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Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on
support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural
Development (EAFRD) (the rural development regulation) (*CAP Reform*)

*- Background data used in the impact assessment for the distribution of direct and
rural development payments between Member States*

Delegations will find attached in Annex for information a Note for the File prepared by the
Commission Services containing background data used in the Commission impact assessment for
the distribution of direct and rural development payments between Member States.



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NOTE FOR THE FILE

Subject: Background data used in the impact assessment for the distribution of direct and rural development payments between Member States

The annexed tables of this note present the basic background data which have been used in the analysis of the redistribution of public support for direct payments and rural development in the context of the impact assessment of the legal proposals for the CAP adopted by the Commission on October 12, 2011.

The data correspond to a set of statistical and administrative information related to the economic, environmental and territorial situation of EU Member States, reflect the most recently available data when the impact assessment was undertaken, and express economic, environmental and territorial aspects.

a) Economic background data

Two macroeconomic variables, national income and productivity in the agricultural sector, are included. The former is measured by the gross domestic product per capita expressed in purchasing power standards (PPS). Data are taken from the AMECO database of DG ECFIN of the European Commission. The chosen indicator for agricultural productivity is gross value added in agriculture per annual working unit (expressed in PPS). The data source is Eurostat. For all the economic variables, the information relates to a three-year average in order to attenuate the impact of the annual variability. An additional variable included to measure the economic weight of rural areas is the rural population (calculated at NUTS 3 level on the basis of Eurostat regional population statistics for 2006 and following the OECD classification of rural areas).

b) Environmental and territorial background data

The environmental and territorial conditions for agricultural production and rural areas in different Member States are captured by the national shares of different land use types in the EU total.

The specific areas included in the analysis are the agricultural Natura 2000 and forest area (source: Corine Land Cover, 2000), permanent grassland (source: Eurostat, 2007) and Less Favoured Areas (source: Member States' communication to DG AGRI, 2005¹).

The size of the total utilised agricultural area (UAA) is also taken into account (source: Eurostat, 2007) to reflect the relative spatial importance of agriculture in different countries. The eligible area that is considered under the direct payment scheme corresponds to the potentially eligible area (source: IACS). At the time of the impact assessment exercise, the latest available year for the data was 2009.

¹ C.f. "Rural Development in the European Union - Statistical and Economic Information - Report 2010", European Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/agrista/rurdev2010/index_en.htm)

Annex tables: Background data used in the impact assessment for the distribution of direct and rural development payments between Member States

