

CAP Monitoring - 1st experiences

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As part of its ongoing move to simplify and modernise the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the European Commission has proposed in 2018 as part of their CAP2020 reform to include satellite Earth Observation (EO) in the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) of the CAP. The Copernicus Sentinels will be at the heart of a so-called "Area Monitoring System" provide regular and systematic observations to monitor agricultural activities and practices. The advent of the unprecedented observations collected by the Sentinel satellite family allow for the first time the monitoring of the full agricultural dynamics at national scale down to the single fields. Over the last few years the different stakeholders – including the national Paying Agencies, the European Commission, ESA and the EO community – have started to prepare for this major reform of the CAP. The panel will outline these practical preparatory efforts, present first experiences from national Paying Agencies and discuss challenges in the implementation of the proposed CAP monitoring approach.

Panel members:

- DG Agri, European Commission: Jean-Luc Widlowski
- DG JRC, European Commission: Philippe Loudjani
- National Paying Agency AGEA, Italy: Salvatore Carfi
- National Paying Agency SZIF, Czech Republic: Lucie Savelkova
- National Paying Agency LFST, Denmark: Henrik Berg
- Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium: Sophie Bontemps

Panel Agenda:

- Introduction of the new CAP monitoring approach: DG AGRI
- 1st experiences with Sentinels for CAP monitoring: 3 National Paying Agencies
- Panel discussion: DG AGRI, DG JRC, AGEA, LFST, SZIF, UCL (moderated)
- Open Discussion with the Audience: Full panel (facilitated with sli.do)