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## I. Agricultural Policy

1. To what extent is there social and political acceptance of market management instruments and agricultural aid in your country?

There are currently about 1.5 million farms in Poland that are eligible for the direct payments system. In 2014, approx. 1.4 million farmers benefited from this basic assistance<sup>1</sup>. Farmers primarily use the direct payments system as the one which is the least complicated in the application and awarding process<sup>2</sup>. It must be pointed out that legal instruments developed within the framework of direct payments in Poland were different than in the EU-15<sup>3</sup> countries under the so-called simplified system<sup>4</sup>. This is conducive in the transitional period to obtaining assistance, which enables the current functioning of the agricultural holding. The data contained in the table below shows the current level of distribution of funds.

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<sup>1</sup> *Gospodarstwa rolne na tle gospodarstw Unii Europejskiej – wpływ WPR*, W. Poczta (ed.), Warszawa 2013, p. 181-182.

<sup>2</sup> W. Poczta, *Change in agriculture with particular focus on structural transformations* [in:] J. Wilkin, I. Nurzyńska, *Rural Poland 2012 Rural Development Report*, Warszawa 2012, p. 82.

<sup>3</sup> J. Bieluk, D. Łobos-Kotowska, *Płatności bezpośrednie*, [in:] P. Czechowski (ed.), *Prawo rolne*, Warszawa 2011, p. 407; A. Germano, *Reforma Wspólnej Polityki Rolnej z 2003 r. i reżim płatności jednolitej*, [in:] „Przegląd Prawa Rolnego”, 2007, No. 1; T. Kurowska, *Zadania i funkcje instrumentów prawnych wspierania rozwoju obszarów wiejskich*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. IV, Białystok 2005; A. Jurcewicz, B. Kozłowska, E. Tomkiewicz, *Wspólna Polityka Rolna. Zagadnienia prawne*, Warszawa, 2006; D. Milanowska, *Instrument modulacji w nowym systemie dopłat bezpośrednich*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. VI, Białystok, 2007; S. Prutis, *Instrumenty prawne wsparcia rozwoju rolnictwa ze środków UE (w świetle orzecznictwa Wojewódzkiego Sądu Administracyjnego w Białymstoku)*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. VI, Białystok, 2007; A. Oleszko, *"Dziedziczenie" kwot produkcyjnych oraz płatności w rolnictwie*, [in:] „Annales Universitatis Mariae Curie-Skłodowska”, Lublin-Polonia, vol. LII/LIII, sectio G, 2005-2006.

<sup>4</sup> B. Wieliczko, *Mechanizmy oddziaływania funduszy strukturalnych na konkurencyjność polskiego rolnictwa*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 443-457; J. Mikołajczyk, *Współczesne funkcje obszarów wiejskich na tle koncepcji multifunkcyjnego rolnictwa*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 367-384.

**Table Number of decisions issued for awarding area payments in campaigns 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014**

Province	Number of decisions issued in the campaign										
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
DOLNOŚLĄSKIE	60 545	62 488	61 401	60 550	58 745	57 565	57 182	56 403	56 454	56 307	56 101
KUJAWSKO-POMORSKIE	68 594	69 671	69 048	68 388	67 348	66 092	66 137	65 768	65 695	65 282	64 492
LUBELSKIE	172 001	184 725	183 970	183 489	180 590	174 967	175 418	176 869	177 330	176 416	175 966
LUBUSKIE	19 978	21 194	21 117	21 026	20 504	20 093	19 912	19 777	19 855	19 817	19 740
ŁÓDZKIE	126 824	133 476	132 118	131 052	128 543	126 417	125 036	123 157	122 937	122 065	121 434
MAŁOPOLSKIE	131 023	141 117	138 930	136 992	132 085	126 650	123 446	121 419	121 259	120 874	120 915
MAZOWIECKIE	206 378	221 132	219 692	218 277	213 064	209 057	207 857	206 042	206 640	206 163	205 706
OPOLSKIE	29 994	30 284	29 611	29 170	28 607	27 424	27 688	27 595	27 734	27 570	27 456
PODKARPACKIE	118 357	130 414	129 034	127 332	123 672	119 775	117 517	116 016	116 590	116 376	116 326
PODLASKIE	80 289	84 045	83 775	83 327	82 463	81 722	81 255	80 696	81 010	80 856	80 650
POMORSKIE	38 621	40 124	39 824	39 727	38 960	37 273	37 974	38 021	38 404	38 294	38 411

ŚLĄSKIE	52 253	55 768	54 625	53 915	51 783	49 533	48 509	47 646	47 483	47 187	47 075
ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKIE	91 322	95 980	95 078	94 045	91 621	87 989	86 912	85 526	85 280	84 834	84 614
WARMIŃSKO-MAZURSKIE	41 443	43 625	43 768	43 713	42 951	42 623	42 758	42 759	43 130	43 100	43 101
WIELKOPOLSKIE	121 667	125 194	124 290	123 837	122 353	120 546	120 686	120 490	121 116	120 840	120 341
ZACHODNIOPOMORSKIE	28 553	29 739	29 479	29 386	28 470	27 967	27 898	27 945	28 370	28 460	28 533
Total	1 387 842	1 468 976	1 455 760	1 444 226	1 411 759	1 375 693	1 366 185	1 356 129	1 359 287	1 354 441	1 350 861

Own study, based on: ARiMR Management Information System, date of preparation: May 2015.

