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Implementation of the EU Farm Advisory System in Bulgaria

In Bulgaria, advisory services are mainly provided by the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAAS), which is a public body, along with some private advisory service providers. The EU-FAS in Bulgaria is widely understood as an agricultural advisory system mainly carried out by NAAS and their regional agricultural advisory offices, following the general EU guidelines. At the regional level, the EU-FAS is represented by 27 regional agricultural advisory offices. The system is certificated, coordinated and controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. The regional advisory offices offer horizontal services to all farmers. The EU-FAS in Bulgaria guarantees that farmers have access to advisory services and receive information and support based on their specific needs. These services include the compliance with the statutory management requirements and the standards for good agricultural and environmental conditions and agricultural practices for the climate and the environment and maintenance of the agricultural land. For over a decade, there have been no significant changes in the farm advisory system in Bulgaria. The key component for achieving high-quality outcomes is the well-developed cooperation between NAAS (the main implementing institution) and research institutes and also between NAAS and the Ministry of Agriculture along with the regional authorities. The main drawback in relation to the implementation of EU-FAS is that cooperation among public advisory service and private extension companies has not been achieved, a fact that should be taken into consideration while designing the future development of EU-FAS in Bulgaria.

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