Latest regulatory and IT developments in the EU FADN

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Outline

- *Regulatory aspects of the EU FADN*

    - *"Lisbonization"*

    - *New FADN regulations at a glance*

    - *A glimpse into the future*

- *New IT framework of the EU FADN*

    - *What is FADN*

    - *Regulation*

    - *IT system*

    - *Coming next*

Treaty of Lisbon

- *Entered into force on 1 December 2009*

- *A new structure of the EU legislation*

- *Obligation to align with the Treaty (TFEU)*

- **FADN was no exception**

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New structure of acts

Basic act (legislative act)

Co-legislators (the EP and the Council) decide on the proposal of the Commission.

Delegated act (non-legislative act)

Commission decides after consulting Experts

EP and Council have 2(+2) months to object.

Implementing act (non-legislative act)

Commission decides under the control of the Member States.

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New structure of FADN acts

Basic act (2009, amended in 2013)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 1217/2009
amended by Regulation (EU) No 1318/2013

Delegated act (August 2014)

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION
(EU) No 1198/2014

Implementing act (February 2015)

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION
(EU) 2015/220

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Applicability

AY before 2015

AY 2015 and after

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 1217/2009**

- **Farm return** (385/2012)
- **Selection plan** (1291/2009)
- **Typology** (1242/2008)
- **Standard fee** (283/2012)
- **Implementing rules** (730/2013)

- **COMMISSION DELEGATED REG. (EU) No 1198/2014**

- **COMMISSION IMPLEM. REG. (EU) 2015/220**

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Amended FADN Basic act – main changes

- *Added **delegated and implementing powers** of the Commission (TFEU requirement)*

- ***Definitions** updated and clarified (farmer, holding...)*

- *More attention to the **Selection plan** (Article 5a)*

- *More attention to the **Union typology** (Article 5b)*

- *Liaison office tasks clarified (1st data verif., deadlines)*

- ***Obsolete** provisions deleted (Chapter III)*
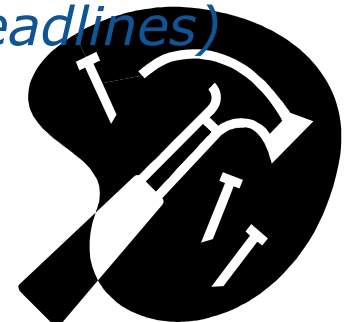
FADN Delegated act

- *Supplements the Basic act by:*
  - **further defining the FADN threshold**
  - providing **elements** of the Selection plan
  - setting the **Reference period** for the Standard Output
  - defining:
    - general and principal types of farming
    - main groups of accountancy data

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FADN Implementing act

- *5 regulations fully **consolidated***

- *Tailored to follow the **new CAP structure** (subsidies, Ecological Focus Areas...)*

- ***Layout** of the Selection plan set for the first time*

- *Farm return delivery **deadlines** set to 31 December of AY+1 and to 31 March of AY+2*

- *Standard fee increased for **earlier data delivery***

Summary

| Item	Before	Now	Difference
Implementing acts	5	1	**-4**
Recitals	52	17	**-35**
Articles	28	16	**-12**
Annexes	10*	8	**-2**

* Including the Correlation tables and Lists of repealed regulations

A glimpse into the near future

- *Accounting year 2015 – first increased standard fees to be paid **in 2017**.*
- *Possibly more **budget scrutiny** by the Council and the European Parliament.*
- ***Amending implementing reg.** in preparation:*
  - Croatian divisions
  - number of holdings in Finland
  - clarifications of possible ambiguities.
- *Corrigendum of linguistic omissions possible.*
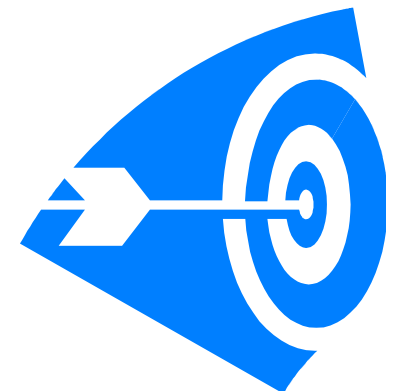- *Adjustment to the data needs of the CAP.*

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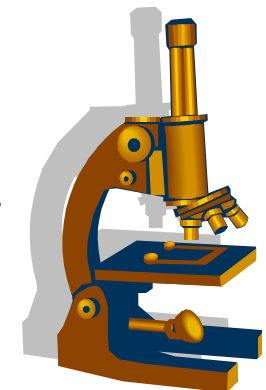
Conclusion
(of the 1st part)

- FADN regulations are now more **interconnected**.

