

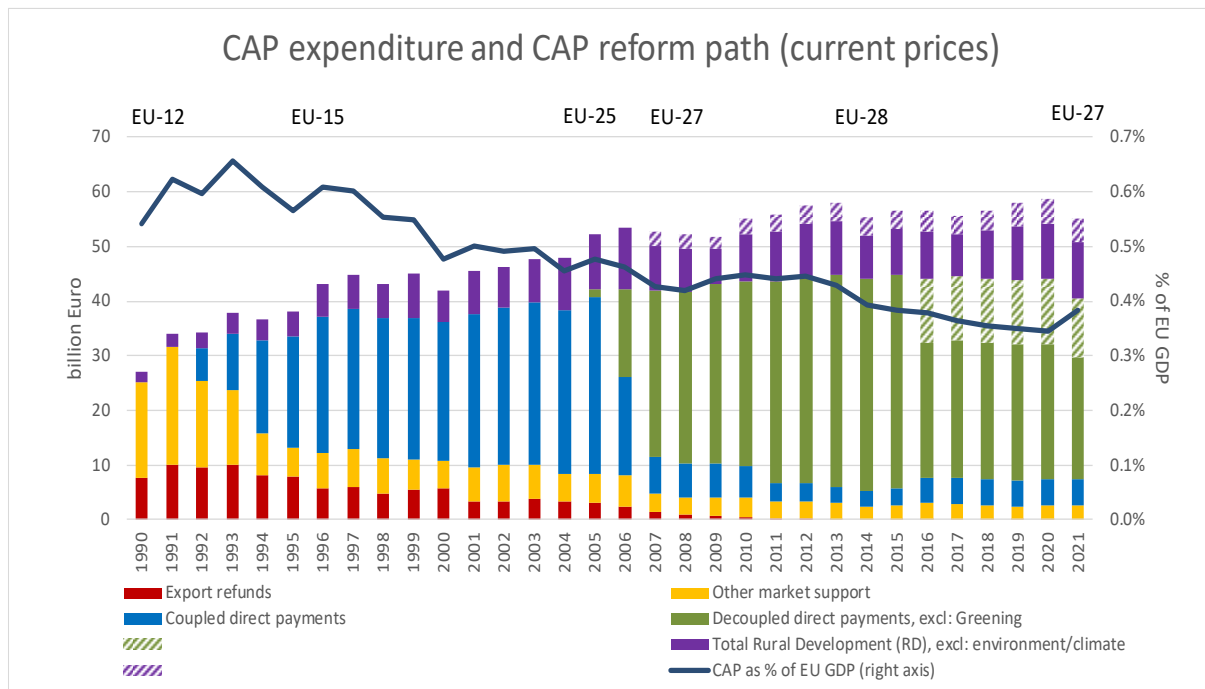
Financial year 2021

Direct payments to agricultural producers

graphs and figures

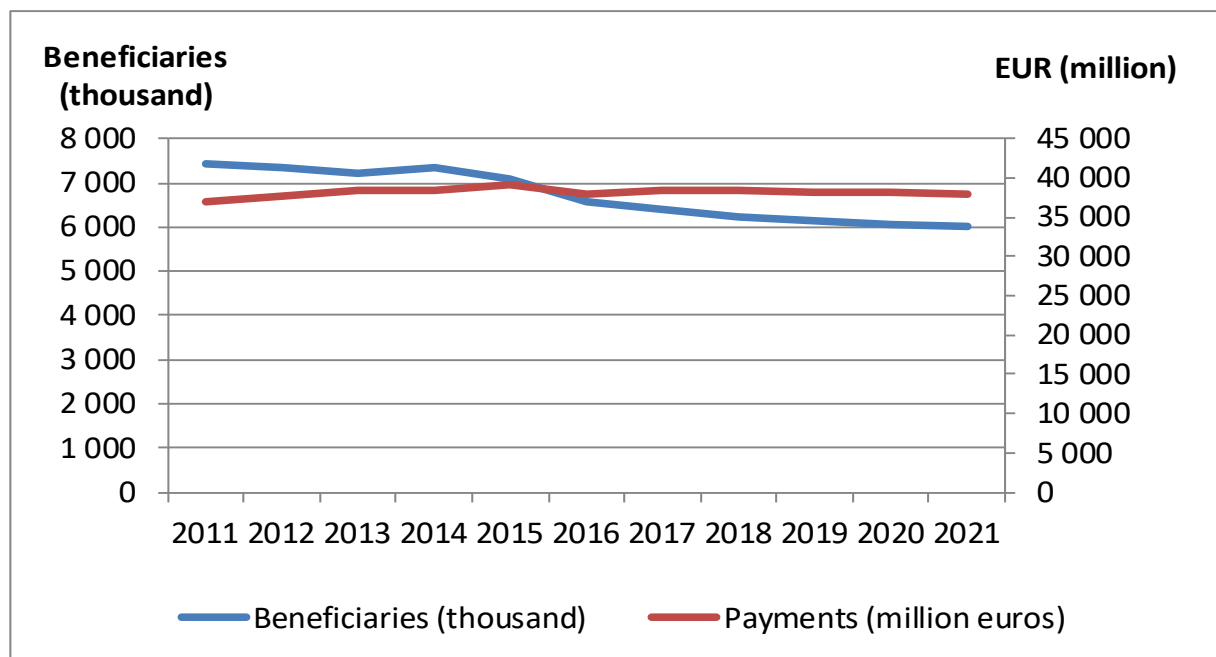
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Direct payments in total CAP expenditure



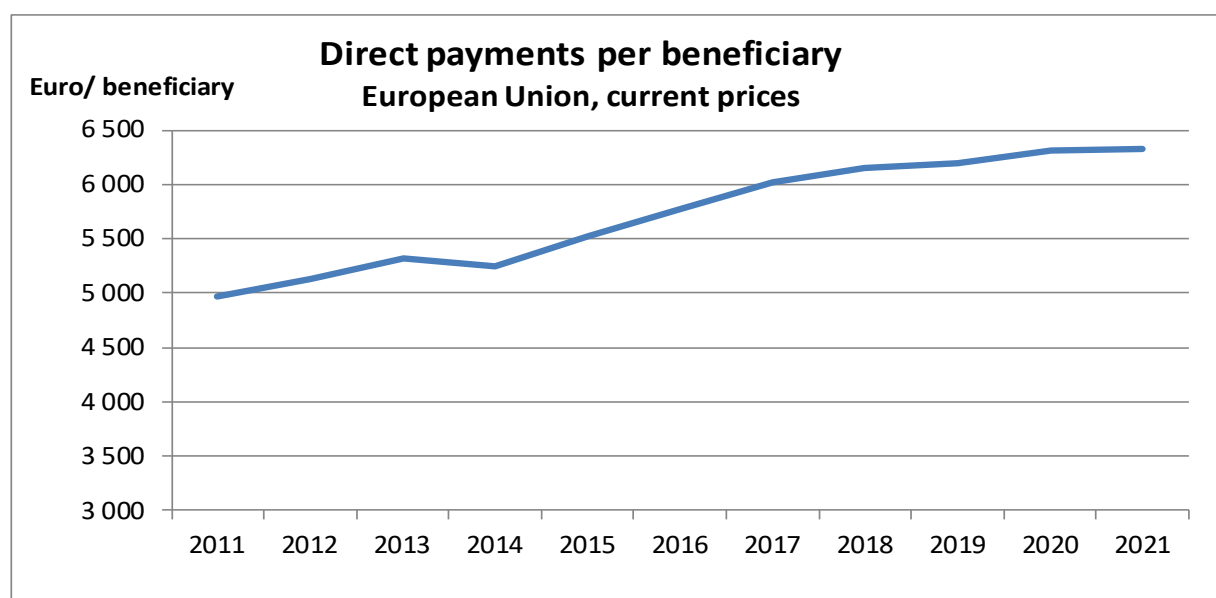
- Direct payments are a key element of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). They provide income support to farmers and promote sustainability and environmentally-friendly farming practices.
- In the financial year 2021, direct payments amounted to **EUR 37.9 billion** (68% of the whole CAP expenditure) and benefited **6 million farms** throughout the European Union.
- Since 2006 decoupled direct payments have progressively replaced coupled payments as the most important component of the CAP expenditure.

