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*Modelling agricultural policies:
state of the art and new
challenges –
Parma seminar presentation*

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Objectives of the seminar in DG AGRI

To present the main outcome of the 89th seminar of the European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE), "*Modelling agricultural policies: state of the art and new challenges*" held in Parma, Italy, February 2 –5, 2005

The seminar is also a part of the activity research founded by the Six FP (*Action 8 – Policy Orientated Research*) - MAPSTART



Objectives of the EAAE seminar

- Debate on the direction of European agricultural policy;
- Know the state of the art about the development of methodological approaches to evaluate the effectiveness of agricultural policies;
- Know the state of the art of tools that can evaluate whether the agricultural policies are effectively moving in the direction envisaged by the policy makers;
- Try to give an answer to the following question: is the model of agricultural support envisaged for EU really moving towards the multifunctional and sustainable agricultural model that everyone hopes?




The socio economic contest

Today the meaning of agricultural policy has moved from “sector policy”, characterised by national dimension, to “public policy”, acting on an international scale.

Agricultural policies increasingly reflect the requirements of our society in terms of issues like social equity, cost of the public intervention, environment, rural development, food safety and international trade agreements.

Nowdays, it is important to understand if farmer’s actions are going in the direction of national and, therefore, European needs, but also if CAP is able to satisfy the need of agro-industrial sector.

Models can provide a positive contribution to understand and to analyse the progress of socio-economic phenomena, providing arguments for thought and debate interesting both the world of research and the policy makers themselves.



Seminar organisation

The seminar was organised with the help of researchers of the University of Parma, with the support of an international Scientific Committee and the supervision of EAAE Board, by Giovanni Anania:

Jesus Anton (OECD),

Isabel Bardaji (University of Madrid),

Bruno Buffaria (DG-AGRI),

Pier-Alain Jayet (INRA),

Alfons Oude Lansink (University of Wageningen),

Werner Kleinhanss (Federal Agricultural Research - FAL),

Konstadinos Mattas (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki),

Giancarlo Moschini (Iowa State University),

Quirino Paris (University of California).



Seminar organisation: participation

Participants to the 89 EAAE Seminar

Germany	32
Italy	27
France	23
Spain	13
The Netherlands	12
Belgique	9
Greece	4
Ireland	4
Northern Ireland, UK	3
Switzerland	3
USA	3
Finland	2
Portugal	2
Slovenia	2
England, UK	2
Austria	1
Czech Republic	1
Estonia	1
Hungary	1
Scotland, UK	1
Slovak Republic	1
Total	147



Seminar organisation: paper presented

Plenary session

Modelling Agricultural Policies

4

Paralles session

Discussion on New Methodological Approach

5

Cap Reform Impact by Country Case Study

4

Cap Reform by Partial Equilibrium Model

4

Modelling Decoupling at National and EU Level

4

Modelling CAP Reform on Dairy Sector

4

Modelling Social Impact of CAP Reform

4

Modelling Efficiency of Liberalization

4

European Enlargement

4

Evaluating Agricultural Policy by Spatial Analysis Methodologies

4

Modelling Multifunctional and Environmental Issue

12

Poster session

20

Total

73

Round Table: *Research in Agricultural Economics and Policy Makers: What Needs to Make Research Results More Useful for Policy Decision Making ?*



Seminar organisation: main results

Great effort of research institutions (mainly public) answer public questions and issues posed by CAP,

Great variety of methodological approaches able to handle under different perspectives, different problems and to provide different interpretation tools,

CAP stimulates researchers to develop methodologies more suitable to face the request of policy decision makers, even at local level - national and regional,

Great effort to simulate impact of different CAP scenario (mainly on decoupling) at EU, National, Regional and farm holdings level,

In turn, the demand of policy evaluation by the use of models is increasing, and the supply of economic analysis on policy agriculture sector is also growing.



Seminar organisation: main results

But...

There are still problems of misunderstanding between politician, stakeholders and policy decision makers, (at one side) and researchers (at the other side),

It exists a "*trust issue*" between policy makers and researchers,

Policy makers and stakeholders are often "suspicious" about the way in which models work and the result they produce,

Models need to be built exchanging information and ideas along all the way of their development,

That needs time and continuing exchange and interaction between researchers and policy decision makers.