- All implementing provisions could be found **in one place**.

- Simplification: **from 6 to 3** FADN regulations.

- CAP requirements followed.

NEW IT FRAMEWORK OF THE EU FADN

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What is EU FADN ?

- *Farm Accountancy Data Network*

  Has been described during preceding Pacioli meetings ☺

- *To summarize, it is a tool to measure the health of farms across the EU*

- *Accounting data (around than 2500 information per holding) are available since 1989, in a harmonized presentation.*

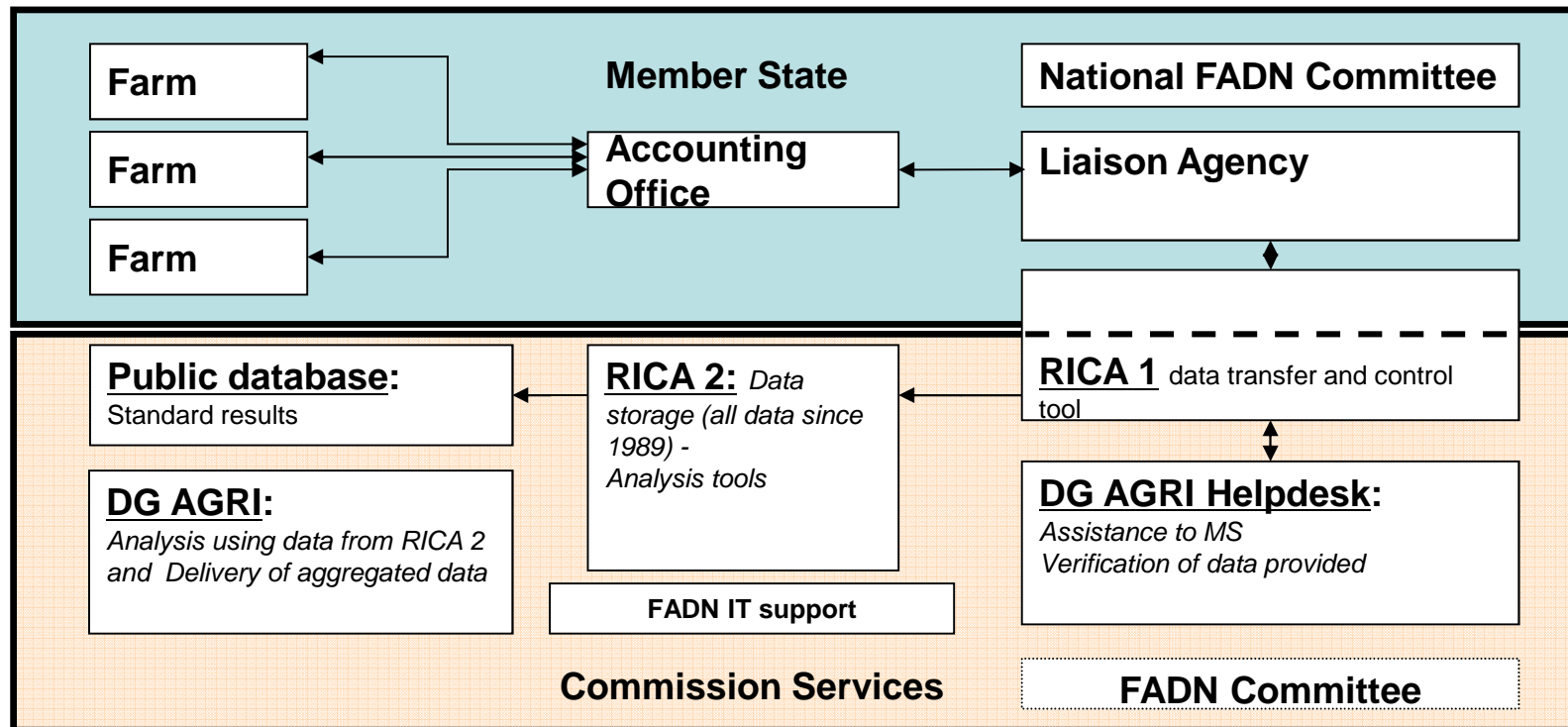- *The Network has been set up in 1965 79/65/EEC*

