



Non-exhaustive list of issues and questions to facilitate preparations for bilateral meetings

– FARM ACCOUNTANCY DATA NETWORK

1. INTRODUCTION

The Farm Accountancy Data Network is a system established in 1965 (Council Regulation 79/65) to collect accountancy data from ‘commercial’ agricultural holdings

- For the determination of income
- For business analysis of agricultural holdings

FADN collects representative information according to region, type of farming and economic size. The types of farming, classification according to economic size and regions are compatible with the Eurostat Farm Structure Survey (FSS) , so it is possible to attribute to each farm in the FADN sample a weight according to the occurrence of similar farms/types in the FSS. The typology is described in Commission Decision 85/377. The information collected is described in Commission Regulation 2237/77 as amended by Commission Regulations 1837/2001 and 2253/2004. Other important legislation regarding the FADN are the Commission Regulations 1859/82 concerning the selection of returning holdings, and Commission Regulation 1915/83.

This questionnaire aims to get a better view on the current situation regarding collection of micro-economic information in the agricultural sector, and the efforts needed to build a system fully compatible with the European Farm Accountancy Data Network

2. QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE FARM ACCOUNTANCY DATA NETWORK

2.1. Determination of the field of observation

2.1.1. What is the total number of farms in your country which provide for:

-at least 1 full time employment

or

-sufficient income for at least 1 person to live on ?

- 2.1.2. *What would be the minimum (economic) size of a farm to fulfil the above criteria?*
- 2.1.3. *What would be the minimum UAA and/or number of livestock to fulfil the above criteria?*
- 2.1.4. *What is their share in the total number of farms? What is their share in the total value of agricultural output?*
- 2.1.5. *If possible, please provide information regarding the average income (if possible with and without government subsidies) of the farms falling under this category*

2.2. Framework for the development of FADN

- 2.2.1. *Is there currently legislation obliging farmers to keep accounts?*
 - 2.2.1.1. If so: please describe which farms/farmers fall under this legislation
 - 2.2.1.2. For the farms that are not obliged to keep accounts: is there information available about the share and type of farms currently keeping accounts on a voluntary base?
- 2.2.2. *Is there currently legislation on the collection of micro-economic information on farms, and on their use?*
- 2.2.3. *Is there currently any system collecting accountancy information or information on revenue of farmers in your country ?*

If so : Please describe, treating where possible following issues::
number of farms on which data are collected,

- 2.2.3.1. share of the total number of farms/output ,
- 2.2.3.2. possible breakdown of the information by region, type of farming and size,
- 2.2.3.3. protection of individual data against improper use,
- 2.2.3.4. year since which this information is collected,
- 2.2.3.5. method for selection of the participating farms,
- 2.2.3.6. services/organisations responsible for

- data collection
- data processing,

- management of the system,

2.2.3.7. Relation of this system with agricultural statistics

2.2.3.8. Please describe which steps would be needed to make this system compatible with the legal requirements as described in the introduction, adding where relevant

- Timetable
- Progress made so far
- Difficulties that can be expected

If currently no system similar to FADN exists: please describe the steps needed to build such a system from scratch, answering, where relevant, for the envisaged system the questions 2.2.3.1 to 2.2.3.8.