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The rules in farm advisory regimes in the Czech Republic

We present rules in advice provision and needs for change in the Czech Republic. Farm advisory rules were initiated at the late 90s and were changed by the Council Regulation No. 1782/2003. Supported advice is currently focused mainly on CAP environmental rules in the form of simple consultations and, for instance, not sufficiently on chemical plant protection and modernisation.

Advice provision is supported only from national public sources in 2021. Accreditation of individual advisors should ensure the quality of advice and it is a precondition for CAP support, but it limits the already low number of advisors integrated in AKIS. Conditions are: sufficient education/experience, a passed exam, a defended advisory project and regular training. It is possible to make checks of advisory reports and daily records, or visit the farmer. But on-farm quality control is not carried out in practice. No specific methods of one-to-one advice are mentioned in policy documents.

Currently the definition of beneficiaries is changing and also non-accredited advisors will have a chance to be integrated in AKIS under CAP.

Advice effectiveness is not evaluated sufficiently yet. Interviewed advisors appreciate mandatory training, but it is not sufficiently targeted at practical knowledge and approaches in advice provision. Farmers and advisors are supported by publications and sophisticated web-based tools (e.g. erosion calculator) to balance the general lack of advisors.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In order to increase advice effectiveness it is recommended to assess the effects of current policies; open CAP support to as many as possible independent advisors; expand advisors' training with practical topics, advisory skills, and missing topics supporting CAP effectiveness.

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