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Special Issue – Call for Papers "Future of EU Common Agricultural Policy after 2013"

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Context

In the past two decades, the CAP has undergone fundamental reforms towards greater market orientation. Since adoption of the Single Payment Scheme (SPS) in 2003 only limited support for agriculture is now tied to production decisions. But a high amount of the total EU budget is still expended on agricultural policies. The next long-term budget of the EU is currently under negotiation and will start in 2014. The main issues in this context are the reductions of the CAP budgetary costs, the reform of the SPS scheme, its harmonization between EU Member States and the shift towards more targeted payments for public goods. With these policies, the CAP aims to address the public demand for a sustainable agricultural sector. Here, the declared focus is on enhancing the agricultural competitiveness in a globalized world, ensuring a secure and high quality supply of food and raw materials, preserving biodiversity and the environment, and addressing climate change while providing a fair standard of living for the rural economy.

But still there are many questions to be answered. For example: how can the stated objectives of the CAP be achieved after 2013? What are the short and long term consequences of different reform options?

To contribute to the current debate on the future of the CAP, the *German Journal of Agricultural Economics (GJAE)* is planning to publish a special issue on this theme in the fall of 2011, encouraging alternative methodological approaches to evaluate future policy options.

Special Issue Objectives

This special issue invites papers addressing the analysis of options for the future development of the CAP that can enhance the understanding of the long-term consequences of different CAP options. Specifically, contributions should include i) theoretical models of policy impact assessment (micro/macro-economic approaches), and/or ii) empirical analysis based on quantitative methods (econometrics and/or simulations).

Papers accepted for publication in this special issue must respect the editorial guidelines of the *GJAE*.

Potential topics

- Leakages and inefficiencies in the current CAP
- Future options for direct payments: transitional assistance / 'Public money for public goods'
- Targeted measures addressing specific needs
- CAP and volatile markets
- Quantitative analysis of current CAP instruments; e.g., direct payments, product support, safety-nets
- The funding of a reformed CAP: financial responsibility and subsidiarity
- Agriculture, environment and rural development:
 1st and 2nd Pillar after 2013
- Common vs. national policies (e.g., co-financing and national measures for renewable energies)

Time schedule

June 1, 2010:

Announcement of the call for papers

February 1, 2011:

Deadline for submission of papers

Authors who would like to contribute to this issue are requested to send a full paper in English to ulrike.bachmann@vti.bund.de. Manuscripts should comply with the requirements of the GJAE style as outlined in http://www.gjae-online.de/hinweisfuerautoren/pages/pdfs/Guide_for_Authors.pdf. It is necessary to state in the covering letter: This submission is in response to the call for papers for the Special Issue on 'Future of EU Common Agricultural Policy after 2013'.

March 15, 2011:

Completion of the review process

June, 2011:

Papers sent to GJAE

September 1, 2011:

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