Approx. 71% of eligible entities benefits from assistance deriving from European funds intended for agriculture<sup>5</sup>. Currently, both the political and social acceptance of this assistance for agriculture through a subsidizing system is high. This is facilitated by an increase in the competitiveness of Polish agriculture, also thanks to the participation of European funds<sup>6</sup>. All parliamentary groups to varying degrees (five political parties) support subsidizing sectors of agriculture and the agricultural market specified in European regulations<sup>7</sup>. However, the problem is a portion of the farmers being able to meet the requirements put in the reform Common Agricultural Policy of 2013<sup>8</sup>. This applies in particular to practices that are beneficial for the climate<sup>9</sup>. These practices introduced after the CAP reform in 2013 constitute a new challenge for Polish farmers, who will need to take into account the environmental protection factor in the agricultural production process to a greater degree<sup>10</sup>. Social acceptance for agricultural assistance from European funds is also visible in other social groups than farmers<sup>11</sup>.

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.minrol.gov.pl/Wsparcie-rolnictwa-i-rybolowstwa/Platnosci-bezposrednie>.

<sup>6</sup> P. Cichalewska, S. Brodecki, *Wpływ Programu Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich 2007–2013 na konkurencyjność polskiego rolnictwa*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 355-365.

<sup>7</sup> The key votes on agriculture and political agendas of parliamentary parties point to the political acceptance of the basic agricultural policy. The exception here is one of the left-wing political parties, which to a great degree does not accept the privilege of agriculture and farmers; this concerns, among others, subsidizing production, or the separate social insurance system for farmers in Poland (<http://twojruch.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/planzmian.pdf>, p. 33).

<sup>8</sup> W. Czubak, W. Poczta, A. Sadowski, *Wpływ proponowanej reformy systemu dopłat bezpośrednich po 2013 roku na sytuację polskiego rolnictwa*, „Wieś i rolnictwo”, 2011, No. 4.

<sup>9</sup> B. Jeżyńska, R. Pastuszko, *Pakiet legislacyjny WPR 2014-2020 w świetle podstaw prawa UE i prawa międzynarodowego. Kompleksowa analiza prawna*, Biuro Analiz i Dokumentów, OE – 186, 2012; B. Jeżyńska, *Znaczenie i funkcje zasady cross-compliance w systemie rolniczych dopłat bezpośrednich*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Lubliniensa”, Lublin 2010, No. 13, p. 35-50; A. Niewiadomski, *Europejska Sieć Ekologiczna Natura 2000 a zrównoważony rozwój obszarów wiejskich*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. XI, Białystok 2013, p. 293-304; E. Tomkiewicz, M. Bocheński, *Polityka rozwoju obszarów wiejskich w perspektywie lat 2014–2020 w kontekście nowych wyzwań*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 239-250.

<sup>10</sup> B. Jankowski, *Oddziaływanie Wspólnej Polityki Rolnej na ochronę środowiska*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 515-525; B. Jeżyńska, *Proekologiczne instrumenty wsparcia zrównoważonego rozwoju obszarów Wiejskich*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 251-264.

<sup>11</sup> *Public opinion in the European Union*, Eurobarometr 2014, p. 77-120.

According to research conducted by the Polish government, "according to the place of residence, the highest percentage of non-farmers perceiving changes for the better in Polish agriculture occurs in the south-western region (37%). However, in this region is the largest percentage of farmers who evaluate changes in Polish agriculture negatively (50%). The largest percentage of farmers who see changes for the better was recorded in the southern region (45%). The percentage of surveyed farmers who negatively evaluate the changes in Polish agriculture declined in comparison to previous years (compared to 2013 it fell by 10 percentage points, compared to 2010 by 23 percentage points). In contrast, the percentage of respondents who saw changes for the better increased, which may indicate a positive direction of changes in this respect. The southern region has the largest percentage of farmers who saw changes for the better in Polish fishery (30%). This region also reported the highest percentage of non-farmers perceiving changes for the better in this area (24%). The results of studies show that from year to year the percentage of respondents positively evaluating the changes occurring in Polish fishery is increasing. In contrast, in the case of the percentage of respondents who saw changes for the worse, there is no clear trend"<sup>12</sup>.

