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Implementation of European Farm Advisory Services in France

The European regulation of the "Farm Advisory System" (FAS) aims to "provide voluntary access for any farmer to accredited advisory bodies" (<https://info.agriculture.gouv.fr/gedei/site/bo-agri/instruction-2015-823>). In France, the FAS procedure has been decentralised: the accreditation of networks grouping one or more organisations to provide advice is handled by the DRAAF (Direction Régionale de l'Alimentation, de l'Agriculture et de la Forêt), DAAF in the overseas departments and regions. The advice given concerns various topics aimed at better disseminating the principles of agroecology (see <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/le-systeme-de-conseil-agricole-sca-pour-acco...>). The FAS networks are the only ones able to issue "cross-compliance attestations" and level 1 attestations of environmental certification, that can be taken into account for CAP controls.

The Ministry of Agriculture considers that there is already a strong national advisory policy, based on a particular method of financing (tax on agricultural income called "CASDAR" around 140M€/year). The FAS regulation was interpreted as a recognition of this pre-existing system and helps to strengthen interactions between organisations. It includes very little additional funding (reduced use of the 2nd pillar). Despite a slow start, France is now entirely covered by officially recognised FAS bodies. The main accredited organisations are the chambers of agriculture, as well as some cooperatives.

A detailed report on the application of this measure in France is available: <https://www.agrilink2020.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/AgriLink-EUFAS-as...>

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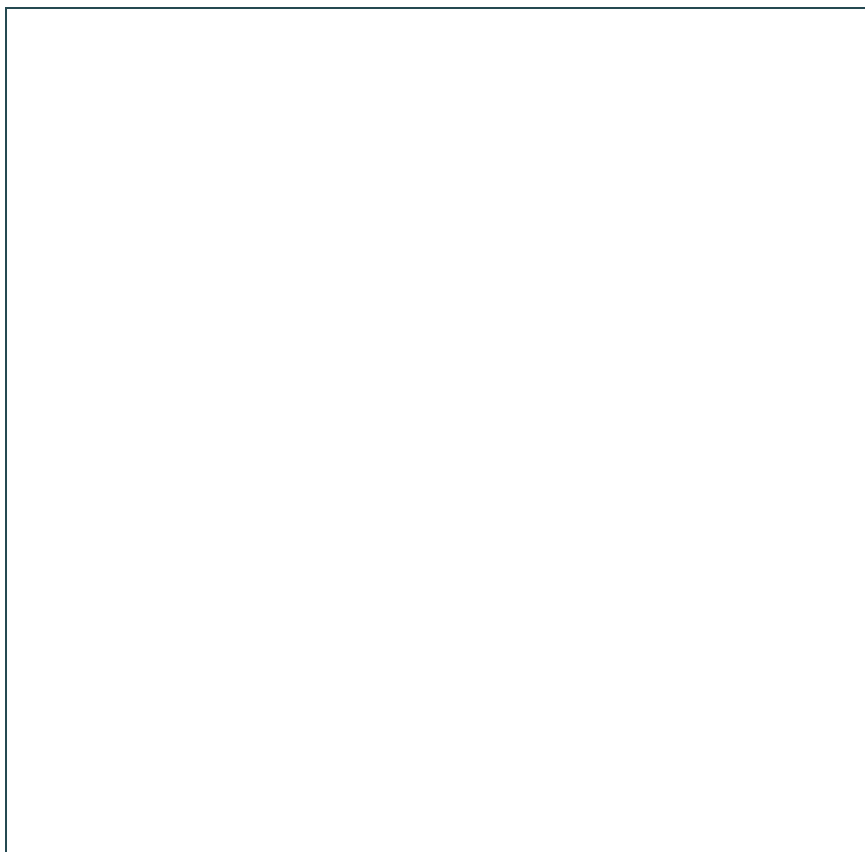
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