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PILOT PROJECT: “SUPPORT FOR FARMERS' COOPERATIVES”

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Evaluation Sheet

Concerning these criteria, the report is:	Unacceptable	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
1. Meeting the needs: Does the study adequately address the information needs of the commissioning body and fit the terms of reference?					X
2. Relevant scope: Are the necessary policy instruments represented and is the product and geographical coverage as well as time scope sufficient for the impact assessment?				X	
3. Defensible design: Is the applied methodology appropriate and adequate to ensure a clear and credible result?					X
4. Reliable data: To what extent is the selected quantitative and qualitative information adequate?					X
5. Sound analysis: Is the quantitative and qualitative information appropriately and systematically analysed and have the respective tasks been correctly fulfilled?					X
6. Validity of the conclusions: Does the report provide clear conclusions? Are the conclusions based on credible information?				X	
7. Clearly reported: Does the report clearly describe the problem, the procedures and findings of the evaluation, so that information provided can easily be understood?					X
Taking into account the contextual constraints of the study, the overall quality rating of the report is:					X

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EVALUATION

1. Meeting the needs:

The study adequately responds to the information needs of the commissioning body and fully meets the requirements of the tender specifications. The items of the descriptive part and the study questions are fully addressed and the geographical and time scopes of the study are covered. Even more case studies than required in the tender specifications were undertaken for answering the study questions.

2. Relevant scope: The study covers the geographical scope (EU27 and third countries) as requested in the tender specifications and focuses for details on carefully chosen case studies. As requested, all relevant types of cooperatives and producers' organisations are covered. The time span covered is the one indicated in the tender specifications. In terms of policy coverage, the study covers EU and national policies.

3. Defensible design: The methodology proposed by the tender specifications, and followed adequately by the contractors, has proven to be useful: Literature review; national case studies; sectorial case studies and companies case studies and then and only then, findings and conclusions.

4. Reliable data: The study has accumulated a tremendous quantity of data, of good quality. Available information has been completed with case studies and interviews with relevant stakeholders.

5. Sound analysis: The challenge has been to extract and summarize from the available and collected information, the most relevant point for answering to the final aim of the study. This has been done successfully.

6. Validity of the conclusions: Due to the diversity of situations existing in the 27 EU Member States, their different traditions, history and regulations, to elaborate sound common conclusions was a real challenge which has been resolve fruitfully.

7. Clearly reported: The report is drafted in a very clear, well-structured and easily readable manner. Careful writing in sensitive issues has to be underlined.

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