2. How is the CAP reform of 2013 perceived in terms of agricultural policy in your country?

The contemporary Polish agricultural policy is largely adapted to the Common Agricultural Policy, including the reform of 2013<sup>13</sup>. This means that the assessment of changes of the CAP is also the assessment of the national agricultural policy. The Polish government largely implements the CAP. In terms of the national agricultural policy, it undertakes activities concerning farmers' insurance, taxes, matters connected with the

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<sup>12</sup> *Polska wieś i rolnictwo 2014*, p. 107.

<sup>13</sup> A. Jurcewicz, *Wspólna Polityka Rolna Unii Europejskiej*, [w:] *Prawo rolne*, P. Czechowski (ed.), Warszawa 2011, p. 97-100.

development of the agricultural system<sup>14</sup> and the functioning of agricultural markets which are not covered by the Community regulation.

Currently, within the framework of the implemented agricultural policy, there are legal instruments<sup>15</sup>, developed, which will enable the execution of objectives specified in the European regulations<sup>16</sup>. Ministerial regulations are also issued, which define the conditions for obtaining assistance<sup>17</sup>. The main objective of activities focuses on the best possible allocation of European and budget funds under the realization of CAP tasks<sup>18</sup>.

From the point of view of the national agricultural policy, changes are evaluated positively; all the more that Polish agriculture is largely traditional, which allows it to meet the requirements put by the CAP after 2013. The coexistence of the European and national agricultural policy means that the latter is complementary relative to the CAP<sup>19</sup>. The

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<sup>14</sup> P. Czechowski, A. Niewiadomski, *Obszary wiejskie a planowanie przestrzenne*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 227-238.

<sup>15</sup> S. Prutis, *Dobór instrumentów prawnych służących wsparciu rozwoju obszarów wiejskich*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria, Białystok 2009, No. VII, p. 192-203; T. Kurowska, *Założenia konstrukcyjne umowy przyznania pomocy z Europejskiego Funduszu Rolnego na rzecz Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria, Białystok 2009, No. VII, p. 163-178.

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.minrol.gov.pl/Informacje-branzowe/WPR-po-2013-roku>.

<sup>17</sup> Among others, they can include the ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 8 May 2015 on the detailed conditions and procedures for awarding assistance under the measure "Investments in the development of forest areas and the improvement of longevity of forests" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 655); ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 18 March 2015 on the detailed conditions and procedures for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Agricultural-environmental-climate measure" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 765); ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 13 March 2015 on the detailed conditions and procedures for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Ecological agriculture" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 370); ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 13 March 2015 on the detailed conditions and procedures for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Payments for areas with natural limitations or other special limitations" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 364).

<sup>18</sup> J. Wilkin, *Wielofunkcyjność rolnictwa – konceptualizacja i operacjonalizacja zjawiska*, [in:] „Wieś i Rolnictwo”, 2009, No. 4, p. 4-29.

<sup>19</sup> A.Z. Nowak, A. Niewiadomska, *Wpływ funduszy strukturalnych na wzrost konkurencyjności polskiego rolnictwa – wybrane aspekty ekonomiczne*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 307-325; P. Czechowski, A. Niewiadomski, *Wpływ funduszy strukturalnych na wzrost konkurencyjności polskiego rolnictwa – aspekty prawne*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 326-334.

national agricultural policy is implemented in those areas that are beyond the interest of the CAP.

3. What have been the consequences of the CAP reform of 2013 (In non-member states: what are the effects of agricultural aids) on the income structure of farmers in your country?

The share of assistance from EU funds in the profitability of Polish agricultural holdings varies, depending on the size of the farm, specification of production, possibility of obtaining assistance. These factors influence the structure of expenditure measures, and consequently, the profitability of agricultural holdings. According to the report "Polish countryside and agriculture in 2014", farmers allocate funds from direct payments mostly on the purchase of fuel for agricultural production (24%), the purchase of fertilizers and plant protection products (38%), the purchase of agricultural machinery (25%), the construction or renovation of the residential building (12%)<sup>20</sup>.

Mainly owners and holders of small and medium-sized farms<sup>21</sup> benefit from European funds. These funds help them to increase their level of investment, and thus achieve greater income<sup>22</sup>. The biggest share of funds from CAP financing in agricultural income affects farms whose economic size does not exceed the 4 ESU. Currently, the share of these funds in

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<sup>20</sup> *Polska wieś i rolnictwo 2014.*, p. 29.

<sup>21</sup> P. Wojciechowski, *Postępowanie dotyczące przyznawania pomocy finansowej w ramach działań objętych Programem Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich*, [in:] „*Studia Iuridica Agraria*”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 335-354.