Evolution of total payments and beneficiaries*



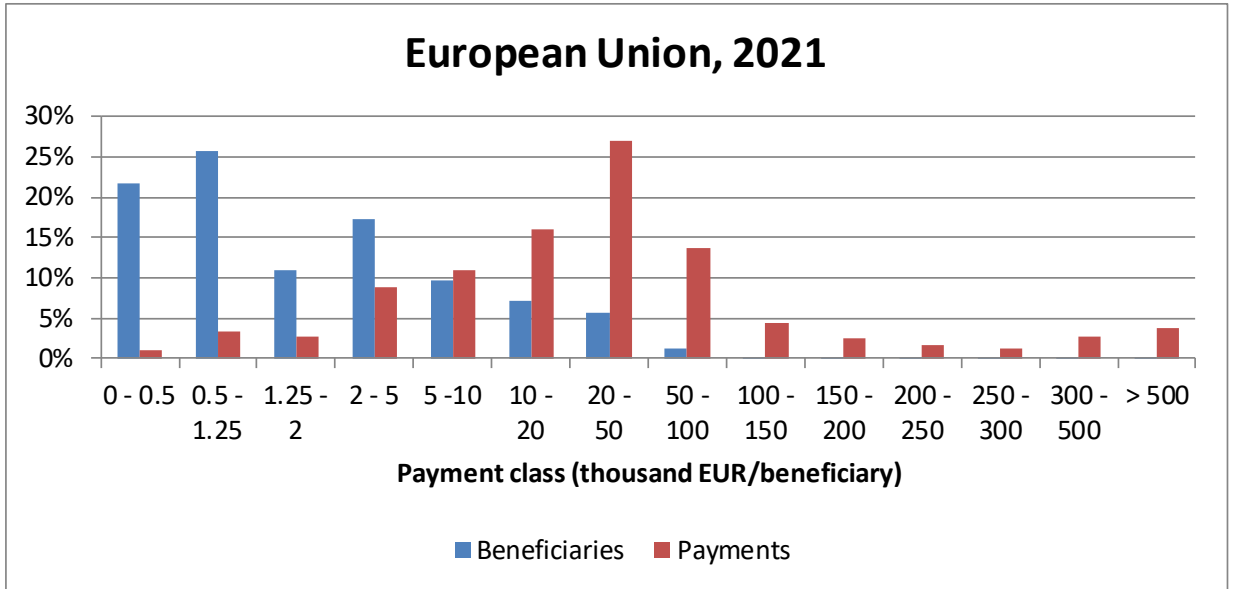
The overall amount of direct payments has remained relatively constant in recent years (in nominal terms). The decreasing number of beneficiaries resulted in an increase of the average amount per beneficiary.

Data are reported for the EU-27.



* **DATA SOURCE:** Data that EU countries submit annually to the European Commission on the payments made to beneficiaries of the European agricultural guarantee fund (EAGF). As a general rule, direct payments claimed for calendar year N are paid in financial year N+1 (except late payments).

Distribution of direct payments by payment class

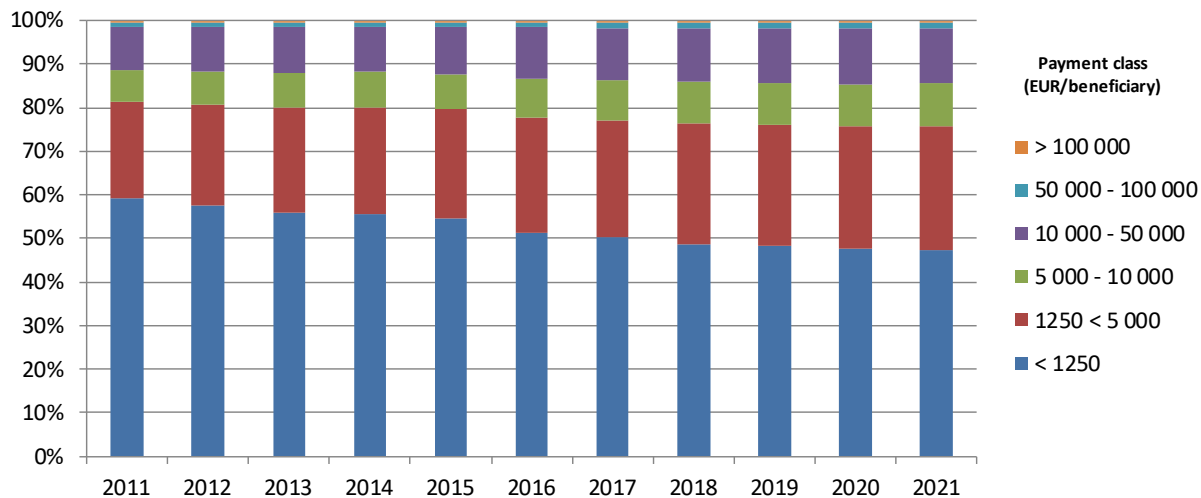


More than three quarters of the beneficiaries of direct payments receive amounts below EUR 5 000. This corresponds to 15% of the total direct payment envelope.

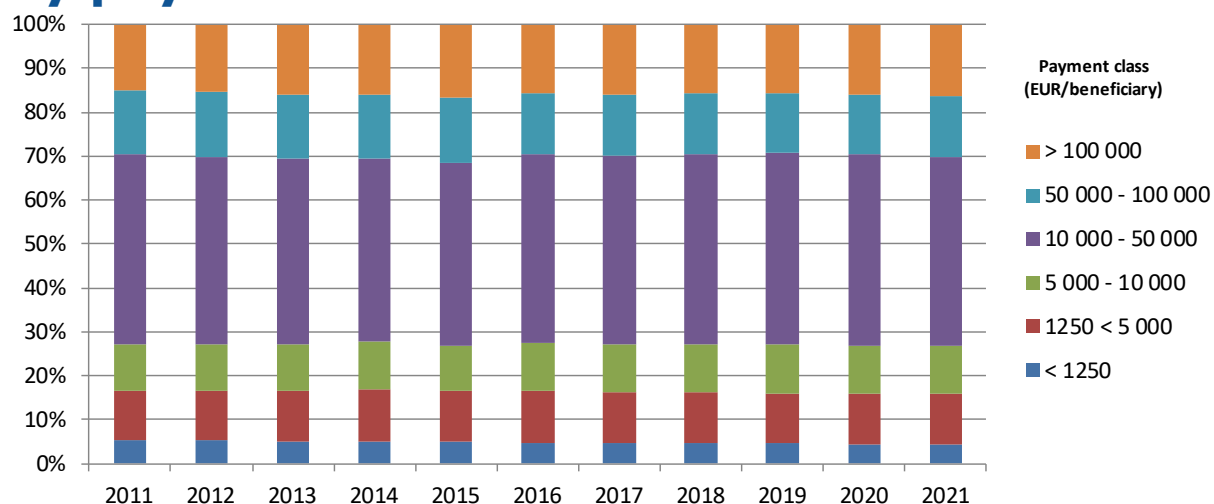
At the same time, more than half (58%) of the direct payment envelope is spent on payments between EUR 10 000 and EUR 100 000. They are distributed to 16% of all beneficiaries.

Only 0.5% of all beneficiaries receive more than EUR 100 000. Together, they obtain 16.4% of the total direct payment envelope.