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What is FADN – 1965-2015

- *50th anniversary, this year (special event on 11th of June)! Since its creation, it experienced many changes:*
  - **More Member States**
  - **EU Typology: From SGM to SO**
  - **Farm return format: From Binary to CSV, to XML**
  - **Changes in legislation: Typology, Farm return, FSS, selection plan, etc**
  - **Technological evolution**
  - **etc**

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What is FADN – Data flow in FADN

Member State

| Farm | | National FADN Committee |

Farm — Accounting Office ↔ Liaison Agency

Farm

Commission Services

Public database: Standard results

RICA 2: *Data storage (all data since 1989) - Analysis tools*

RICA 1 data transfer and control tool

DG AGRI: *Analysis using data from RICA 2 and Delivery of aggregated data*

DG AGRI Helpdesk: *Assistance to MS Verification of data provided*

FADN IT support

FADN Committee

Regulation driven process

- *The process of change is mainly driven by regulation*

  http://eur-lex.europa.eu/

- *What happens when there is a New regulation?*
  - **It enters in force for all MS:**
    - **Changes in local IT systems**
  - **Evaluation of the impact on IT system of DG AGRI**
    - **Software maintenance?**
    - **New reference data**

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IT system – Configuration

Quite a lot of reference data is needed for FADN

- **Codes for: Country, Region, subdivisions, etc**
- **Economic thresholds**
- **Selection plans and clustering rules**
- **Exchange rates**
- **Typology**
- **Farm Structure Survey**
- **Standard Outputs (prev. SGM)**
- **Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics**
- **...**

IT system- (EU) 1320/2012

- *The change of exchange format (EU) 385/2012: From csv to XML*

- *The change was not only a question of format but also a complete reorganisation of the information collected.*

- *How do we make it happen? The analysts need to be able to "compare" data over time, whatever the version of regulation.*

IT system - Variable names issue

- *The current variable naming scheme is using a mix of file position, heading codes and table name to build the variable names.*
  Example:
  - "Location of holding": table A + position 31 ➜ A31
  - "Average number of equines": table D + heading 22 + column 5 "AV" ➜ D22AV

- *In the New farm return regulation, positions are irrelevant, all codes are different, some info are no more collected ➜ Drastic changes*

IT system- Drastic change

- *The solution is to build a new "naming" scheme in an attempt to keep continuity over time (whenever possible)*

- *Luckily, a correspondence between current and New FR was made available in RI/CC 1680 (CircaBC).*

- *So we started… and we end up with… "3 possible ways" to access our data.*

IT system - Example

- *Simple example: "Utilised Agricultural Area in owner-occupation"*

  1. Was at position 48 and in table B ➜ B48
  2. In the new FR regulation and in Rica1 ➜ B_UO_10_A
  3. New nomenclature ➜ UAAOWNED

- *80% of the info can be matched between the old and the new FR*

IT System - Standard results

- *Standard results are defined in one document: RI/CC 882.*
  - This document is under revision.
  - The variable names will not change. Ex: SE005

- *Some might be added...*

Coming next

- *(EU) 2015/220 – Most changes are in Table M, related to subsidies*

- *DATA visualisation: Our project is to make the aggregated data more accessible and easier to browse for our users. Some ideas from "Eurostat Regional Statistics Illustrated" will be re-used*

  http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/RSI

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Thank you for your attention!