<sup>22</sup> W. Dzun, *Duże gospodarstwa rolne przed i po wejściu do UE*, [in:] *Polska wieś i rolnictwo w Unii Europejskiej. Dylematy i kierunki przemian*, Warszawa 2008; B. Karwat-Woźniak, *Możliwości rozwojowe chłopskiego rolnictwa na przykładzie gospodarstw wysokotowarowych. Raport nr 10*, IERiGŻ, Warszawa 2005; idem, *Gospodarstwa wysokotowarowe w rolnictwie chłopskim. Synteza wyników badań 2005-2009*, Warszawa 2009, p. 27.



agricultural income of these farms is approx. 35%<sup>23</sup>. These farms are largely the main beneficiaries of assistance, and their owners and holders could lose most in the event of liquidation of the current system of agricultural support from European funds.

The bigger the area of the agricultural holding, the smaller the share of European funds in agricultural income (farms 4-8 ESU – 24.6%, 8-16 ESU – 17.8%, 16-40 ESU – 14.3%, 40-100 ESU – 13.2%; more than 100 ESU – 7.1%)<sup>24</sup>. According to government data, "43% of the surveyed rural population indicates that the financial situation of their agricultural holding is good or very good. 15% of respondents share the opposite opinion. The proportion of the rural population positively assessing the financial situation increased in comparison to all previous analyzed periods"<sup>25</sup>. It is estimated that changes to the CAP and smaller assistance funds after 2013 could lower the above values.

4. Are there already views in your country on the further development of the CAP (and, in particular, the mid-term review)?

The Polish government adopted a number of positions on both the CAP reform of 2013, and the vision of the CAP in the future<sup>26</sup>. The most important documents in this area include: The position of the Government of the Republic of Poland on the package of legislative proposals for the CAP for the years 2014-2020 (adopted in April 2012)<sup>27</sup>; The position of the

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<sup>23</sup> *Charakterystyka gospodarstw rolnych w 2013 r.*, GUS, Warszawa 2014, p. 138-142; *Rolnictwo w 2014 r.*, GUS, Warszawa 2015, p 32-33.

<sup>24</sup> *Charakterystyka gospodarstw rolnych w 2013 r.*, GUS, Warszawa 2014, p 138-142; *Rolnictwo w 2014 r.*, GUS, Warszawa 2015, p 32-33.

<sup>25</sup> *Polska wieś i rolnictwo 2014*, p 41.

<sup>26</sup> W. Józwiak, W. Michna, Z. Mirkowska, *Procesy zachodzące w polskim rolnictwie w latach 1990-2010 i pożądana wizja rolnictwa w 2020 roku – zagadnienia wybrane*, IERiGŻ-PIB, Warszawa 2011; W. Poczta, *Wspólna Polityka Rolna po 2013 roku – wizja zmian*, [in:] A. Czyżewski, W. Poczta (ed.), *Projekty inwestycyjne w agrobiznesie a zasady Wspólnej Polityki Rolnej po 2013 roku*, Poznań 2011.

Government of the Republic of Poland on the future of the Common Agricultural Policy after 2013 (direction document of 2009)<sup>28</sup>; The general evaluation of the legislative package of the CAP for the years 2014-2020 and assumptions to the Position of the Government of the Republic of Poland<sup>29</sup>; The position of the Government of the Republic of Poland on the draft of the ordinance of the European Parliament and Council establishing the rules concerning direct payments for farmers on the basis of support systems under the common agricultural policy (COM(2011)625)<sup>30</sup>; The position of the Government of the Republic of Poland on the draft of the ordinance of the European Parliament and Council establishing common organization of markets of agricultural products ("ordinance on a uniform common organization of markets") (COM(2011)626)<sup>31</sup>. A list of other positions and opinions of the Polish government on the future of the CAP has been published on the websites of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development<sup>32</sup>

According to these documents, "in the opinion of the Government of the Republic of Poland, the Common Agricultural Policy, also after 2013, will play a key role in ensuring in the EU: food security, sustainable development of agriculture and rural areas, equal conditions of competition on a uniform agricultural market and strong competitive position of the EU on the global agricultural market. [...] According to the Government of the Republic

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[http://www.minrol.gov.pl/content/download/35469/198140/version/1/file/00\\_www\\_OG%C3%93LNA%20CENA%20PAKIETU%20i%20zalozenia%20stanowiska%20RP.pdf](http://www.minrol.gov.pl/content/download/35469/198140/version/1/file/00_www_OG%C3%93LNA%20CENA%20PAKIETU%20i%20zalozenia%20stanowiska%20RP.pdf).

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.minrol.gov.pl/pol/Informacje-branzowe/WPR-po-2013-roku/Aktualnosci-WPR-po-2013-roku/Stanowisko-Rzadu-RP-w-sprawie-przyszlosci-Wspolnej-Polityki-Rolnej-po-2013-roku>.

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.minrol.gov.pl/pol/Informacje-branzowe/WPR-po-2013-roku/Aktualnosci-WPR-po-2013-roku/Stanowisko-Rzadu-RP-do-Komunikatu-KE>.