Proportion of beneficiaries by payment class



Proportion of direct payment amounts by payment class

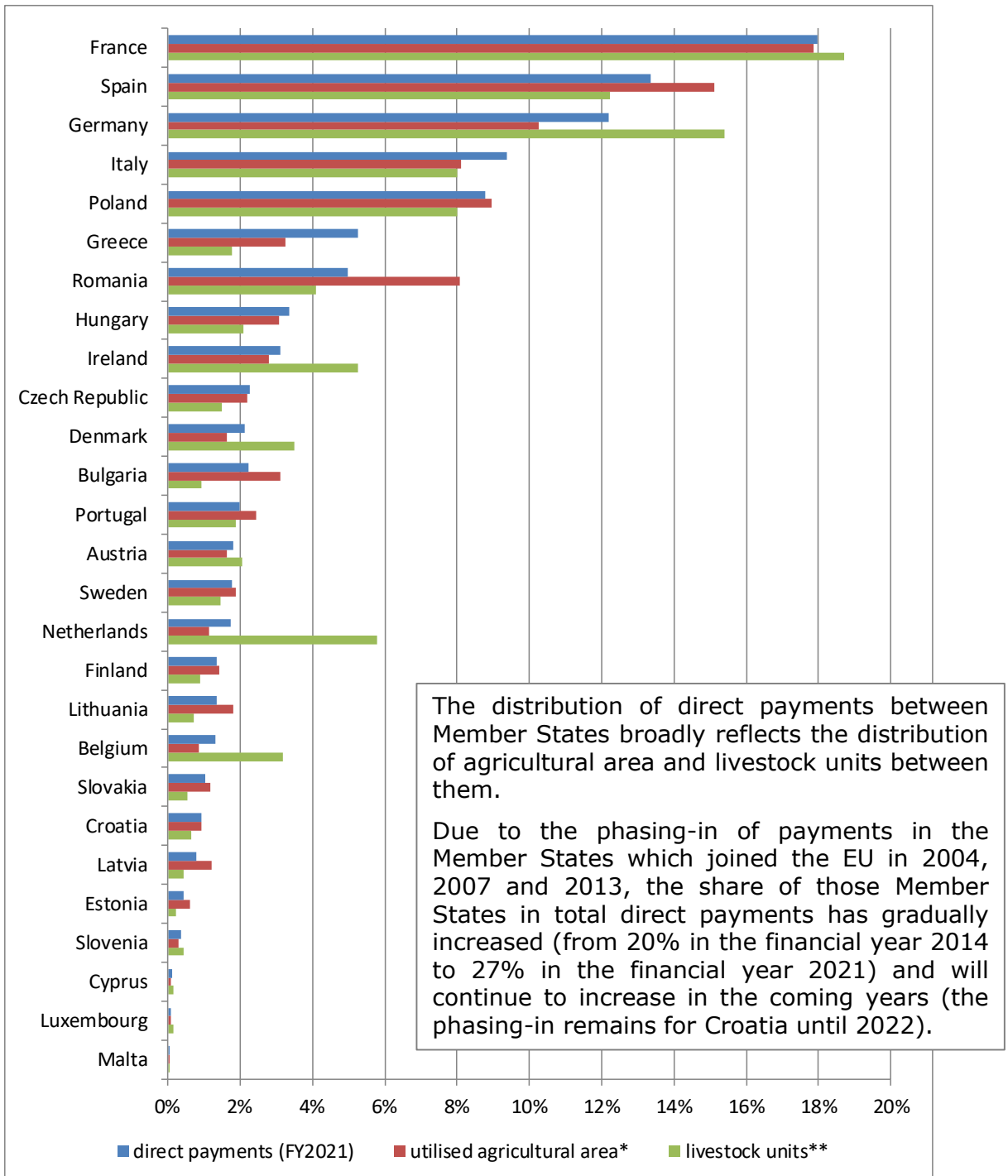


Over the last decade, the share of beneficiaries receiving very small amounts of direct payments (< EUR 1 250) has declined (from around 60% to less than 50%).

An increase in beneficiaries took place mainly in the next higher payment class (EUR 1 250 to EUR 5 000).

In contrast, the total amounts spent in each of the different payment classes remained constant between 2011 and 2021.

Direct payments, agricultural area and livestock



* source: Eurostat, annual crop statistics 2019 (2018 data for Portugal)

** source: Eurostat, Farm Structure Survey 2016

Distribution of direct payments among beneficiaries



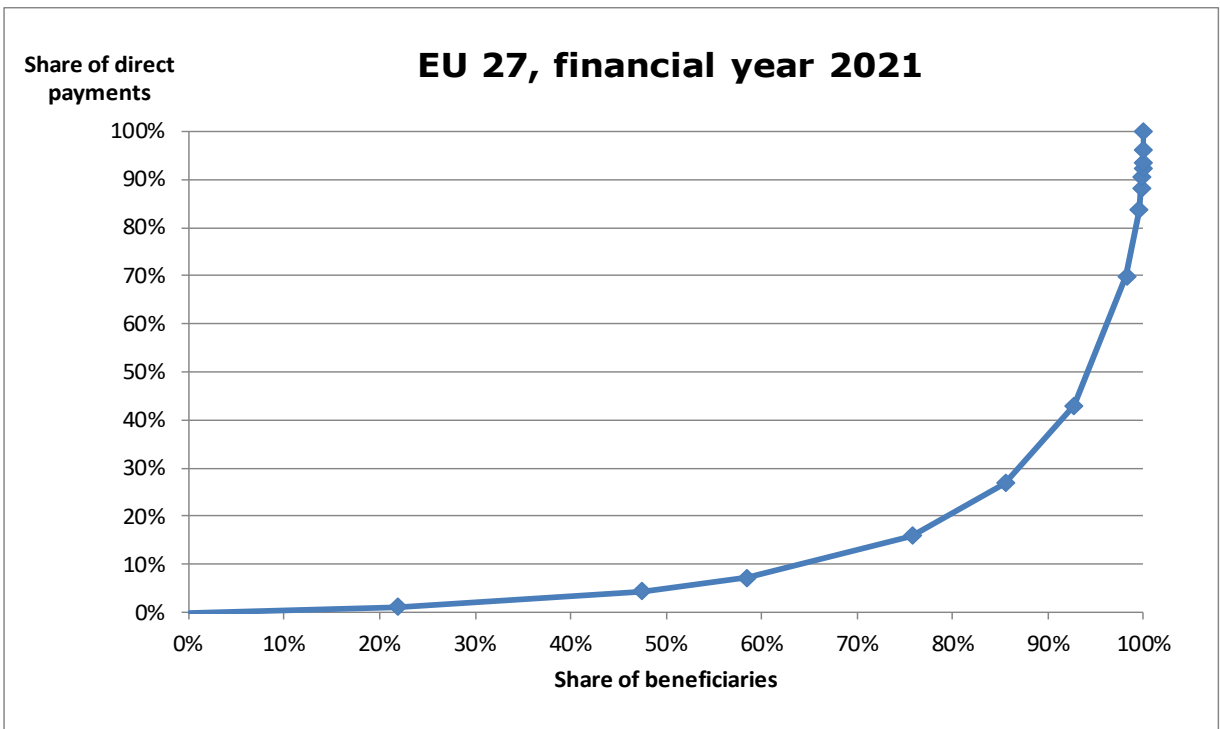
The distribution of direct payments is mainly driven by the concentration of land and the nature of the support, which is largely area-based, and subject to the compliance with notably land-based requirements (conditionality).

Very small farms (below 5 ha) represent about half of all beneficiaries but farm only 4.9% of the EU agricultural land. They however receive 5.8% of direct payments.

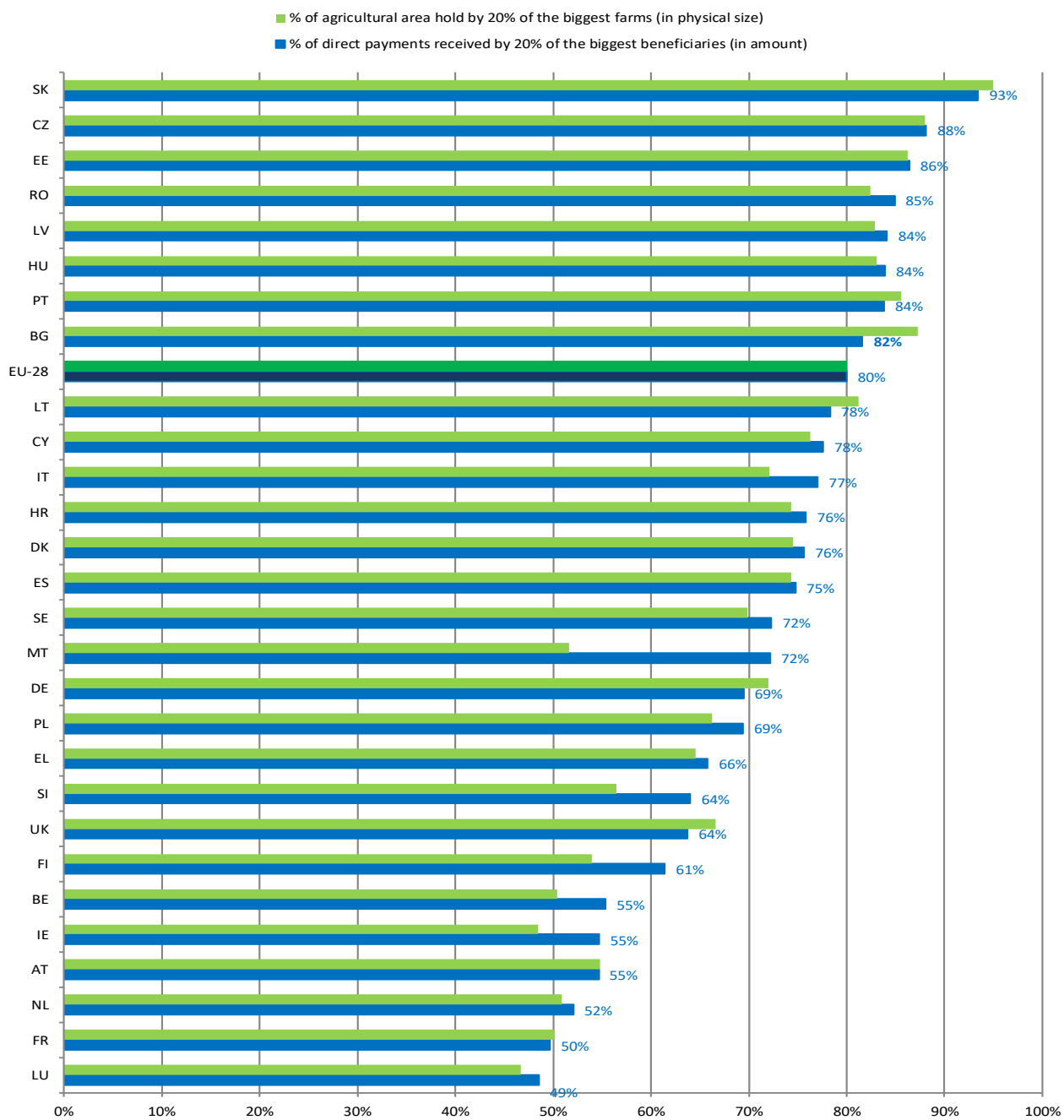
Farms between 5 and 250 ha, that can be considered essentially family, commercial farms, and that represent exactly half of all beneficiaries, receive almost three quarters of all the Direct payments. They take care of 69% of the EU agricultural land.

