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EU-FAS implementation in Italy

Italian administrative structure and political dynamics resulted in a fragmented agricultural innovation system with regional boundaries, priorities and working modes. It led to a diversified regional situation, where a National description has limited value. As in other EU countries, the implementation of Measure 2 of the Rural Development Plan 2014-2020 had 2 years delay due to incompatibilities between the National/Regional and EU regulations on tender procedure. As a consequence only from 2018 on some regions open the calls, using a National cost simplification calculation. Main findings about EU-FAS implementation in Italy: 1. Boundaries: high diversity in the implementation. Regions that took very diverse approaches in terms of topics, financing modalities as well as monitoring and control procedures; 2. Identities: advice suppliers regionally differ but in general include farmers' unions, farmers' associations, private advisory companies, freelance advisors and public bodies (Regional agencies or their replacing entities where still existing); 3. Financing: at the end of 2019, only 3 regions reported expenditures on Measure 2, while the majority of regions did not report expenses or decided to not open at all the measure. In few cases the regions allocated their own funds; 4. Topics: mainly related to mandatory fulfilments, i.e. animal waste management planning. No topics related to organisational innovation were included, nor topics related to ecosystem services; 5. Monitoring and control procedures vary significantly region by region (within the EU framework). Some very detailed and rigid procedures resulted in conflicts or overwhelming for the applicants.

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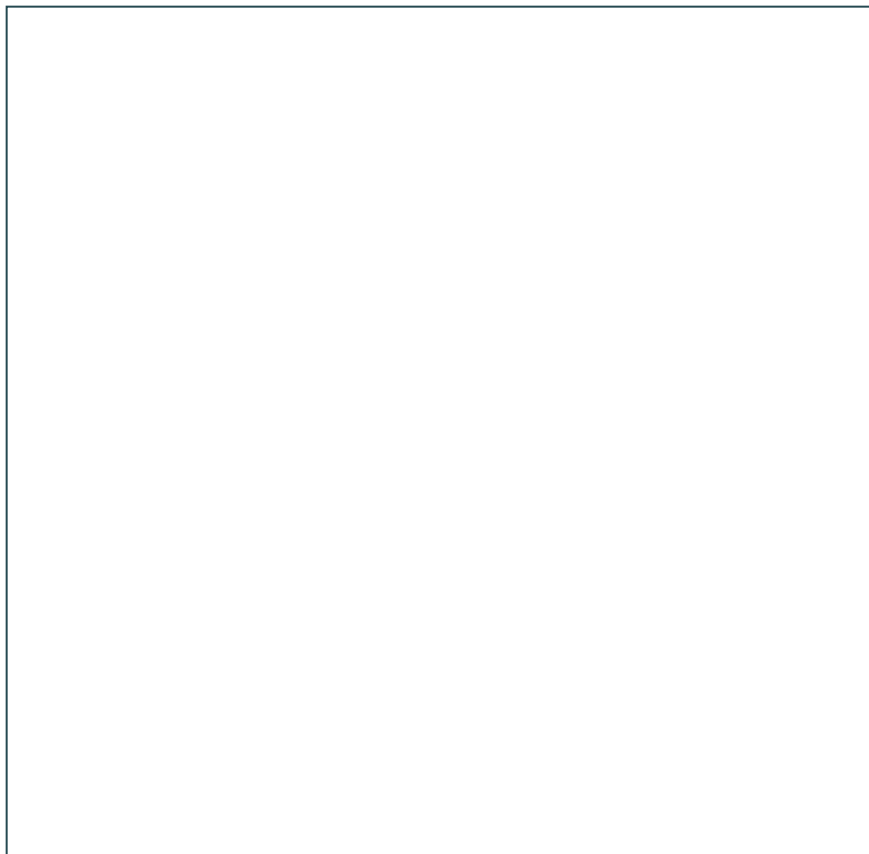
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