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[http://www.minrol.gov.pl/content/download/35470/198148/version/1/file/01\\_www\\_PLATNOSCI\\_stanowisko%20RP\\_%20COM\\_2011\\_625.pdf](http://www.minrol.gov.pl/content/download/35470/198148/version/1/file/01_www_PLATNOSCI_stanowisko%20RP_%20COM_2011_625.pdf).

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[http://www.minrol.gov.pl/content/download/35471/198152/version/1/file/02\\_www\\_RYNKI\\_stanowisko%20RP\\_COM\\_2011\\_626.pdf](http://www.minrol.gov.pl/content/download/35471/198152/version/1/file/02_www_RYNKI_stanowisko%20RP_COM_2011_626.pdf).

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.minrol.gov.pl/pol/Informacje-branzowe/WPR-po-2013-roku/Aktualnosci-WPR-po-2013-roku/Informacja-na-temat-stanowiska-rzadu-w-sprawie-WPR-po-2013-r>.

of Poland, in order to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the CAP in the realization of the above tasks in the future, further changes to this policy should: (i) maintain fully its Community nature, particularly in financial terms, ensuring equal conditions of competition on a uniform EU market, (ii) associate the level and distribution of financial support for various activities, including, in terms of direct support to current and future objectives, which among others requires departing from historical limits (envelopes) of direct payments reflecting the intensity and level of agricultural production in particular Member State several years ago, and (iii) reduce the costs of implementation both for EU institutions, Member States and the beneficiaries themselves, which requires further simplification of the policy. The future CAP must be understandable to farmers, but also for taxpayers and without its radical simplification this will not be possible”<sup>33</sup>.

## II. Legal Structure

5. Which legal acts implement the CAP reform of 2013 in your country? (In non-member states: how is the law governing agricultural aid enacted?)

Currently, in Poland, legislative work is underway on the implementation of European regulations and issuing executive acts, which would allow farmers to apply for assistance. Until now, in terms of direct payments, the following has been issued: Act of 5 February 2015 on payments under direct support systems<sup>34</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 March 2015 on the issue of landscape elements recognized as a part of the eligible area of agricultural parcel and their width<sup>35</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of

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<sup>33</sup> *Ogólna ocena pakietu legislacyjnego WPR na lata 2014-2020 i założenia do Stanowiska Rządu RP*, p. 1-5.

<sup>34</sup> Act of 5 February 2015 on payments under the direct assistance systems (OJ item 308 as amended).

<sup>35</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 March 2015 on the issue of landscape elements recognized as a part of the eligible area of agricultural parcel and their width (OJ item 336).

Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 March 2015 on the issue of tree species, which cultivation constitutes a short rotation coppice, and the maximum harvest cycle for each of these tree species<sup>36</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 March 2015 on the issue of determining the maximum tree density<sup>37</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 March 2015 on the issue of the period for calculating the share of various crops for the diversification of crops<sup>38</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 9 March 2015 on the issue of norms in the scope of good agricultural culture in accordance with environmental protection<sup>39</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 9 March 2015 on the issue of determining environmentally valuable permanent grasslands<sup>40</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 10 March 2015 on the issue of conditions that organizational units should meet, which can be entrusted to perform audits concerning payments under direct assistance systems<sup>41</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 11 March 2015 on the issue of areas recognized as pro-ecological areas and the conditions of the common realization of practices for maintaining these areas<sup>42</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 12 March 2015 on the

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<sup>36</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 March 2015 on the issue of tree species, which cultivation constitutes a short rotation coppice, and the maximum harvest cycle for each of these tree species (OJ item 339).

<sup>37</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 March 2015 on the issue of determining the maximum tree density (OJ item 338).

<sup>38</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 March 2015 on the issue the period for calculating the share of various crops for the diversification of crops (OJ item 340).

<sup>39</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 9 March 2015 on the issue of norms in the scope of good agricultural culture in accordance with environmental protection (OJ item 344).

<sup>40</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 9 March 2015 on the issue of determining environmentally valuable permanent grasslands (OJ item 348).

<sup>41</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 10 March 2015 on the issue of conditions that organizational units should meet, which can be entrusted to perform audits concerning payments under direct assistance systems (OJ item 374).

<sup>42</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 11 March 2015 on the issue of areas recognized as pro-ecological areas and the conditions of the common realization of practices for maintaining these areas (OJ item 354).

issue of detailed conditions and procedures for awarding direct payments and payments unrelated to tobacco<sup>43</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 12 March 2015 on the issue of detailed requirements that should be met by applications on matters concerning payments under direct assistance systems<sup>44</sup> and 7 other detailed ordinances. This legislation is mainly executive acts to European regulations and the Polish act, which creates the legal framework for the functioning of the direct payments system after 2013.

