

# The 2017 EU Agricultural Outlook conference

## Common monitoring and evaluation framework of the CAP: lessons and challenges

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# Introduction

## ***DG AGRI's long and deep analytical experience ...***

- ***... is based on a wide and expanding use of statistical information***

## ***The ever increasing reliance on indicators for policy assessment ...***

- ***... requires a close look into their quality, use and (often) misuse***

## ***Recent threats and opportunities for data availability ...***

- ***... should lead to a rethinking of the "what, how and why" of their need***

# How can policies benefit from these investments?

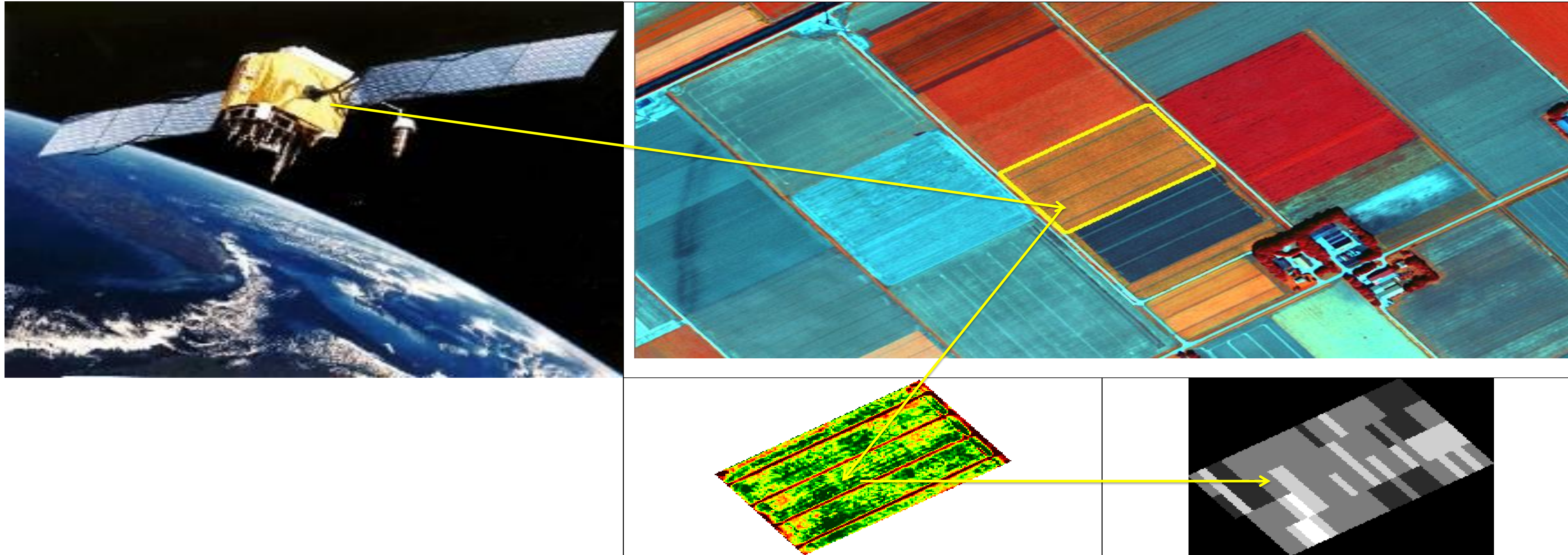


Figure x. Worldview-2 image, 15-08-2011, Flevoland. Test parcel for variable rate application in yellow outline (above). WDV image of test parcel (lower-left). Reglone dose instruction map (lower-right)

