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SCREENING WITH CROATIA AND TURKEY

NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF ISSUES AND QUESTIONS TO FACILITATE PREPARATIONS FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS

ON GENERAL PROVISIONS, THE SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME, COUPLED AID SCHEMES AND THE INTEGRATED ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM (IACS)

This questionnaire covers the general provisions which are applicable for all direct aid and the specific conditions for a decoupled income support, coupled aid schemes and the IACS system.

1. General Provisions (Title II of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003)

1.1 Cross compliance

- 1.1.1 Are your direct payments conditioned on the respect of management requirements established by your legislation in the areas of public, animal and plant health, environment, animal welfare? If yes, what are the conditions the farmers have to respect?
- 1.1.2 Does the beneficiary also have to comply with standards similar to the EU of "good agricultural and environmental conditions" in particular established for land which is no longer used for production? What are the standards in the areas of soil erosion, soil organic matter, soil structure and minimum level of maintenance of the land?
- 1.1.3 What are the consequences for the beneficiary in the case of non compliance with the standards under 1.1.2 and 1.1.3? Is there a reduction of aid or exclusion of aid? Please specify the conditions? (see annex for details)
- 1.1.4 What are your standards the farmer has to respect in order to maintain the level of permanent pasture?

1.2 Farm advisory system

1.2.1 Do you run a Farm advisory system, which aims at advising farmers on land and farm management and which covers your management requirements as well as your standards in the area of soil erosion, soil

organic matter, soil structure and the minimum level of maintenance of the land? If yes, what are the standards covered by your Farm advisory system?

- 1.2.2 What are the operators which run the system? Are they recognised by your authorities?
- 1.2.3 What are the conditions for the participation of farmers (mandatory/optional)?

2 SINGLE PAYMENT SYSTEM (TITLE II AND IV A OF REGULATION (EC) NO 1782/2003)

2.1 General principles

2.1.1 Do you grant income support to farmers which does not oblige the farmer to produce agricultural products on his holding?

If no, refer to the questionnaire "Direct aid for coupled sectors" which comprises questions concerning aid to producers with the obligation to produce agricultural products (e.g. aid for arable land granted on the condition that arable crops are cultivated).

2.2 Eligibility conditions

- 2.2.1 What are the eligibility conditions for the beneficiary?
- 2.2.2 On which basis is the aid granted? (e.g. area payment, payment per holding)
- 2.2.3 If the area is granted per ha of eligible area, what kind of area is eligible and what areas are excluded (arable land, grassland, pasture, permanent crops, forestry areas and set aside land)?
- 2.2.4 How is the amount of aid per unit calculated? If it is an area payment, is there any differentiation of the aid regarding arable land, grassland, permanent pasture?
- 2.2.5 Does the farmer have to keep the land for a certain period in order to keep it eligible?
- 2.2.6 Are there any conditions for the land use such as exclusion of the usage of the land for fruit and vegetable production? Please specify.

2.3 Establishment of transferable rights for payments

- 2.3.1 Do your run a system of payment rights which are transferable between beneficiaries? Please specify the rules for the establishment and the transfer.
- 2.3.2 Do you have different types of rights in your system? Do they have different values?

2.4 Budget

- 2.4.1 What is the total budget for the aid scheme which is not linked to production?
- 2.4.2 Is there a regional allocation of the budget (regional ceilings)?

3 OTHER AID SCHEMES (TITLE IV OF COUNCIL REGULATION 1782/2003)

3.1 Specific Quality Premium for Durum Wheat (Chapter 1)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers growing durum wheat falling within CN code 1001 10 00:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

If yes, describe the aid:

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limits per subsidy (individual / regional, such as specific production zones, base area)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, operators, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, the use of certified seeds of certain varieties).

3.2 Protein Crop Premium (Chapter 2)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers growing protein crops covered by Article 76 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

If yes, describe the aid:

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limits per subsidy (individual / regional, such as specific production zones, base area)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, operators, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, aid is granted if harvested after the stage of lactic ripeness).

3.3 Crop Specific Payment for Rice (Chapter 3)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers growing rice falling within CN code 1006 10:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limits of the aid (individual/regional level, base area/budgetary limitation)
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, operators, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid

Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, aid
is granted if crop is maintained until at least the beginning of the
flowering period under normal growth conditions).

3.4 Area Payment for Nuts (Chapter 4)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers growing nuts listed in Article 83(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

If yes, describe the aid:

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limits of the aid (individual/regional, base area/budgetary limitation)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, operators, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, minimum plot size and tree density).

3.5 Aid for Energy Crops (Chapter 5)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers growing crops for the production of energy products defined in 88 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)

- Are there any quantitative limits of the aid (individual/regional level, guaranteed area/budgetary limitation)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, processing industry, end users)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, production covered by a contract between producer and firstprocessor).

3.6 Aid for Potato Starch (Chapter 6)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers producing potatoes intended for the manufacture of potato starch:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

If yes, describe the aid:

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limits of the aid (for example, production quota, budgetary ceiling)
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, starch manufacturer, other)
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, cultivation contract between producer and starch manufacturer).

3.7 Dairy Premium and Additional Payment (Chapter 7)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers producing milk:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?

– as structural support?

If yes, describe the aid:

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limit of the aid (for example, milk quota or budgetary ceiling)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, processors, other)
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, only to farmers having an individual reference quantities available at the farm, specific milk quality).