In Poland, there is also legislative work underway on the regulations concerning the realization and implementation of the development policy of rural areas approved the European Commission of the Rural Areas Development Programme for 2014-2020. In terms of the rural areas development policy, the following has been issued: Act of 20 February 2015 on supporting the development of rural areas with the participation of funds from the European Agricultural Fund for the Development of Rural Areas under the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020<sup>45</sup>; Act of 20 February 2015 on local development with the involvement of the local community<sup>46</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 13 July 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding, payment and reimbursement of financial assistance for operations like "Bonuses for young farmers" under the submeasure "Assistance for young farmers starting a business" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–

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<sup>43</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 12 March 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedures for awarding direct payments and payments unrelated to tobacco (OJ item 351).

<sup>44</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 12 March 2015 on the issue of detailed requirements that should be met by applications on matters concerning payments under direct assistance systems (OJ item 352).

<sup>45</sup> Act of 20 February 2015 on supporting the development of rural areas with the participation of funds from the European Agricultural Fund for the Development of Rural Areas under the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 349).

<sup>46</sup> Act of 20 February 2015 on local development with the involvement of the local community (OJ item 378).

2020<sup>47</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 3 June 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the submeasure "Preparatory assistance" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020<sup>48</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 29 May 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Agricultural-environmental-climate measure" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020<sup>49</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 8 May 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Investments in the development of forest areas and the improvement of the longevity of forests" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020<sup>50</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 18 March 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Agricultural-environmental-climate measure" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020<sup>51</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 13 March 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the

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<sup>47</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 13 July 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding, payment and reimbursement of financial assistance for operations like "Bonuses for young farmers" under the submeasure "Assistance for young farmers starting a business" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 982).

<sup>48</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 3 June 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the submeasure "Preparatory assistance" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 851).

<sup>49</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 29 May 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Agricultural-environmental-climate measure" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 765).

<sup>50</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 8 May 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Investments in the development of forest areas and the improvement of the longevity of forests" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 655).

<sup>51</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 18 March 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Agricultural-environmental-climate measure" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 415).

measure "Ecological agriculture" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020<sup>52</sup>; ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 13 March 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Payments for areas with natural limitations or other special limitations" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020<sup>53</sup>.

Work is still underway on the preparation of executive acts for all the measures of the Rural Areas Development Programme 2014-2020. Their issuance is related to the procedure of allocating individual financial resources and the schedule set in the programme.

11. What consequences does the phasing-out of the milk quota system have in your country, with particular reference to producer organisations and interbranch organisations?

The elimination of milk quotas for Polish agriculture means a kind of revolution<sup>54</sup>. Above all, it means the liberalization of the milk market in Poland. It is also conducive to the improvement of competitiveness among milk producers, because quality and the price of the product will now decide for demand, and not the system of special quotas<sup>55</sup>. Currently, the Polish dairy sector requires modernization and acceleration of its development in order to

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<sup>52</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 13 March 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Ecological agriculture" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 370).

<sup>53</sup> Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 13 March 2015 on the issue of detailed conditions and procedure for awarding financial assistance under the measure "Payments for areas with natural limitations or other special limitations" covered by the Rural Areas Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 (OJ item 364).

<sup>54</sup> A. Baer-Nawrocka, E. Kiryluk-Dryjska, *Wpływ likwidacji kwot mlecznych na sytuację produkcyjną i ekonomiczną producentów mleka w Unii Europejskiej (wyniki symulacji modelowych)*, „Wieś i Rolnictwo”, 2010, No. 3.

<sup>55</sup> P. Szajner, *Wpływ likwidacji kwot mlecznych i zmian regulacji rynku mleka na perspektywy rozwoju polskiego mleczarstwa*, IERiGŻ, p. 12; P. Szajner, *Ocena wpływu likwidacji kwot mlecznych na konkurencyjność polskiego mleczarstwa w kontekście teorii ekonomii*, [in:] „Zeszyty Naukowe Szkoły Głównej Gospodarstwa Wiejskiego w Warszawie. Problemy Rolnictwa Światowego”, 2012, No. 12(27), p. 104-112.

specialize the production of milk. The elimination of milk quotas may be conducive to this<sup>56</sup>. Individual producers of milk should increase the profitability of their farms as a result of selling more milk. However, this will depend on the scale of production, specialization and the level of new investment in this sector and individual farms.

This also entails a large reorganization of the milk market in Poland<sup>57</sup>. The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development in a newspaper interview pointed out that "a search for good suppliers and producers will take place through large processing plants, which is a major threat to small dairy factories"<sup>58</sup>. As a result of such changes, if small dairy processing plants do not adapt their offer quickly to market needs, they will be at risk of falling out of the market. It is anticipated that the elimination of milk quota will be conducive to consolidation of the market, in particular the creation of larger processing plants that will be able to receive from farmers produced milk. The elimination of milk quotas could mean a drop in profitability of small producers who, thanks to this system, could have had any profit from milk production<sup>59</sup>.