a) Economic background data

MS	PPS (avg. 2007-09) Current PPS in EUR European Commission, DG ECFIN, AMECO database (based on Eurostat)	GDP/capita (avg. 2007-09) in current PPS as % of EU-27 European Commission, DG ECFIN, AMECO database May 2011 (based on Eurostat)	Agricultural labour force (avg. 2007-09)		Gross Value Added (avg. 2007-09)		Rural population (PR + IR - NUTS3) 2006		
			in 1000 AWU Eurostat, Economic Accounts for Agriculture, labour input statistics (aact_ail)	in % of EU-27	in mio PPS	% of EU-27	in thousands	in % of EU-27	
								Eurostat, regional population statistics, OECD classification of rural areas	
Belgium	1.12	28 345.3	115.6%	65.3	0.6%	2 070.7	1.3%	1 612.2	0.6%
Bulgaria	0.42	9 831.5	40.1%	445.1	3.9%	3 578.5	2.3%	6 464.3	2.4%
Czech Republic	0.67	19 650.9	80.1%	134.6	1.2%	1 583.1	1.0%	9 084.2	3.3%
Denmark	1.39	29 456.7	120.1%	58.5	0.5%	1 342.5	0.9%	3 845.4	1.4%
Germany	1.04	28 346.9	115.6%	544.7	4.7%	14 150.7	9.0%	34 775.8	12.6%
Estonia	0.69	16 111.4	65.7%	31.1	0.3%	338.9	0.2%	1 171.3	0.4%
Ireland	1.20	33 886.8	138.2%	148.2	1.3%	1 258.6	0.8%	3 069.6	1.1%
Greece	0.91	23 166.0	94.5%	572.7	5.0%	6 398.1	4.1%	7 131.6	2.6%
Spain	0.92	25 337.0	103.3%	951.0	8.3%	25 192.1	16.0%	22 728.2	8.3%
France	1.13	26 673.2	108.8%	887.5	7.7%	23 050.2	14.6%	44 674.8	16.2%
Italy	1.02	25 002.2	102.0%	1 189.3	10.3%	24 002.9	15.2%	27 079.3	9.8%
Cyprus	0.90	23 458.3	95.7%	25.7	0.2%	330.5	0.2%	772.5	0.3%
Latvia	0.69	13 298.8	54.2%	99.2	0.9%	416.1	0.3%	1 562.9	0.6%
Lithuania	0.61	14 453.8	58.9%	152.0	1.3%	1 157.4	0.7%	2 546.0	0.9%
Luxembourg	1.17	67 532.8	275.4%	3.6	0.0%	94.3	0.1%	472.6	0.2%
Hungary	0.64	15 553.6	63.4%	435.3	3.8%	3 451.2	2.2%	8 374.3	3.0%
Malta	0.72	18 813.3	76.7%	4.2	0.0%	79.8	0.1%	0.0	0.0%
Netherlands	1.09	32 704.9	133.4%	184.2	1.6%	7 504.4	4.8%	2 800.1	1.0%
Austria	1.09	30 303.0	123.6%	153.1	1.3%	2 459.9	1.6%	6 349.6	2.3%
Poland	0.62	13 957.4	56.9%	2 287.5	19.9%	12 226.4	7.7%	29 527.7	10.7%
Portugal	0.83	18 702.8	76.3%	359.0	3.1%	2 517.7	1.6%	5 056.6	1.8%
Romania	0.54	11 152.6	45.5%	2 169.7	18.9%	13 098.0	8.3%	19 652.0	7.1%
Slovenia	0.81	21 769.4	88.8%	83.0	0.7%	506.4	0.3%	2 007.0	0.7%
Slovakia	0.64	17 312.5	70.6%	89.2	0.8%	754.8	0.5%	4 786.0	1.7%
Finland	1.18	28 383.2	115.7%	88.8	0.8%	1 078.5	0.7%	3 899.8	1.4%
Sweden	1.16	29 543.1	120.5%	65.9	0.6%	1 170.6	0.7%	7 176.5	2.6%
United Kingdom	1.05	28 435.6	116.0%	281.9	2.4%	8 045.5	5.1%	18 444.1	6.7%
EU-27	1.00	24 521.2	100.0%	11 510.1	100.0%	157 857.6	100.0%	275 064.4	100.0%
EU-15		27 206.1	110.9%	5 553.7	48.3%	120 336.6	76.2%	189 116.2	68.8%
EU-12		16 280.3	66.4%	5 956.5	51.7%	37 521.0	23.8%	85 948.2	31.2%

b) Environmental and territorial background data

MS	Natura 2000 (2000)		Permanent grassland (2007)		LFA (2005)	
	ha	% of EU-27	in ha	% of EU-27	in ha	% of EU-27
	Corine Land Cover		Eurostat, Farm Structure Survey 2007, land use (ef_lu_ofgrass)		DG AGRI, MS specific comm. or CAP-IDIM (see RD report)	
Belgium	100 231	0.5%	511 450	0.9%	249 404	0.3%
Bulgaria	692 319	3.7%	279 580	0.5%	842 004	0.9%
Czech Republic	231 931	1.2%	909 180	1.6%	1 751 897	1.9%
Denmark	126 714	0.7%	201 050	0.4%	30 318	0.0%
Germany	2 025 707	10.8%	4 838 570	8.5%	8 858 314	9.4%
Estonia	54 310	0.3%	273 390	0.5%	338 971	0.4%
Ireland	382 351	2.0%	3 130 280	5.5%	3 270 295	3.5%
Greece	770 326	4.1%	819 610	1.4%	3 111 340	3.3%
Spain	4 342 696	23.1%	8 649 790	15.2%	20 315 106	21.6%
France	2 413 081	12.8%	8 105 260	14.3%	12 278 973	13.0%
Italy	1 362 933	7.2%	3 451 760	6.1%	6 452 924	6.9%
Cyprus	2 124	0.0%	1 860	0.0%	91 259	0.1%
Latvia	118 355	0.6%	639 520	1.1%	1 251 357	1.3%
Lithuania	99 704	0.5%	819 130	1.4%	1 593 335	1.7%
Luxembourg	14 486	0.1%	68 290	0.1%	123 124	0.1%
Hungary	641 108	3.4%	504 150	0.9%	883 907	0.9%
Malta	577	0.0%	0	0.0%	10 250	0.0%
Netherlands	96 574	0.5%	820 700	1.4%	233 007	0.2%
Austria	372 839	2.0%	1 730 260	3.0%	2 093 040	2.2%
Poland	1 853 856	9.9%	3 271 240	5.8%	9 227 925	9.8%
Portugal	637 884	3.4%	1 780 580	3.1%	3 401 621	3.6%
Romania	1 342 902	7.1%	4 540 140	8.0%	3 974 631	4.2%
Slovenia	108 640	0.6%	288 220	0.5%	448 473	0.5%
Slovakia	317 008	1.7%	551 090	1.0%	1 152 127	1.2%
Finland	19 541	0.1%	38 470	0.1%	2 152 646	2.3%
Sweden	137 999	0.7%	487 120	0.9%	1 548 338	1.6%
United Kingdom	549 301	2.9%	10 080 030	17.7%	8 423 979	9.0%
EU-27	18 815 475	100.0%	56 790 720	100.0%	94 108 567	100.0%
EU-15	13 352 642	71.0%	44 713 220	78.7%	72 542 429	77.1%
EU-12	5 462 834	29.0%	12 077 500	21.3%	21 566 138	22.9%