Bigger farm (above 250 ha) represent a fraction of the beneficiaries but take care of a quarter of the EU land. They receive a slightly smaller share of the Direct payment envelop.

Farm size class	% Beneficiaries	% Area	% Direct Payments
<=5 ha	48.9%	4.9%	5.8%
5-250 ha	50.0%	68.7%	72.1%
>250 ha	1.1%	26.4%	22.1%



Share of direct payments and land covered by 20% of beneficiaries by Member State - 2019*

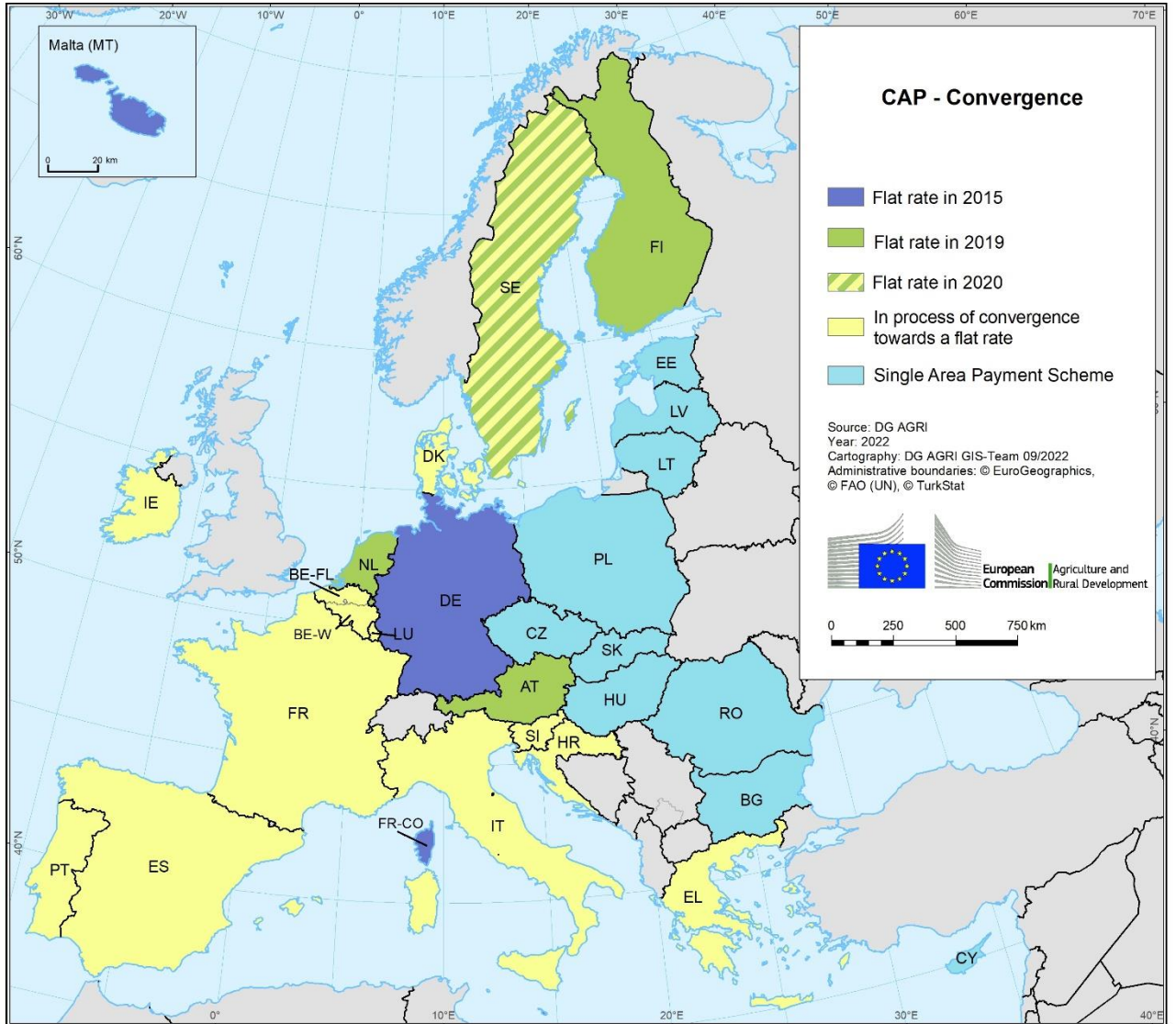


Direct payments are as concentrated as land: 20% of the largest farms in the EU concentrate 80% of agricultural land. The degree of concentration of land and direct payments differs across Member States. In Slovakia more than 90% of agricultural land is farmed by 20% of beneficiaries who receive a corresponding share of direct payments. This figure is the lowest in Luxembourg (49%).

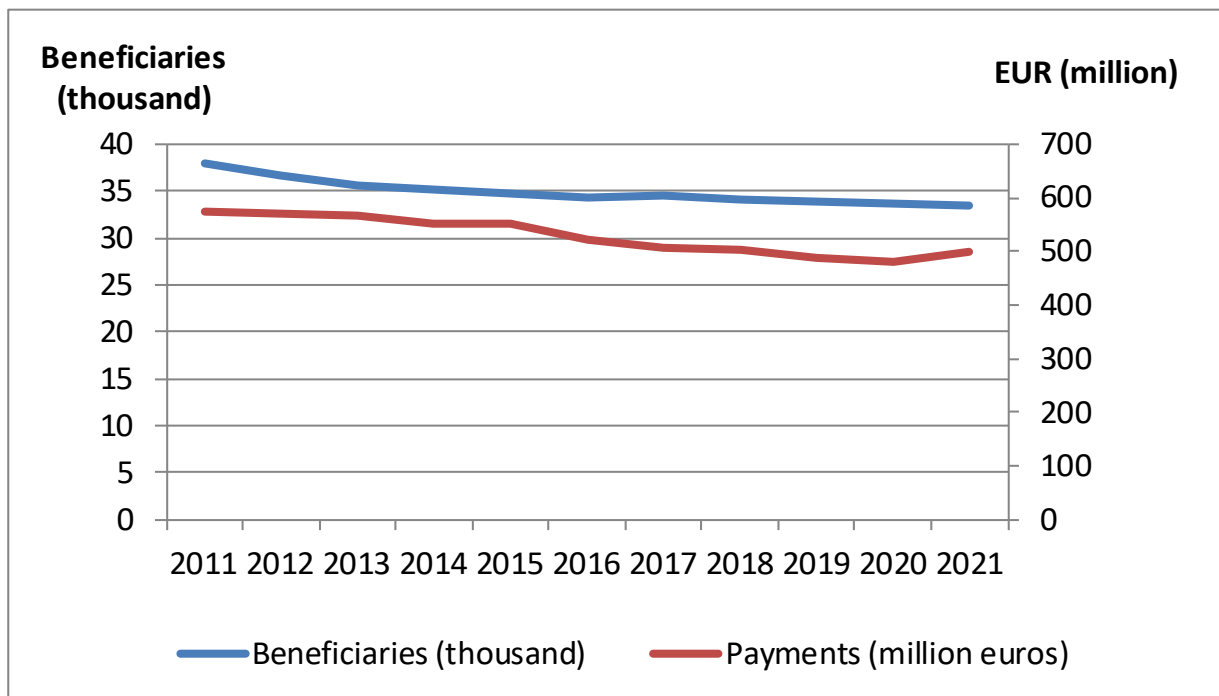
In some countries), notably Malta, direct payments are more strongly concentrated than land. The reverse is true in particular in Bulgaria and Lithuania.