It should also be noted that the mechanism for controlling the milk market and the amount produced by different producers has been liquidated. From the point of view of market liberalization, this fact should be welcomed, but from the point of production quality, appropriate controls of veterinary services should be strengthened.

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<sup>56</sup> *Stan przygotowania Polski i Unii Europejskiej do zniesienia kwot mlecznych*, D. Ogryczak (ed.), Warszawa 2014.

<sup>57</sup> M. Karolewska, *Polskie duże gospodarstwa specjalizujące się w produkcji mleka na tle gospodarstw z wybranych krajów europejskich*, [in:] „Roczniki Naukowe Rolnictwa”, Seria G, No. 93,1, 2006; D. Komorowska, *Koncentracja produkcji mleka w Polsce*, [in:] „Zeszyty Naukowe Ekonomiki Organizacji Gospodarki Żywnościowej”, 2006, No. 61.

<sup>58</sup> Interview with the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr Marek Sawicki <http://www.money.pl/gospodarka/wiadomosci/arttykul/kwoty-mleczne-odchodza-do-lamusa-dzis,96,0,1749088.html>.

<sup>59</sup> M. Sznajder, *Skutki likwidacji kwot mlecznych dla mleczarstwa polskiego*, Opinie i ekspertyzy. Kancelaria Senatu, Warszawa 2010.



A side effect associated with the elimination of milk quotas may also be an increase in the population of dairy cattle. This may cause significant changes in the beef market through increased supply of these products<sup>60</sup>.

### III. Enforcement and Transparency

15. Are there any specific enforcement problems in your country concerning the control of agricultural aid?

Currently, a system of control of allocated funds in accordance with European regulations is being realized in Poland. One of the legal bases of control is the ordinance of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No. 1306/2013 of 17 December 2013 on the issue of financing the common agricultural policy, managing and monitoring it, as well as the repealing ordinances of the Council (EEC) No. 352/78, (EC) No. 165/94, (EC) No. 2799/98, (EC) No. 814/2000, (EC) No. 1290/2005 and (EC) No. 485/2008<sup>61</sup> (in particular art. 79-90) and the detailed legal acts concerning various possible types of control.

In this respect, the Polish paying agency (in Poland the Agency for Agriculture Restructuring and Modernization) carries out a series of controls, among others, on-site inspection, cross-checking, formal control<sup>62</sup>, cross-compliance control, control of standards and requirements of mutual compliance, controls within the framework of the Rural Areas Development Programme, control of direct payments, control of stocks.

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<sup>60</sup> B. Czyżewski, M. Śmigala, *Instytucjonalne przesłanki rozwoju gospodarstw mleczarskich w Polsce*, [in:] „Journal of Agribusiness and Rural Development”, 2012, No. 3(25), p. 81-99.

<sup>61</sup> Ordinance of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No. 1306/2013 of 17 December 2013 on the issue of financing the common agricultural policy, managing and monitoring it, as well as the repealing ordinances of the Council (EEC) No. 352/78, (EC) No. 165/94, (EC) No. 2799/98, (EC) No. 814/2000, (EC) No. 1290/2005 and (EC) No. 485/2008 (OJ EU L of 347 of 2013, p. 549 as amended).

<sup>62</sup> P. Wojciechowski, *Odpowiedzialność administracyjna i karna beneficjentów pomocy z Programu Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 281-306.

Any irregularities detected are removed, and the violations of laws and rules for awarding assistance are punished in accordance with the regulations on individual assistance. In this regard, Poland returns the inadequately expended financial resources in accordance with the European regulations. Currently, there are some specific problems concerning the control system of spending assistance funds deriving from European funds intended for agriculture<sup>63</sup>. However, they are not of a general nature and most of the resources within the framework of European funds are spent properly.

Furthermore, the awarding of funds, which takes place through agreements, is controlled by means of civil proceedings<sup>64</sup>. Supervision of the implementation of these agreements is exercised not only by their parties, but also by the common courts in Poland.

16. Is the information on beneficiaries of agricultural aid being published and, if so, to what extent?

Applications for funding assistance are submitted by a special computerized system of the Polish paying agency<sup>65</sup> - Agency for Agriculture Restructuring and Modernization. This enables to quickly publish the list of people who received assistance<sup>66</sup>. After obtaining assistance, the lists of beneficiaries are published in a special online database of assistance beneficiaries of the Common Agricultural Policy<sup>67</sup>. This method of publication of beneficiaries facilitates transparency and openness of the entire process for awarding

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<sup>63</sup> A. Niewiadomska, A. Niewiadomski, *Structural Funds of Polish Agriculture*, [in:] „World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology”, 2012, issue 71, p. 1804-1810.

