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**Overview of the implementation of the EU-FAS regulation in 16 Member States**

The EU-FAS regulation is one of the first attempts of the European Commission to set regulations about advisory services. It is a cross-cutting instrument of the Common Agricultural Policy that aims to support the contribution of advisory services to a sustainable development of agriculture. Concretely, Member States (MS) have to set-up farm advisory services covering a number of obligatory fields. The objective is that farmers can access information and knowledge about how to comply with standards dealing with environmental or health-related issues.

AgriLink project implemented an analysis of EU-FAS regulation in 16 MS: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and UK. The aim was to understand how the EU-FAS affected the features of farm advisory regimes, and to identify features/types/convergences in the implementation of the EU-FAS regulation between countries.

The analysis demonstrates that the EU-FAS has not led to a convergence of advisory regimes across countries, but rather reveals the diversity of institutions framing such regimes. Accredited suppliers are very diverse, with a growing share of farmer-based organisations and a lesser role for public actors. The EU-FAS reveals the difficulties of monitoring advisory services in pluralistic landscape and fragmented agricultural knowledge and innovation systems. Its impact on the actual content and method of advice seems to be limited, but some cases highlight efficient support to back-office.

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Detailed information about the FAS regulation and the results of the research can be found: D4.1-AgriLink-EUFAS-assesment\_without\_annexes.pdf (agrilink2020.eu).



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