*claim year: latest available data

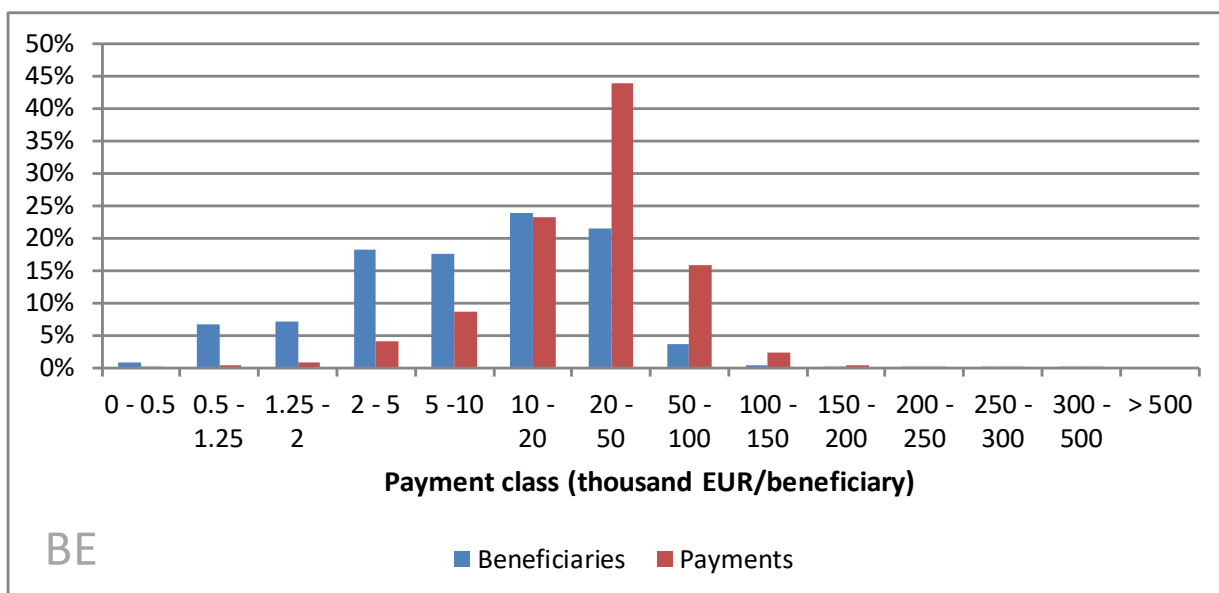
Annex: Country graphs



Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

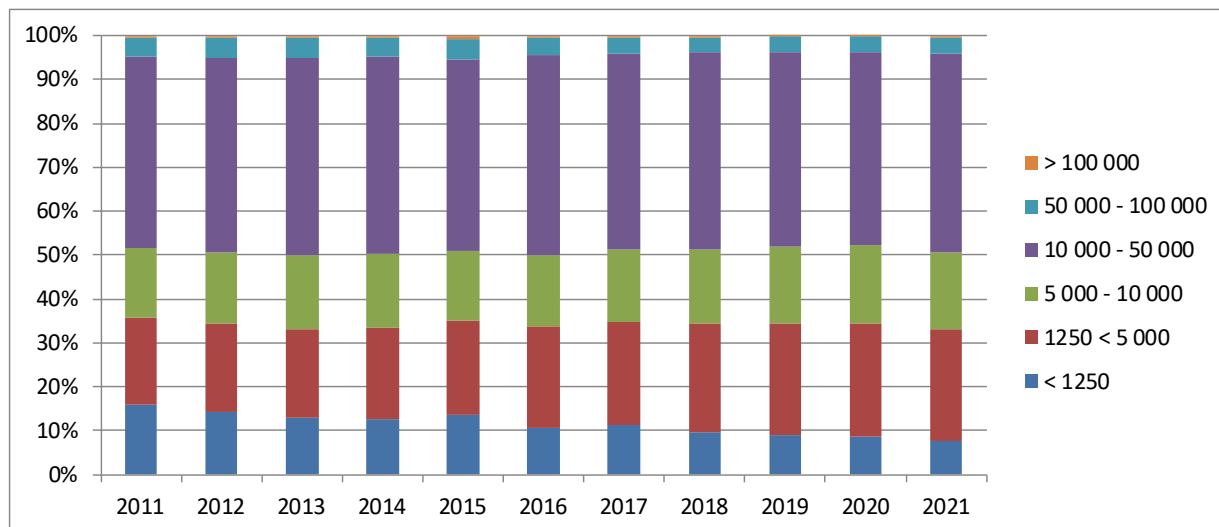


Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class

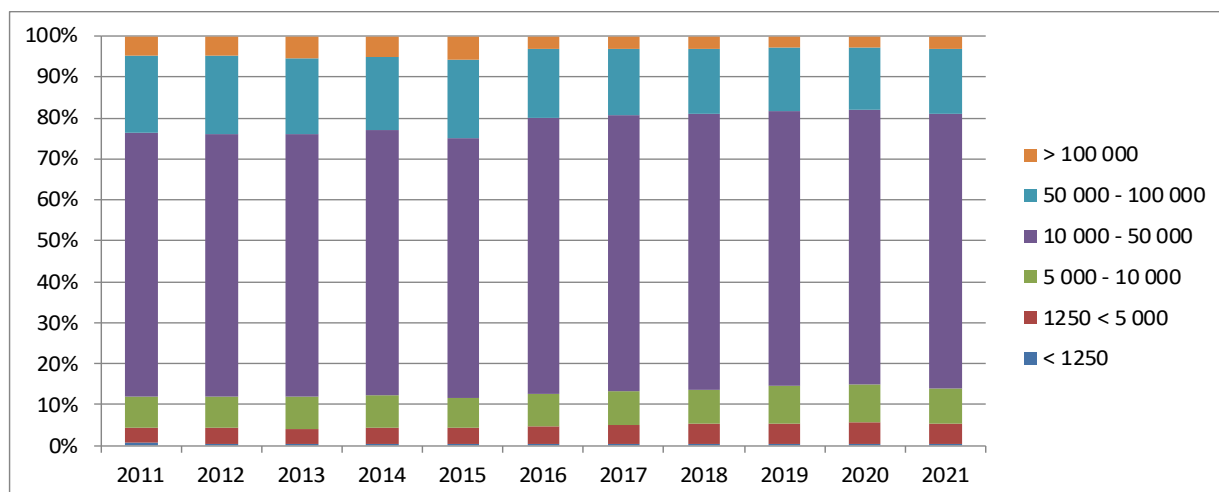


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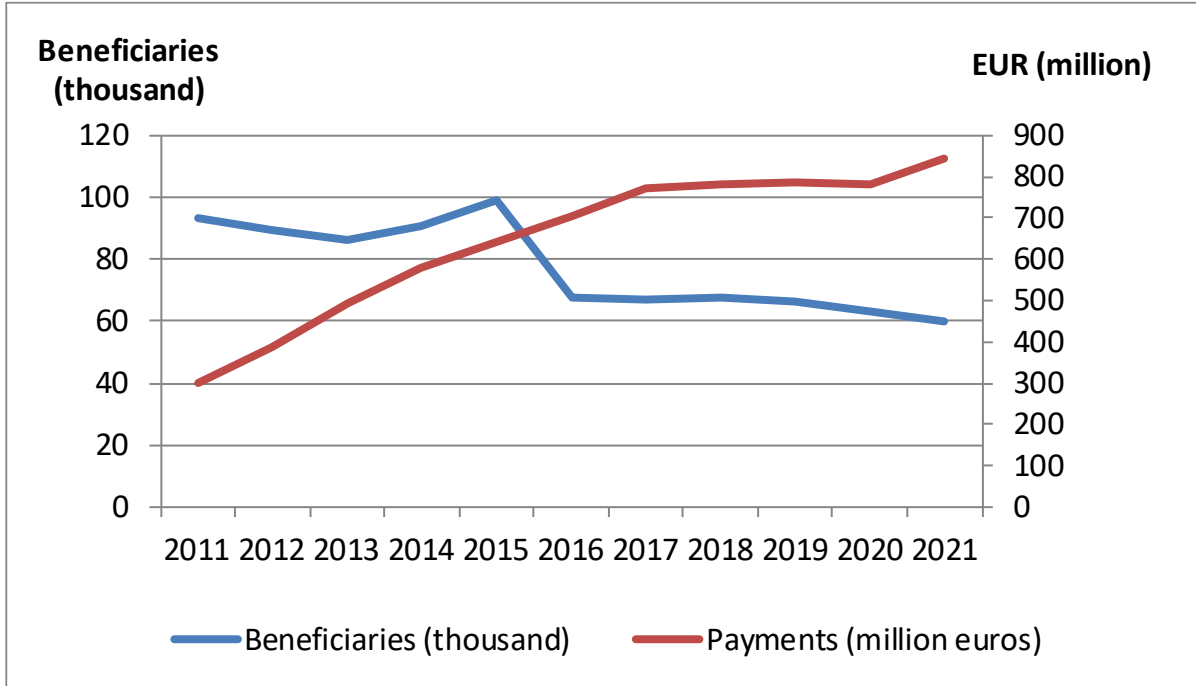
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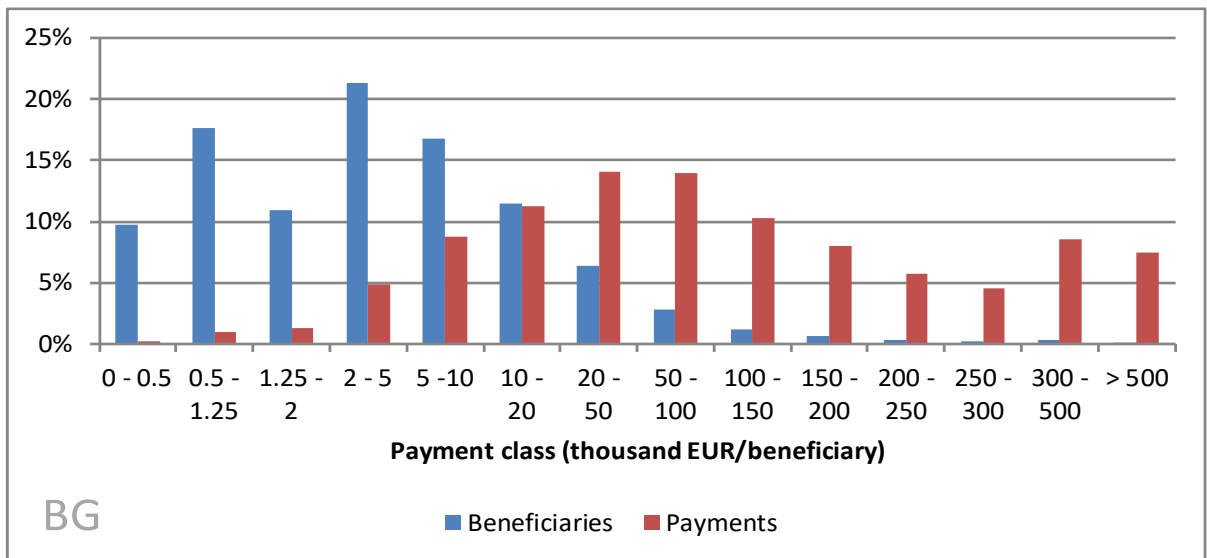
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<= 5ha	9.6%	0.8%	1.1%
