



Clarification of indicator related questions

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How to programme agri-environmental commitments under art. 65 related to bees

- Agri-environment management commitments are typically land-based => programmed on a per hectare basis (payments per hectare for agri-environment (art. 65(8)), so O.I.14 (possibly O.I.15))
- For the Unit amount, 2 possible scenarios:
 - The management commitments are related to the land only, the presence of beehives is rather a condition, and the costs incurred and income foregone per hectare do not depend on the number of beehives (a minimum may be required). There is one level of payment per hectare => uniform unit amount.
 - The management commitments are very dependent on the number of beehives per hectare (to be explained in that case). There would thus be a diversity of levels of payment per hectare and per beneficiary => an average unit amount per hectare could be justified.

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- Result indicator most indicated:
 - R.31 “Preserving habitats and species”
 - In certain cases, R35 “preserving beehives” could be linked as well (notably if the agri-environment management commitments (per hectare) target beekeepers specifically)

A reminder on planning and reporting

	Planning	Reporting
Financial	Indicative allocation - at level of intervention	Expenditure reported per unit amount
Output	- at level of intervention, or - per unit amount, or - per groups of unit amounts Planning in full, in the year of planned first payment.	- In full, in case of only 1 payment, or - partial output, corresponding to payment made (several instalments)
Results	In full, in year of planned first payment	In full, in the year of first payment

- First payment, i.e. advances excluded.
- 1 operation (one output) may contribute to several result indicators, and is never split into parts in terms of its contribution to result indicators

A reminder on choice of unit(s) for output indicators

- For indicators allowing “other units”. E.g. O.18 Number of supported on-farm productive investments **operations or units**
- MS may chose the appropriate unit, possibly different units in case of several unit amounts within the same intervention. For example
 - Unit amounts **1, 2, 3**: Operations
 - Unit amount **4, 5, 6, 7**: Livestock units
 - Unit amount **8**: Number of xx machines
- In the APR, for monitoring purposes, aggregates for all operations under the intervention to be reported, i.e. “number of operations”

Carry-over expenditure from RDPs to CAP Strategic Plans (Art 148 SPR) – general principles

- May be planned as part of new CAP Strategic Plan interventions where possible (same eligibility conditions)
- Separate unit amount and financial allocation
- Included in planning of outputs and results
- Separate reporting of expenditure and outputs in APR for the performance clearance
- In case of no corresponding intervention in the CSP, a separate intervention has to be defined, with less detail of description required as expenditure is eligible according to Article 148.
 - Article 148(2): Exception for early retirement payments (Article 23 of Regulation 1698/2005): Notification of expenditure only – not included in indicators

Additional national financing (national top-ups) for rural development interventions (Art 139 SPR)

- Continuation of current possibility in RDPs to add additional national financing to rural development interventions
- Amounts to be included in Annex V of the CAP Strategic Plan
- To be taken into account for the targets/milestones and planning of outputs
- Not subject to the performance clearance
 - I.e. separate reporting of expenditure and outputs in the APR
- Subject to general performance assessment of the CAP Strategic Plan, including performance review
 - I.e. no separate reporting of results in the APR

Thank you!