<sup>64</sup> D. Łobos-Kotowska, *Umowa przyznania pomocy z Europejskiego Funduszu Rolnego na rzecz Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich a inne podobne umowy*, [in:] „Studia Iuridica Agraria”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 265-280.

<sup>65</sup> A. Niewiadomski, P. Wojciechowski, *Program Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich*, [in:] *Prawo rolne*, P. Czechowski (ed.), Warszawa 2011, p. 419.

<sup>66</sup> W. Czuba, A. Sadowski, *Dostępność informacji oraz czynniki utrudniające ubieganie się o dopłaty bezpośrednie*, [in:] „Wieś i Rolnictwo”, 2010, No 3.

<sup>67</sup> <http://beneficjenciwpr.minrol.gov.pl/>.

assistance. The scope of available data is defined by the ordinance of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No. 1306/2013 of 17 December 2013 on the financing of the common agricultural policy, managing and monitoring it<sup>68</sup> and the ordinance of the Commission (EU) No. 908/2014 of 6 August 2014 establishing the rules for applying the ordinance of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No. 1306/2013 with regard to the paying agencies and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, the provisions on control, security and transparency<sup>69</sup>.

The Polish paying agency (Agency for Agriculture Restructuring and Modernization) publishes reports on the scope of awarded assistance (the amounts requested and the amount of awarded assistance) and the number of applicants and beneficiaries. Data concerning information on beneficiaries of assistance are provided in detail, taking into account many criteria, among others: the size of the agricultural holding, the type of production, the economic size of the agricultural holding, the structure of the agricultural holding<sup>70</sup>.

In addition, ranking lists of applicants are published in the competition systems.

17. Who provides advice for farmers on the legal framework governing market organisations in your country?

One of the legal bases for agricultural advisory is the ordinance of the Council EC No. 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing the rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers,

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<sup>68</sup> Ordinance of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No. 1306/2013 of 17 December 2013 on the issue of financing the common agricultural policy, managing and monitoring it (OJ EU L 347 of 2013, p. 549).

<sup>69</sup> Ordinance of the Commission (EU) No. 908/2014 of 6 August 2014 establishing the rules for applying the ordinance of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No. 1306/2013 with regard to the paying agencies and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, the provisions on control, security and transparency (OJ EU L 255 of 2014, p. 59).

<sup>70</sup> J. Stoksik, *Wybrane zagadnienia ochrony interesów finansowych Unii Europejskiej w dziedzinie Wspólnej Polityki Rolnej*, [in:] „*Studia Iuridica Agraria*”, No. X, Białystok 2012, p. 424-442.

amending the ordinance (EC) No. 1290/2005, (EC) No. 247/2006, (EC) No. 378/2007 and the repealing ordinance (EC) No. 1782/2003<sup>71</sup>. In Poland, advisory is conducted also by the Act of 22 October 2004 on agricultural advisory units<sup>72</sup>.

The Agricultural Advisory Centre in Brwinów operates on the basis of this act, whose tasks include the preparation and introduction of uniform methods of operation of provincial centres in terms of the tasks performed by them; the preparation and submission of information and training materials to provincial centres, including those on assistance in the scope of operation of agricultural holdings and farming production financed or co-financed from European Union funds or other national or foreign institutions; the preparation of analyses and prognoses on the development of agricultural advisory; the organization of training courses, demonstrations, seminars and conferences, and other activities for the development of agriculture and rural areas and ecological farming; the dissemination of the results of scientific studies in farming practice.

The paying agency is to also carry out advisory for farmers who are applying for assistance from European funds<sup>73</sup>. Currently, in Poland, in terms of direct payments and rural areas development, this is the Agency for Agriculture Restructuring and Modernization<sup>74</sup>, and in the scope the organization of the agricultural market it is the Agricultural Market Agency<sup>75</sup>. The agencies carry out their tasks in this regard in accordance with the European regulations.

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<sup>71</sup> Ordinance of the Council EC No. 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing the rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, amending the ordinance (EC) No. 1290/2005, (EC) No. 247/2006, (EC) No. 378/2007 and the repealing ordinance (EC) No. 1782/2003 (OJ EU L 30 of 2009, p. 16).

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<sup>74</sup> <http://www.arimr.gov.pl/dla-beneficjenta/szkolenia-dla-rolnikow.html>.

<sup>75</sup> M.A. Król, *Model doradztwa rolniczego w Polsce na tle rozwiązań przyjętych w wybranych krajach członkowskich Unii Europejskiej*, Warszawa 2013.

Farmers can also benefit from provincial agricultural advisory centres, not only in terms of legal requirements put to potential beneficiaries, but also in terms of adapting their farms to the requirements of new legal regulations.

Farmers can also benefit from personal advisory, which is paid for or financed on the basis of a competition from European funds.

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