5-250 ha	90.0%	95.7%	96.3%
>250 ha	0.4%	3.5%	2.7%

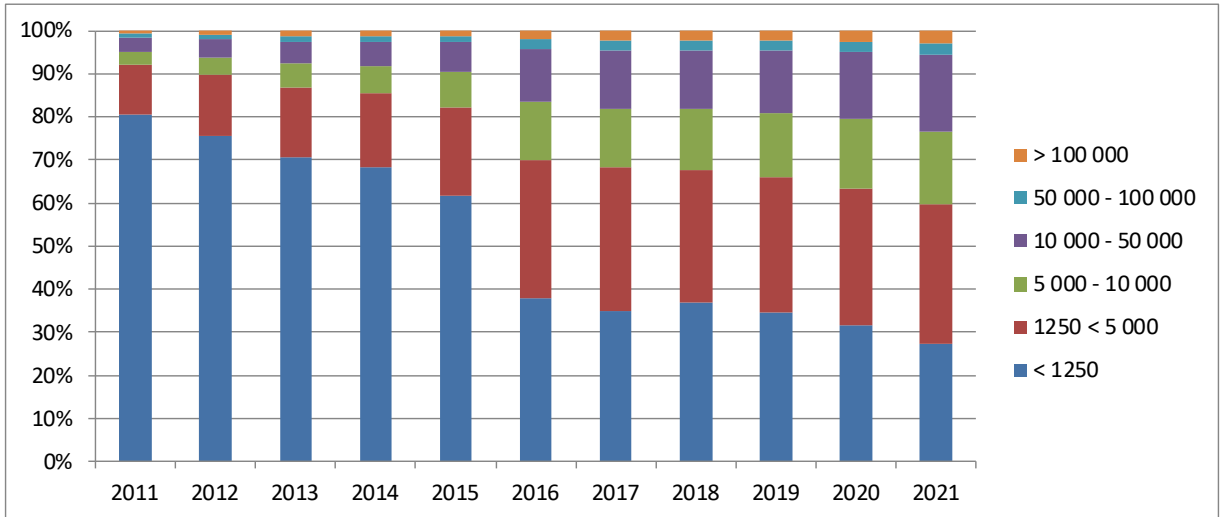
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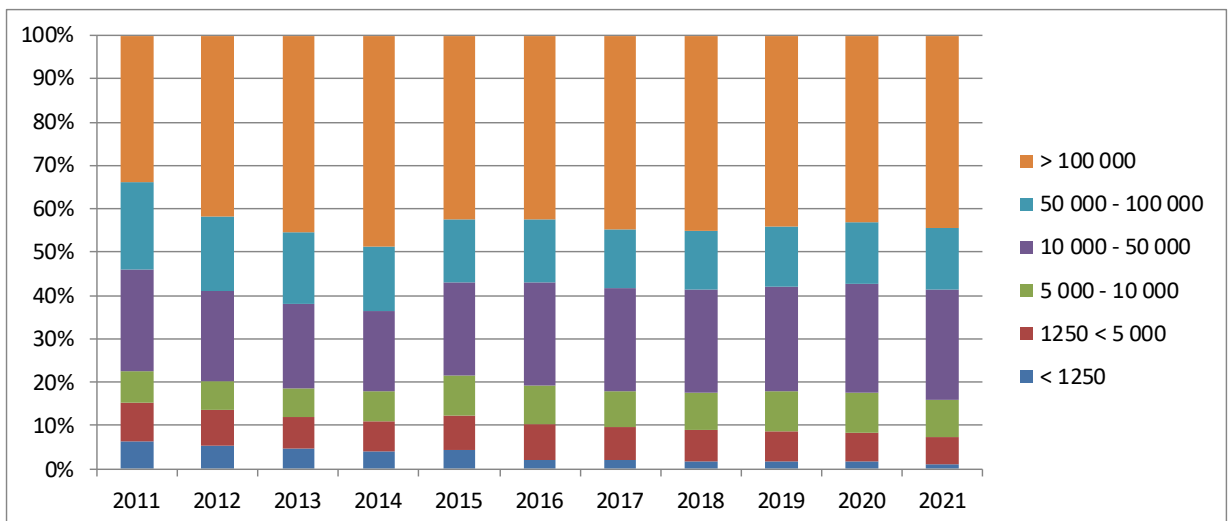
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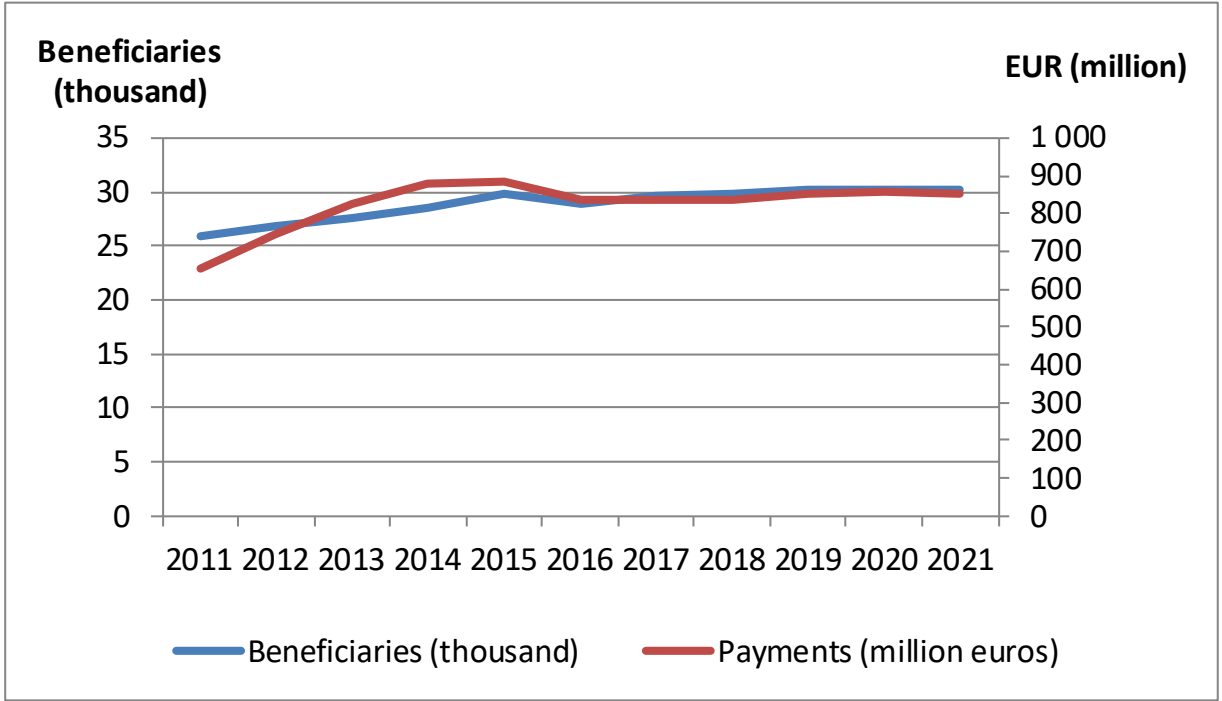
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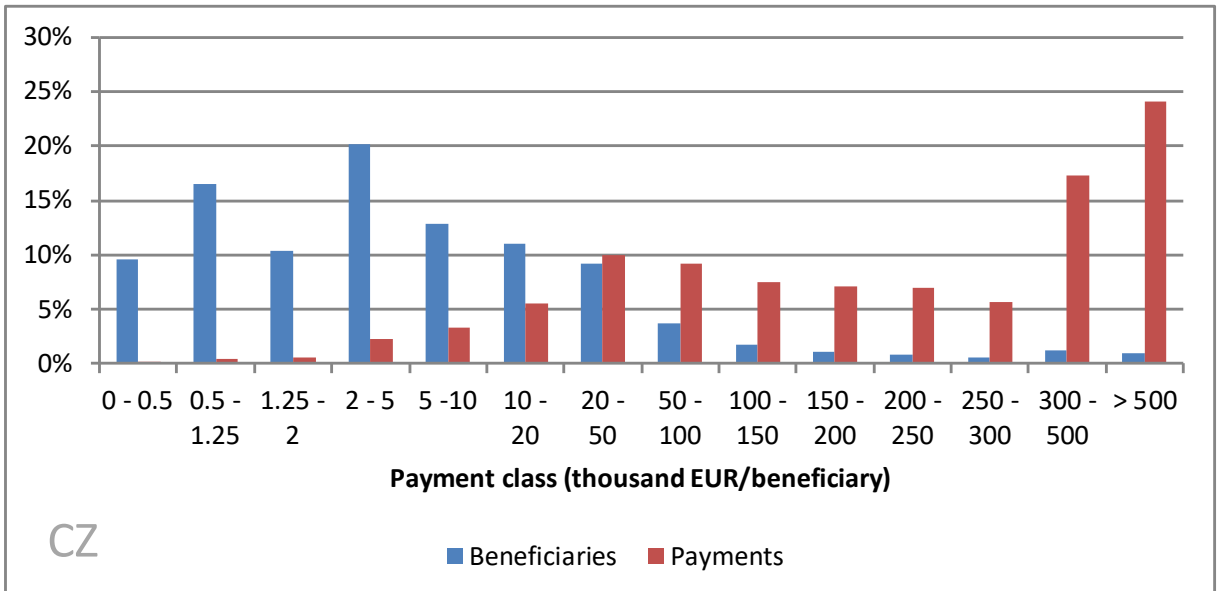
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	37.8%	1.3%	3.5%
5-250 ha	56.6%	31.1%	39.3%
>250 ha	5.6%	67.5%	57.3%

