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Poland Catchment Area activities



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CDR

Poland

Double approach



▶ Catchment level

ERCE - intervention on catchment area.

▶ New type of agricultural advisory

CDR - focus on individual agricultural advisor area of operation

Not catchment - administrative level of country/commune

Agricultural advisory level

- ▶ National network of public/private agricultural advisory services - production oriented support and assistance in meeting of growing pile of regulatory requirements,
- ▶ Water supply perceived as „obvious” (except hot season happening in farming on regular basis),

Agricultural advisory level

To avoid creation of new type of advisors like army without capacity to deliver:

- ▶ to give advisors tasks without expertise and financial capacity to deliver,
- ▶ to force them to operate in institutional vacuum - lead to frustration due lack of ability of delivering services expected by farmers/rural communities and other key stakeholders.

Agricultural advisory level

- ▶ ToR and training materials for new type of services delivered by team of external experts.
 - ▶ ToR for new type of agricultural advisory services
1. To have in depth knowledge on legal regulations concerning key issues related water management in agriculture/farming practice.
 2. To have practical, updated information on sources of funding for initiatives/investments related to water management in agriculture/farming practice.

Agricultural advisory level

- ▶ Cycle of training for group of 30 agricultural advisors delivered - September/October 2020.
- ▶ Currently review of questionnaires submitted by advisors participating in the training.
- ▶ Work out final proposal regarding scope of training for future water agricultural advisors.

Unknown factor: future of CAP after 2021/role of agricultural advisors in Poland?

Agricultural advisory level

- ▶ Final report of new type of services will be submitted to the key decision maker - Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- ▶ To meet demand from advisors for new cycle of training - to identify funds for additional trainings for advisors requesting participation in water advisor training (mirroring growing concerns of all agricultural actors and stakeholders regarding supply of water for agricultural production).