coffee available
09.30	Introduction to Day 2 & icebreaker
10.00	Practical insights from simulation models that have been used for assessing the CAP
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	Group discussions on lessons learned from existing simulation models and further needs for support
12.30	Sharing conclusions of Day 2
13.00	End of Day 2, followed by a lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Field trip (TBC)



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