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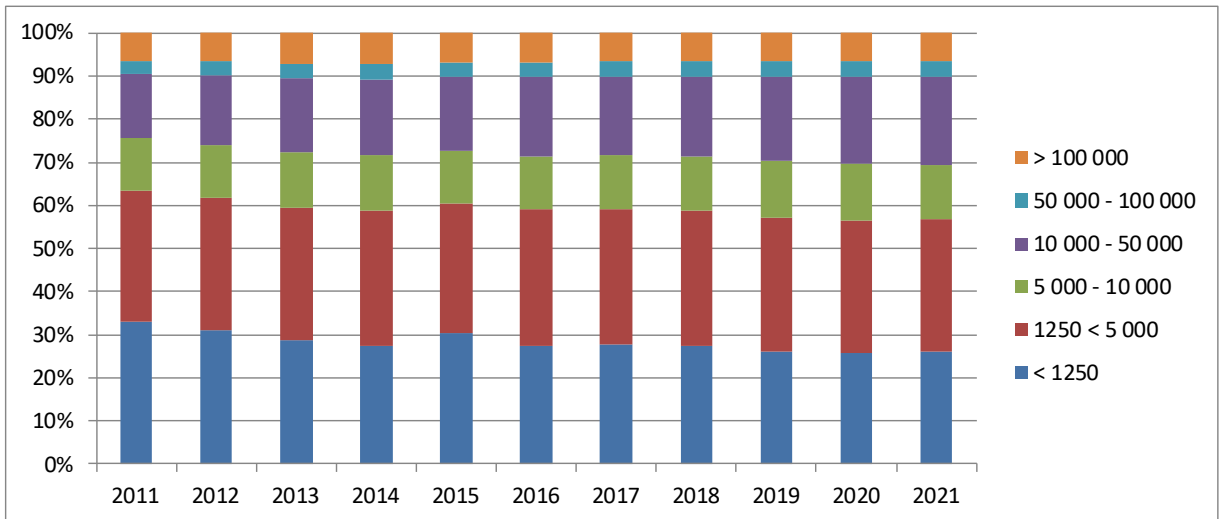


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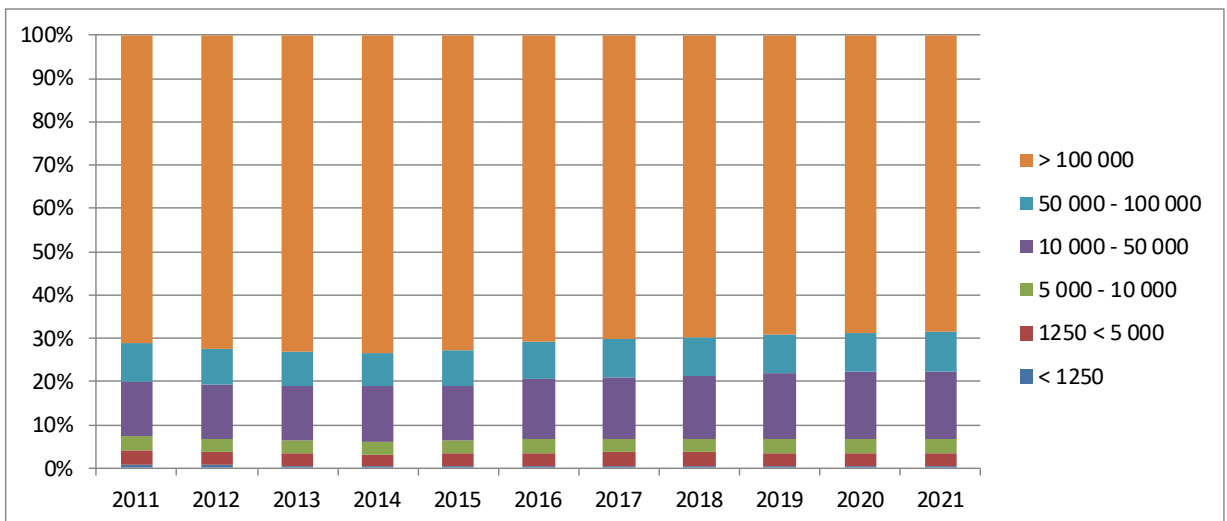


