

Concept for the evaluation of the CAP-Strategic Plan Austria 2023-2027

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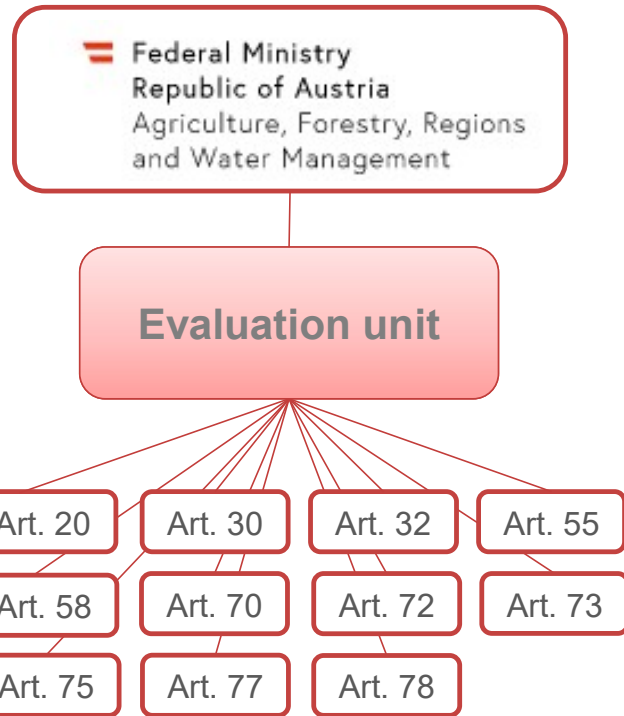
Background

- **CAP Strategic Plan Austria 2023-2027 (GSP)** was accepted in 9/2022
- Improve quality & design through evaluation (Art. 140 GSP-Reg.)
- An **evaluation plan** had to be set up until 9/2023
 - comprises all evaluation activities 2023 – 2031 (Ex-post)
- The **evaluation concept** specifies details of the evaluation plan
 - evaluation topics and structure,
 - products (reports, studies, ...),
 - timeline,
 - data needs and data gaps,
 - capacity building activities and
 - data concept.



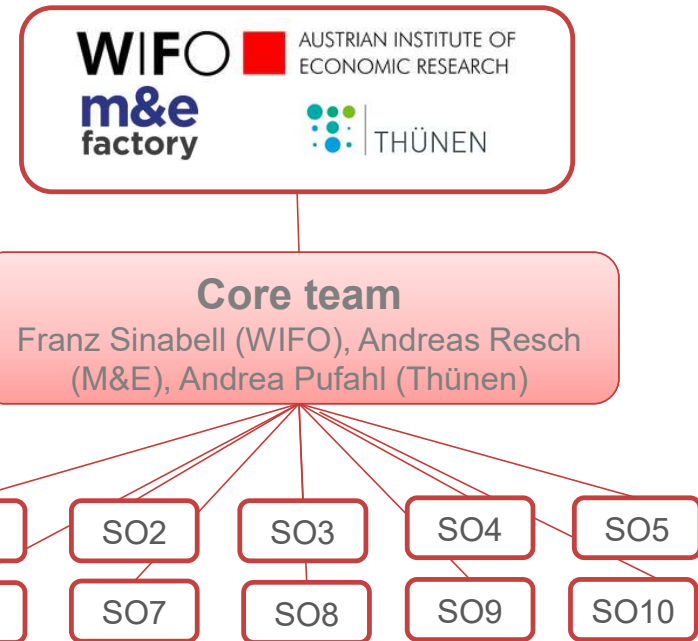
Institutions involved in concept development

Contracting authority



Government officials responsible for interventions (n ≈ 40)

Contractor



Evaluations experts (n ≈ 26)

SO = Specific objective



Evaluation requirements set out by Commission regulations */**

Timing & topics

- Evaluation of 3 general objectives & 10 specific objectives *
- ... twice, during implementation period **2023-2029** and Ex-post **2031***
- Evaluation of specific topics only if relevant, e.g. green architecture**

Evaluation framework

- Assessment of **impacts** for each evaluation element = sub-objectives ...*/**
- ... using output, result, impact & additional indicators**
- Definition of **evaluation questions** and factors of success ...**
- ... to assess **evaluation criteria** effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence, Union added value */**

