

Facts & Figures



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Budget for advisory

7.876.004 €¹



Number of farms

Flanders has 23,225
farms in 2017

A brief history of national/regional farm advisory policies

- Advisory policies are fully regionalized in Belgium.
- EU-FAS plays a key role in Flanders.
- Government fund advisory organization through public tendering.

Farmers who needed to get advice on how to meet with the CAP – regulations or on how to increase labour safety/efficiency at their farm or how to optimize business operations since 2007 can make use of “Bedrijfsadviessysteem” (BAS).

The legal basis for the current BAS is provided in European and in Flemish regulations. Given the existing tradition, the Flemish Government has chosen to work with private advisory services. These are recognized based on their experience and professional knowledge, their technical and administrative equipment and

their reliability.

In 2016 “BAS’ evolved into KRATOS. In the previous rural development programme (PDPO) a part of the cost of the advice remained at the expense of the farmer. That is now not longer the case. The quality of advice is guaranteed because the consultancy services were selected by the Government through a public tendering. Every year a new Kratos has been set up, this to let in new advisors and/or advice topics. In the period 2014-2018, 2288 advices have been registered for a total amount of 1.150.810 €.

Key objectives of current Regional farm advisory policies

- The objectives of advisory policies follow the objectives of rural development policies.
- Young farmers are a target public for these policies.

The objectives of the current advisory policy are focused on rural development:

- In 2019 KRATOS 3 started. Kratos 3 offers free advice to farmers tailored to their company on a number of topics, spread over 13 advice modules;
- With KRATOS farmers can gain external expertise on the economic aspects of their business operations. They can have a business plan and business accounting prepared. In addition, there are also modules in which advice is possible on preconditions for income support, greening, soil, occupational safety and biodiversity. Companies

that do home processing can find out about their technical aspects: new recipes, better production processes, determining shelf life, etc. Advice on water and energy that is currently very topical is also possible within KRATOS. Farmers can have a water audit and an energy audit carried out to map their consumption and to discover how they can save water and energy;

- Also young farmers are favored and they have extra possibilities to get extra advice on a number of economic issues, for example to get expertise on economic aspects of their business operations.

¹ Flanders Rural Development Program 2014-2020 - Annual Report 2018 16.07.2019

Overview of advisory public policies and of their impact on regimes

The table below showcases the main advisory policy tools and their impacts on the advisory regimes in the region/country of study. Agrilink partners identified the most relevant policy tools as well as their funding, competent authority in charge

and type of instrument. The effects of the policy tools in the advisory regime of the regions/country are described in terms of boundaries, identities, attributes, financing and control.

Policy tools linked to EU policies

	CVBB Manure handling	PreventAgri Safety on farms	Rural Development program (PDPOIII)	Implementation of EIP Agri	PASLOKET (IHD, natura 2000)
What?					
How?	<p>-Funding: Funded by farmers organisation Flemish Government.</p> <p>- Authority: VLM.</p> <p>- Actions: Private advise in specific areas with high pollution.</p>	<p>-Funding: Funded by social partners.</p> <p>- Authority: ILVO (research centre).</p> <p>- Actions: Advice/ Knowledge dissemination.</p>	<p>-Funding: CAP & Flemish government.</p> <p>- Authority: Ministry of agriculture/ Regional level.</p> <p>- Actions: Free advice on 13 modules.</p>	<p>-Funding: European funding.</p> <p>- Authority: Ministry of agriculture/ Regional level.</p> <p>- Actions: Support to Operational Groups.</p>	<p>-Funding: Flemish Government.</p> <p>- Authority: ILVO (research centre).</p> <p>- Actions: Support to IHD – farmers.</p>
Impact	<p>Boundaries: n.a.</p> <p>Identities: Practical research centres.</p> <p>Attributes: Free support on manure handling.</p> <p>Financing: Through farmers/government.</p>	<p>Boundaries: n.a.</p> <p>Identities: Own structure.</p> <p>Attributes: n.a.</p> <p>Financing: By social partners.</p>	<p>Boundaries: None.</p> <p>Identities: Private Advisors.</p> <p>Attributes: Free support on business enhancement.</p> <p>Financing: PDPO 4 year.</p> <p>Control: High – through digital tool.</p>	<p>Boundaries: Budget low.</p> <p>Identities: Focus on innovative farmers.</p> <p>Attributes: Support to innovation networks. Financing: Calls.</p> <p>Control: Through office or government.</p>	<p>Boundaries: Effected by pas/ IHD.</p> <p>Identities: ILVO researcher.</p> <p>Attributes: One on one.</p> <p>Financing: Flemish government.</p> <p>Control: None.</p>

