

INGE VAN OOST:

Thank you very much. We have heard so much today, yesterday, the day before yesterday that I am unable to tackle all the things that you mentioned and to explain, but I'll take out a few also from the last comments here.

I heard questions concerning integration of environmental aspects and farming, I think that is the main issue of what cross compliance is about and also how do you tackle that. I think that if the Professor mentioned that we need a thorough analysis of cross compliance requirements and whether they are well worth asking farmers to do such a thing, we had a very good example with the cross compliance report with the information from researchers we heard this morning, we do need this integration from the research input into the rules and I think this workshop, and I thank the JRC, the Joint Research Center, for this event and also you, Italian authorities, Italian Regions for this event of being making us able to exchange, to listen how we have to do it and in fact if we need clear rules maybe it could have a psychological effect that if you have a rule you want to escape but on the other hand there is much in stake, there are payments in stake and farmers need some legal security to know what they have to do and what they don't have to do. So, there is no way around it, cross compliance needs

clear rules and I completely agree if you say use the existing documents, don't bother the farmer with additional administrative burden, I think that's important. It's also important that you point out to us Commission what already exists and what we can use.

We had some comments here and there and also presentation on the FAS. As concerns the FAS rules, I would say this forum was focusing on GAEC, we will have maybe quite shortly a new workshop on the Farm Advisory System and different issues that have been mentioned here will come back there because there will be a Commission report adopted around half November, it will be made public and then after that there is room for discussion I would say and we will be very open to listen, but I can assure you that the things I heard already today will be mentioned.

The promotion, pushing or encouraging farmers to make use of the system is one of the elements in there, the broad coverage, the fact that you have to help the farmer with an integrated approach to have all the different environmental aspects translated into practical things that he can apply and which can help him the best, this holistic view, this will all be in the report and I think we might tackle that in a few months maybe again in another location, in another Member State with another field visit. I am sure that our colleagues of the JRC will again do this

fantastic exercise in order to gather information from you and ideas to what we will put in our rules because we have not a lot of time and we will in the beginning of 2011 already have to make proposals for the new future CAP, so FAS will be part of it, GAEC will be part of it.

So, I noted down a lot of things here today and I thank you all for your valuable contributions and I think we are really going towards a more scientifically-based and controllable standards under the GAEC. We have seen also, and I was happy to see that on the first day, the important progress that has been made, we saw examples from Poland, from the Netherlands, from Ireland, from Italy that this progress is being made to a full implementation of the GAEC and a sensible implementation of the GAEC.

So, I cannot say more, it would be too long, we would be here this evening, I thank you all and appreciate very much the positive spirit and cooperating and working together here and I hope we can do it again in another Member State, on another location and with as good as an organisation as we had here today from the Italian authorities. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

PHILIPPE LOUDJANI:

Thank you Inge. So, I will no try to repeat too much what has already been said but I will try to conclude on

these three days we had here. So, on the main observation we had during these three days we have, has it has been said, a need of clarification, so we saw in the discussion we need to have clarification on the GAEC meaning, on the purpose, the clarification of the baseline concept, the practices and also all the link between eligibility, GAEC and the LPIS.

Another aspect is the need of communication of this information to the farmers, to the citizens and it's linked definitely with the Farm Advisory System and Service and there is a need also request to share the information, the knowledge, all the presentations that we saw during these three days, there is a big need of sharing all this information between research and the administration, especially here, and I come back also on the need of the advice.

So, what can we propose now for the future? The main proposal, the main answer we can provide, so concerning the clarification or the exchange of information, so obviously we can go with the kind of event like the one we had these three days, so, as Inge already mentioned, we will certainly have in early spring a workshop organised concerning the Farm Advisory System service but we will also organise another one concerning cross compliance next year. We had that proposal during the three days to try to

have a kind of expert group or idea based on the exercise we tried to have to try to discuss more deeply on the definition of the GAECs, on the definition of the practices, so, as we told you yesterday, now the proposal is for you and it's up to you to tell us if you'd like to go on with that kind of proposal and we have, and I mentioned it also, the conference in Bergamo in November where we specifically we would like to discuss the aspect of link between GAEC, eligibility and what we can have in the reference parcel in the LPIS.

So, in the communication or in the kind of tool we can provide, most of you already know that we have those databases, those web databases concerning the GAEC and the Farm Advisory Service that we have in-house in Ispra and it is available for all Member States.

Just concerning these three days, you all know that usually all the presentations that we had during the three days will be made available on our website, so you will have the possibility to download those presentations and, concerning this request of having access to information research, all the presentations on other studies, we may have the possibility to build what could be a web portal where we possibly can gather all kind of information that can be useful for the Member States concerning the different GAECs, the different issues and standards, so

collecting all the information, including the excellent presentation we had from Mister Bazzoffi and then also in-house we will start some studies especially on the implementation of landscape feature with the Regione Marche, so we have different things.

Another tool I would really like to mention and I will like to come back on the presentation we had concerning the science fiction presentation and the use of remote sensing, so I really would like to come back on that, on the possibility to use remote sensing information not only to control the GAEC, as the presentation as shown, but also it can be a tool that you can use to provide information on the land use, land cover, so you will have the information on eligibility and how you can manage this information in the Land Parcel Identification System and, if we go further, and I already also speak about that, the possibility to use this information to be even more proactive, give information to farmers and even use those tools in order to manage, try to manage the landscape.

Ok, so, as you can see, there is still a huge amount of work to do, so that is good, so this is good for us and, as Inge mentioned it, I am kind of really optimistic because we have seen effectively that in most Member States there is a huge involvement of all the Member States, they try to implement as much as possible the standards and taking into

account all the comments that have been made to them up to now. The involvement we saw also in the number of persons we have here, in the participation in the field visit that was really great and also in the participation of the small exercise we tried to have.

So, since I am starting a little bit with the congratulations, I really would like to thank the Italian administration and especially Mister Blasi to have supported this initiative of organising that workshop here that was really, really excellent during three days and we especially had, whether permitting, an excellent field trip yesterday, so I'd like to thank through Mister Zaccarini, Serafini, Vincentini, all the team that has supported and made this workshop really successful.

(Applause)

PHILIPPE LOUDJANI:

I'd like also to join in that organisation let's say Vincenzo because he made a lot in the part of JRC for the organisation.

(Applause)

PHILIPPE LOUDJANI:

So, obviously I have to thank now all the speakers, the translation over there, they are lost over there in the cabin but they were really useful.

PHILIPPE LOUDJANI:

Obviously, my colleagues from the European Commission, from DG AGRI and DG ENV and all the participants.

So, since we discussed a lot about the fact that all ways lead to Rome, so now it's time to see that Rome will lead to every angle of Europe, so I wish you a safe trip back and "arrivederci Roma", "ciao a tutti" and I leave the words now to Mister Blasi.

(Applause)