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**Analysis of agricultural advisory systems in seven Member States**

An in-depth analysis of the farm advisory regimes (FAR), understood as the set of institution that frame the delivery of farm advice, was carried out for seven European countries (the Czech Republic, France, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Spain and the UK).

We analysed the FAR with five dimensions (through policy analysis and local observations): i) the boundaries of advisory provision, ii) the identities of advisory suppliers, iii) the attributes of the services, iv) the financing schemes, and v) the control of these funding schemes and of the activities of suppliers. The analysis of official policy statements related to the organisation of farm advisory services shows a variety of models that can be related to ideal-types of regimes. However, the description of FAR at national levels does not acknowledge the many institutional changes that are observable on the ground. In many cases, the diversity of suppliers is broader than expected and services are delivered by organisations that are not specialised in farm advice.

According to the innovation area considered, actors of the supply chain (industries, cooperatives, traders) might be important change agents of advice, as well as NGOs, private experts and research institutes. These actors are often overlooked in policy design. Their practices and routines often remain in a blindspot of policy and academic debate. More details can be found in the respective Practice abstracts for each case study.

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