



Whole farm approach eco-scheme - guidance on use of indicators

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Eco-scheme – “whole farm approach”

- “Whole farm approach” eco-scheme
- E.g. 2 commitments for each type of agricultural land (arable land, permanent grassland, permanent crops)
- The commitments contribute to different specific environmental and climate objectives and result indicators

Guidance – unit amount and output indicator

- Unit amounts:
 - Set a unit amount for each commitment/operation for each land type even if the values are the same (2x3=6 unit amounts maximum)
 - This allows to distinguish the contribution of different commitments/operations
- Output indicator: Plan and report using O.8
- Outputs:
 - Plan at the level of the intervention, or at the level of the unit amount
 - Reporting: at the level of the unit amount

Guidance – result indicators (RIs)

- Link the intervention to those RIs to which the “whole farm” eco-scheme contributes **directly and significantly**
- It might be **several RIs** in the case of the “whole farm” eco-scheme with different “commitments/operations”
- The different commitments might contribute differently to the RIs set for the eco-scheme
- One “commitment/operation” may be linked to e.g. only one of the RIs set for the eco-scheme
- **Planning** and **reporting** of RIs milestone/target: only the hectares (outputs) planned for the “commitments/operations” linked to a specific RI should be taken into account when setting the milestone/target and reporting for that specific RI

Guidance - illustration

- Example for RIs (depending on “commitments/operations” concerned):
 - “commitments/operations” on permanent grassland linked only to R.14 (stocking carbon), and
 - “commitments/operations” for arable land and permanent crops linked to R.19 (improving the soils).
 - Only the hectares of permanent grassland under this eco-scheme (and not all the hectares under the eco-scheme) shall be counted for R.14 while the hectares of arable land and permanent crops will only be accounted for R.19.
- This ensures that the contribution of the eco-scheme is well captured in the reporting of results indicators without leading to an over-estimation.

Thank you for the attention