# ***The "what?" of monitoring information***

## ***Current CMEF (Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework) ...***

- ***... consolidation in market, direct payment and RD data almost finalised***

## ***Timing of the 1st Report of the CMEF will be anticipated ...***

- ***... to become available before the summer of 2018***

## ***A significant body of statistical information is already public ...***

- ***... and the full set will become available in Spring 2018***

# *The "why?" of monitoring information*

## *Shift of policy focus from compliance to results ...*

- *... was already anticipated in DG AGRI thinking (see 2015 BFOR Brief)*

## *This shift requires a better understanding of its implications ...*

- *... especially with respect to the difference between outputs and results*

## *Policy performance requires analysis based on indicators ...*

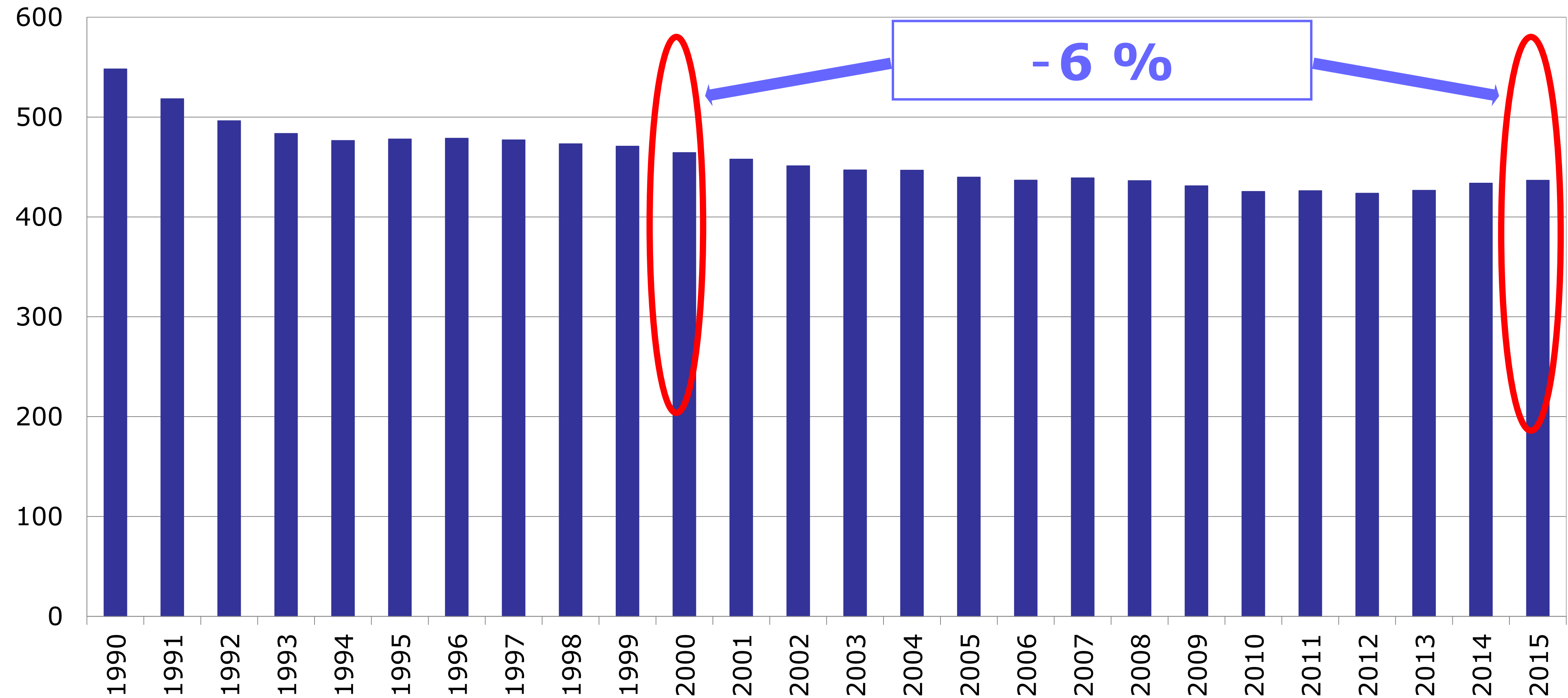
- *... but by themselves, indicators are not measures of performance*

## *Now a poll on sli.do*

**By how much did GHG emissions in the EU agricultural sector change from 2000 to 2015?**

- a. Between -20 % and -10 %
- b. Between -10 % and 0 %
- c. Between 0 % and 10 %
- d. Between 10 % and 20 %

# EU GHG emissions from agriculture (million t)



Source: European Environmental Agency.

# *The "how?" of monitoring information*

***In certain areas, policy performance can be measured ...***

- ***... where specific targets are set, on the basis of (multi-annual) results***

***In other areas, further progress in data detail is required ...***

- ***... especially in areas (e.g. soil practices) where policy impact takes time***

***In some cases, assessing policy performance is less straightforward ...***

- ***... as results depend on multiple, often exogenous factors (e.g. income)***



# *Some reflections...*

***"Politically correct" statements on facts is the easy thing to do ...***

- ***... it only takes isolating a fact to support a pre-determined opinion***

***Factually correct statements on policy are more tricky ...***

- ***... as it requires connecting the dots and identifying causality links***

***A shift on results does not necessarily require more information ...***

- ***... but better links and synergies between existing sources of information***

# ***...leading to conclusions and future steps***

## ***Recent examples identify promises as well as challenges in ...***

- ***... using indicators to assess results (e.g., WB analysis, LUCAS)***

## ***Basic requirements for a simplified and improved future CMEF ...***

- ***... include streamlining indicators and distinguishing outputs from results***

## ***Better link of statistical, administrative, satellite and farm data ...***

- ***... could potentially facilitate data collection and improve quality***

# Thank you

## ***Future of CAP***

[https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/future-cap\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/future-cap_en)

## ***CAP monitoring and evaluation indicators***

[https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-indicators\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-indicators_en)

## ***Facts and figures***

[https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/statistics/facts-and-figures\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/statistics/facts-and-figures_en)

## ***Beneficiaries of CAP support***

[https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-funding/beneficiaries/direct-aid\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-funding/beneficiaries/direct-aid_en)

## ***Implementation of direct payments after the reform***

[https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/direct-support/direct-payments\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/direct-support/direct-payments_en)