* GSP Regulation Art. 140(1), ** Implementing Regulation Art. 1, 2, 6

Evaluation concept (developed top-down)

National needs	Specific objectives (SO)	Evaluation topics	Evaluation during implementation (2026/27)	Ex-post-Evaluation (2031)
B1-B11	SO1 Viable farm income SO2 Market orientation SO3 Value chain	[Grid of evaluation topics]	Report B: Climate & environment	Report structured by
B12-B26	SO4 Climate SO5 Natural resources SO6 Biodiversity	[Grid of evaluation topics]		
B27-B39	SO7 Young farmers SO8 Employment, growth, gender ... SO9 Societal demands	[Grid of evaluation topics]	Report structured by	Report structured by
B40-B45	SO10: AKIS	[Grid of evaluation topics]		
	Specific topics	[Grid of evaluation topics]		
	Other topics	[Grid of evaluation topics]		

Evaluation topics SO1:

- Viable farm income
- Resilience and food security

Specific topics (among others):

- Simplification & administrative costs
- Organic farming (national topic)
- ...

Other topics:

- Counterfactual situation GSP
- Data management

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Evaluation during implementation: **2026/27**

- Ex-post: **2031**

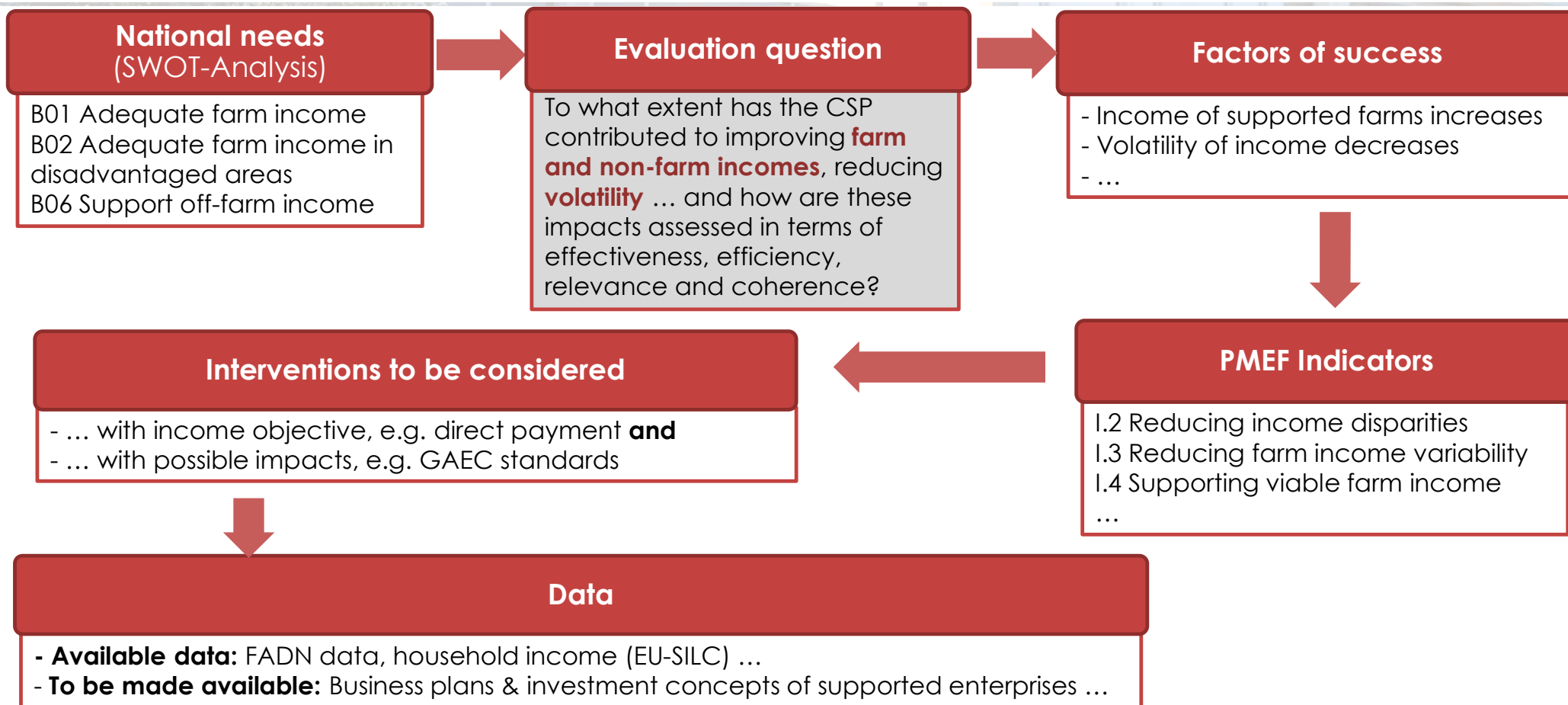
Reports

- Thematic **reports** for one or more **evaluation topics**

Evaluation reports per specific/general objectives

Not shown: 12 additional **studies** related SO4, SO5, SO6

(Bottom-up) Detailing of evaluation topics – SO1 Viable farm income



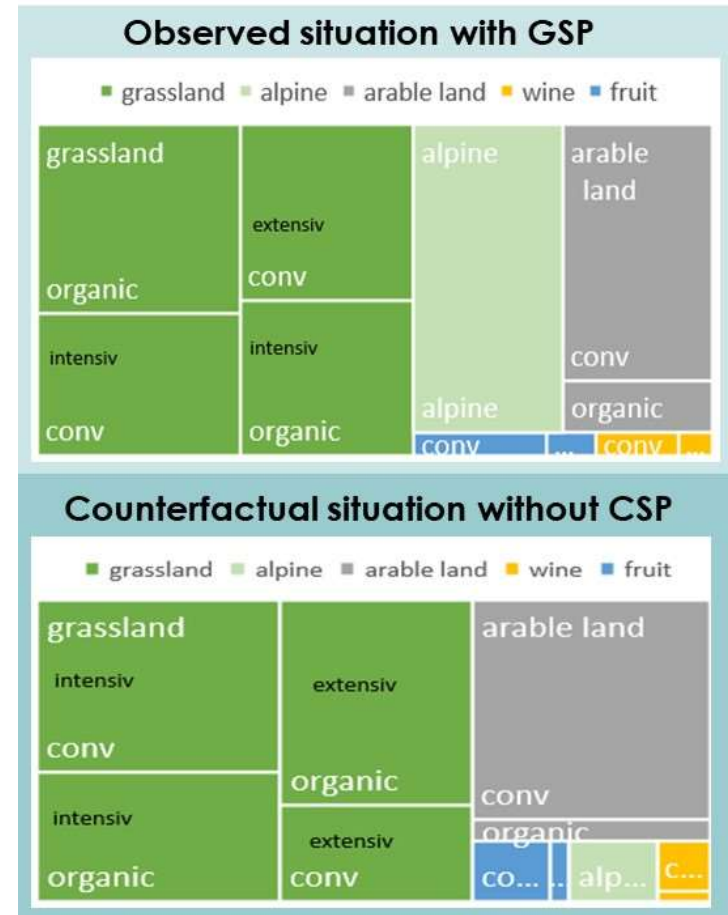
Data management concept

- Many data are available for evaluation purposes already, **but**
 - ... they are not available from “one hand”,
 - ... keys for linking data are (partly) missing,
 - ... many data are difficult to access or missing
 - ... data/codes from previous evaluations are not stored centrally.
- Central data collection, processing & accessing in the **Austrian Agricultural Micro-Data Centre**



Land use study “Counterfactual situation without CSP”

- Since most farms receive CSP payments, no records of untreated farms are available
- **Purpose of study**
To quantitatively describe a situation that would occur if the CSP or single interventions would not exist, with respect to
 - Type of land use: extent, intensity, crops
 - Income, value added and employment
 - Food security and biomass production
 - Greenhouse gas emissions
 - Animal stock, manure management
 - Nutrient balances



LESSONS LEARNT EVALUATION CONCEPT

What was particularly important?

- Participative process & communication between stakeholders
- Stakeholders had the opportunity to state their interest in evaluation
 - Government officials: Responsibles for interventions, evaluation unit
 - Evaluators
- Combination of top-down and bottom-up approach

What was difficult?

- Time pressure due to deadline for evaluation plan

What would we do differently?

- Two-stage procedure: 1) Top-down (for evaluation plan), 2) Bottom-up

Thank you for your attention!

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