3.8 Seed Aid (Chapter 9)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers producing basic seeds or officially certified seeds of one or more of the species listed in Annex XI of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and in the case of varieties of *Cannabis sativa L*. those listed in Annex II. of Commission Regulation (EC) No 796/2004:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limit of the aid (for example, production quota, budgetary ceiling)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (farmer, seed establishment or breeder)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or kg)
- Total budget per aid

Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, area is accepted for certification for which the aid for seeds is claimed, seed should be marketed for sowing, aid is granted only for seed harvested in the territory of the Member State).

3.9 Arable Crops Area Payment (Chapter 10)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers growing arable crops listed in Annex IX of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

If yes, describe the aid:

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limit of the aid (base areas, budgetary limitation)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, operators, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, specific sowing date, and use of specific seeds, certified seeds or specific varieties).

Is there a specific payment to grass silage? If yes, describe it using the above list of questions.

Is there a specific aid for flax and hemp grown for fibre? If yes describe it using the above list of questions

If there is an aid for hemp grown for fibre, describe in detail the specific eligibility conditions. For example, in relation to the obligation to have:

- Cultivation contract or commitment between farmer and first processor
- Use of certified seeds and declaration of areas on hemp grown for fibre

- Use of varieties with a tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content not exceeding 0.2%.

3.10 Crop Specific Payment for Cotton (Chapter 10a)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers growing cotton falling within CN code 5201 00:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

If yes, describe the aid:

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limit of the aid (national/regional base area, budgetary limitation)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (farmers, approved inter-branch organisations, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, aid
 is granted if grown in specific areas, use of authorised varieties,
 the crop is maintained until at least the boll opening under normal
 growing conditions).

3.11 Aid for Olive Groves (Chapter 10b)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers as a contribution to the maintenance of olive groves:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)

- Is there any quantitative limit of the aid (individual/regional level, base area/budgetary limitation)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Is there any registration of olive groves? If yes, describe it.
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, processors, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid.

3.12 Tobacco Aid (Chapter 10c)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers producing raw tobacco falling within CN code 2401:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Are there any quantitative limits of the aid (e.g. production quota)? If yes, how does it work?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, first-processors, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid such as:
 - Aid limited to specific production area,
 - Any quality requirements,
 - Obligation of the farmer to deliver raw tobacco to the premises of first processor under a cultivation contract.

3.13 Hops Area Aid (Chapter 10d)

Are there any subsidies paid to farmers producing hops falling within CN code 1210:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

If yes, describe the aid:

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Are there any quantitative limits of the aid. If yes, how does it work?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (producers, processors, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, limitation to specific production areas, obligation to harvest the crop)

3.14 Sheep and Goat Premiums (Chapter 11)

Are there any subsidies paid to sheep and goat farmers:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- What animals are eligible for aid: category and age group of animals? (Compare it with the Community definition provided for in Article 112 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003)
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (yearly, once, more time in the life of the animal)
- Is there any quantitative limit per subsidy (e.g. individual-regional-national)?

- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (farmers, farmers' organisations, operators, slaughterhouses, other)?
- Amount of aid per unit (head)
- Total budget per aid
- Is there any retention period?
- Is there any system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals? (See Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004)
 If yes, does it a condition to qualify for the aid?)
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, linking the granting of aid to certain animal density (n° of animal/ha of forage area)) on the farm.

3.15 Beef and Veal Payment (Chapter 12)

Are there any subsidies paid to beef farmers:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- What animals are eligible for aid: category and age group of animals?
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (yearly, once, more time in the life of the animal)?
- Is there any quantitative limit per subsidy (e.g. individual-regional-national)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries (farmers, farmers' organisation, operators, slaughterhouses)?
- Amount of aid per unit (head, hectare)
- Total budget per aid
- Is there any retention period?

- Is there any system for the identification and registration of bovine animals? (See Council Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000). If yes, does it a condition to qualify for the aid?)
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid (for example, linking the granting of aid to certain animal density (n° of animal/ha of forage area)) on the farm.

3.16 Grain Legumes Aid (Chapter 13)

Are there any subsidies to the production of grain legumes listed in Article 141 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003:

- as an income support?
- as a price support?
- as structural support?

If yes, describe the aid:

- Type (income/price support/structural) of the aid
- When such aid is granted and how frequently (quarterly, yearly etc)
- Is there any quantitative limit of the aid (budgetary limits or base area)?
- What happens if such quantitative limits are exceeded?
- Who are the beneficiaries?
- Amount of aid per unit (ha or tonnes)
- Total budget per aid
- Specific eligibility conditions of granting the aid

3.17 Others

Are there any other aid schemes that are not covered by Section 3.1 to 3.16? If, yes please describe it.

4 INTEGRATED ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM (IACS)

4.1 Do you have a control system in place?

If so, describe it, including responsibilities, tools and data used, timing, etc.

4.2 Which of the schemes you mentioned under point 2 and 3 of this questionnaire are covered by your control system?

If some the aid schemes are not covered, please explain the reason for the exclusion.

4.3 Do you have a sanction mechanism in place?

If so, describe it, including sanction levels, etc.

4.4 Do you have a working land register (LPIS)?

If so, describe it, including source data, type of reference parcel, containing what data (such as : total utilised agricultural area; non-permanent crops, (arable crop land); permanent pasture land (grazing meadow); permanent crops (fruit trees, etc); forest, other type of ineligible land), etc

Does it cover the entire national territory?

Who owns the data / is responsible for managing them?

4.5 Do you have working computerised databases?

If so, describe them, how are they established, who is managing them, what data are they containing, applicants, holdings, applications, Identification and Registration of animals (I&R) and give numbers.

Annex: Table on the good agricultural and environmental conditions