b) Environmental and territorial background data (continued)

MS	Forest area (2000)		UAA (2007)		Potentially eligible area (2009)	
	in ha	in % of EU-27 Corine Land Cover	in ha	in % EU-27 Eurostat, Farm Structure Survey 2007, land use summary (ef. of Iusum)	in ha	IACS statistics
Belgium	611 478	0.5%	1 374 430	0.8%	1 308 651	
Bulgaria	3 492 340	2.6%	3 050 740	1.8%	3 492 383	
Czech Republic	2 556 040	1.9%	3 518 070	2.0%	3 511 090	
Denmark	384 614	0.3%	2 662 590	1.5%	2 655 562	
Germany	10 391 700	7.8%	16 931 900	9.8%	16 864 123	
Estonia	2 093 030	1.6%	906 830	0.5%	865 061	
Ireland	293 238	0.2%	4 139 240	2.4%	4 637 136	
Greece	2 375 500	1.8%	4 076 230	2.4%	5 563 613	
Spain	9 287 110	7.0%	24 892 520	14.4%	21 027 315	
France	14 506 400	10.9%	27 476 930	15.9%	26 496 003	
Italy	7 901 370	5.9%	12 744 200	7.4%	10 199 249	
Cyprus	156 365	0.1%	146 000	0.1%	143 703	
Latvia	2 704 250	2.0%	1 773 840	1.0%	1 546 362	
Lithuania	1 862 690	1.4%	2 648 950	1.5%	2 640 799	
Luxembourg	90 942	0.1%	130 880	0.1%	124 371	
Hungary	1 738 940	1.3%	4 228 580	2.5%	5 056 517	
Malta	184	0.0%	10 330	0.0%	7 328	
Netherlands	314 262	0.2%	1 914 330	1.1%	1 815 594	
Austria	3 757 480	2.8%	3 189 110	1.8%	2 729 300	
Poland	9 193 900	6.9%	15 477 190	9.0%	14 150 577	
Portugal	2 437 190	1.8%	3 472 940	2.0%	2 917 979	
Romania	6 987 310	5.3%	13 753 050	8.0%	9 720 864	
Slovenia	1 137 910	0.9%	488 770	0.3%	443 905	
Slovakia	1 932 350	1.5%	1 936 620	1.1%	1 876 009	
Finland	19 611 200	14.7%	2 292 290	1.3%	2 278 241	
Sweden	25 288 400	19.0%	3 118 000	1.8%	3 053 508	
United Kingdom	1 983 670	1.5%	16 130 490	9.4%	15 941 629	
EU-27	133 089 863	100.0%	172 485 050	100.0%	161 066 872	
EU-15	99 234 554	74.6%	124 546 080	72.2%	117 612 274	
EU-12	33 855 309	25.4%	47 938 970	27.8%	43 454 598	