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EU-FAS implementation in Latvia

The EU-FAS (Farm Advisory Services) in Latvia is governed by the Ministry of Agriculture, administered by the Rural Support Service, while the delivery is granted to advisory organisations on competitive basis. The main provider organisation granted the EU-FAS contract is the Latvia Rural Advisory and Training Centre. The EU-FAS activities are funded from public sources: 2/3 of the finances come from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the remainder is national funding. The maximum cost covered per farmer is 1,500 EUR over the entire programming period (2016-2019). The total number of beneficiaries during this period was 10,500 farmers out of approximately 65,000 farms in Latvia. In 2020-2023 the support per farm is increased to EUR 3000.

Findings: 1. The EU-FAS in Latvia is a unified and nationally-operating system. 2. The application for services is done by farmers in the online application system. 3. The main clients are medium-sized farms. 4. The EU-FAS have contributed to agriculture in Latvia by enhancing farmers' professionalism and strengthening the role of the independent advisors. 5. The future challenges of the EU-FAS in Latvia include widening the target groups, strengthening the capacities of advisors and addressing new environmental measures.

The main practical recommendation: To ensure efficient delivery of the EU-FAS a user and advisor friendly digital support and management platform should be put in place.

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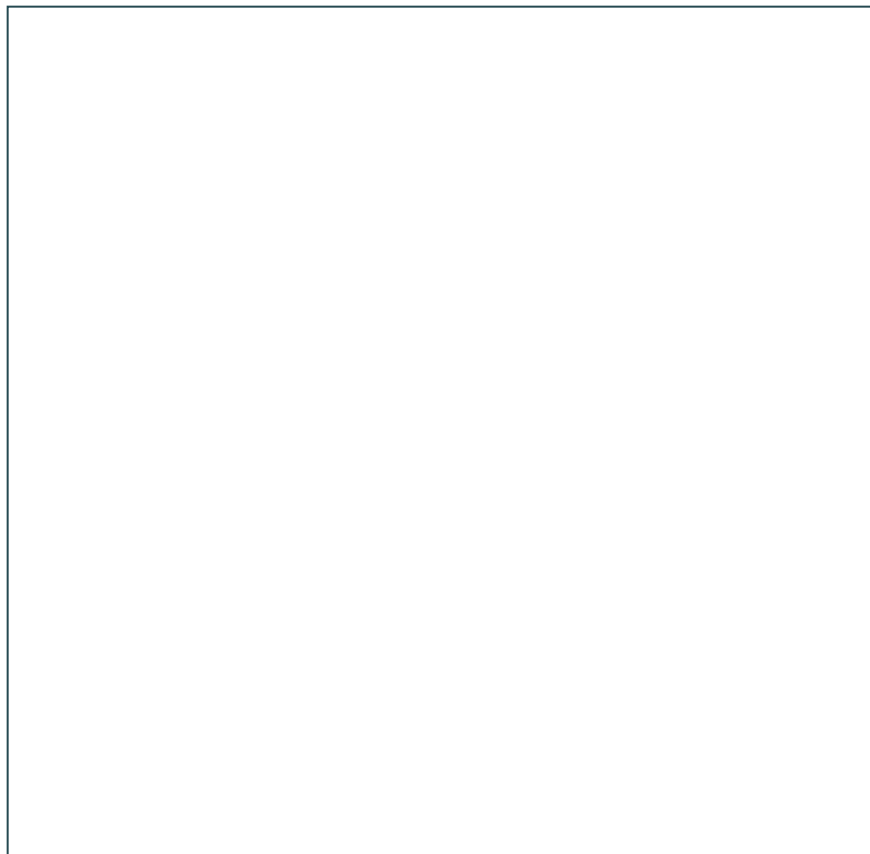
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