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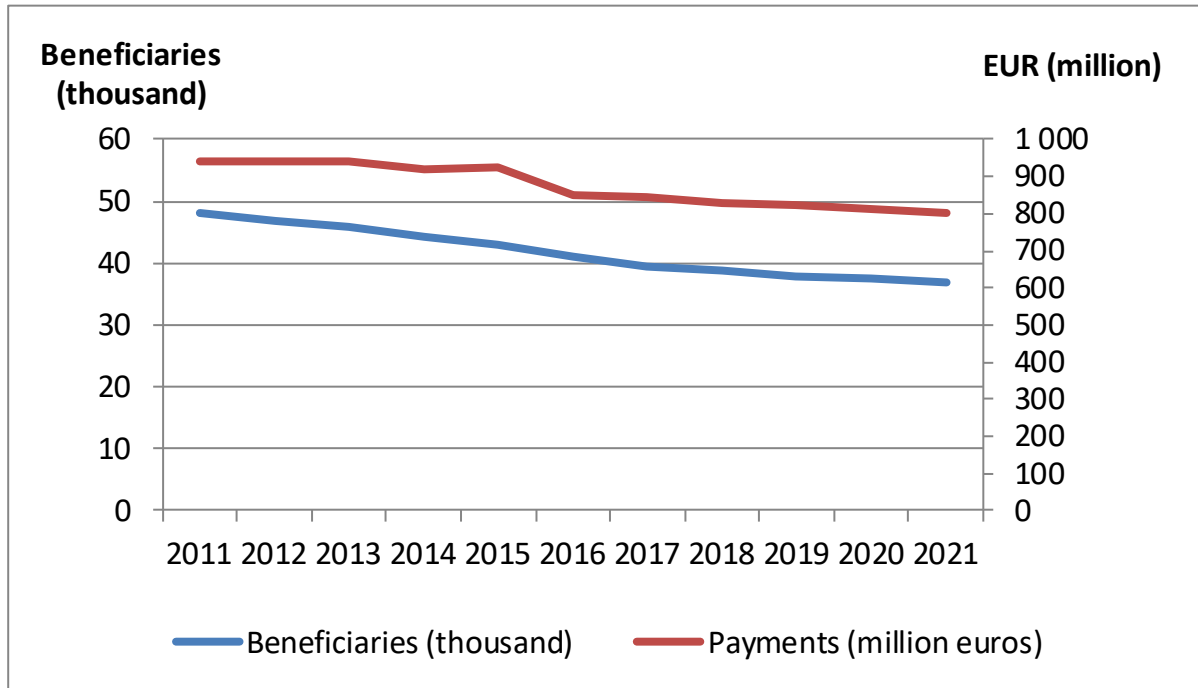
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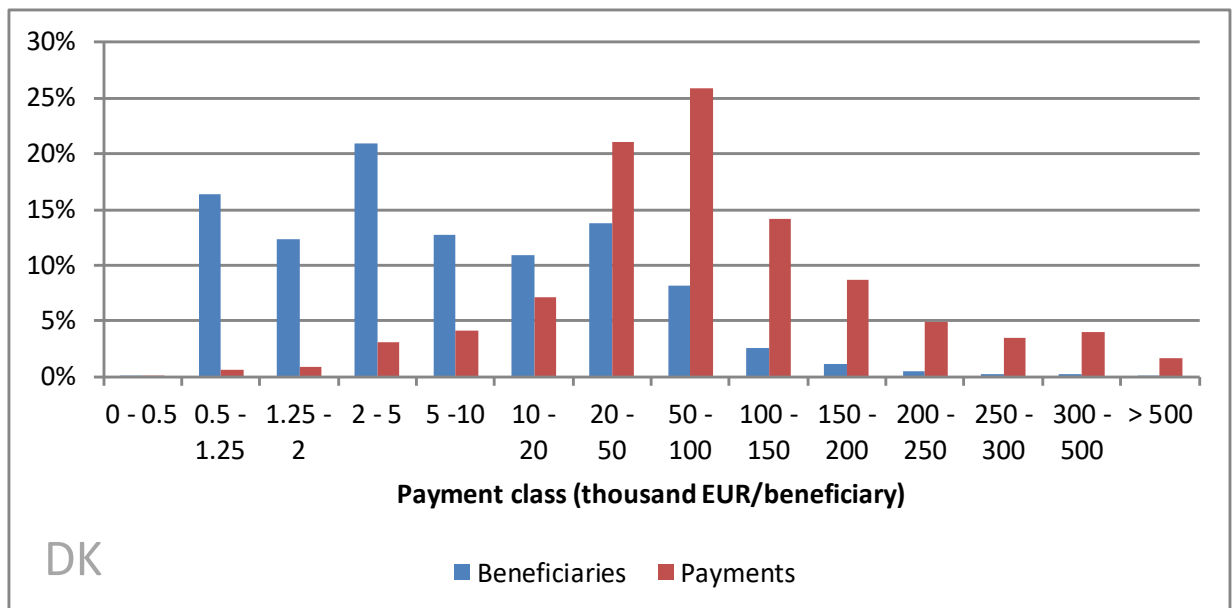
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
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5-250 ha	67.0%	23.9%	23.7%
>250 ha	9.2%	75.5%	75.8%

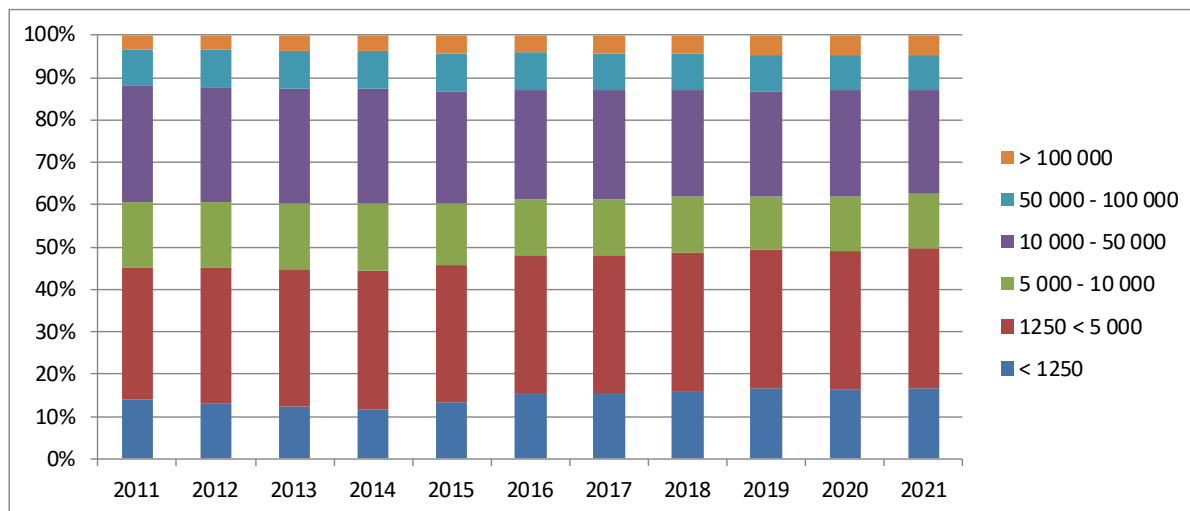
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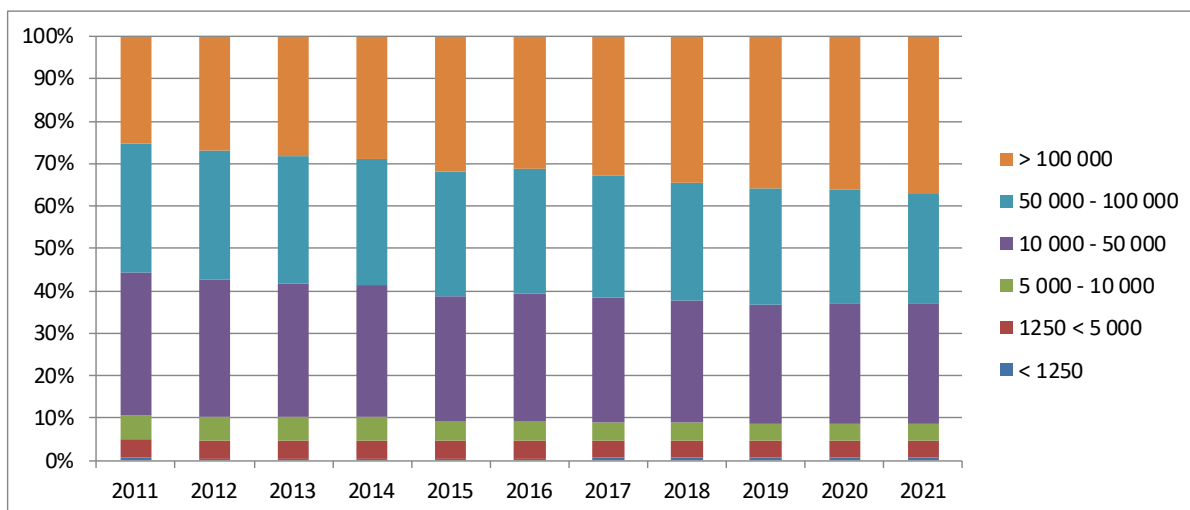
Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class



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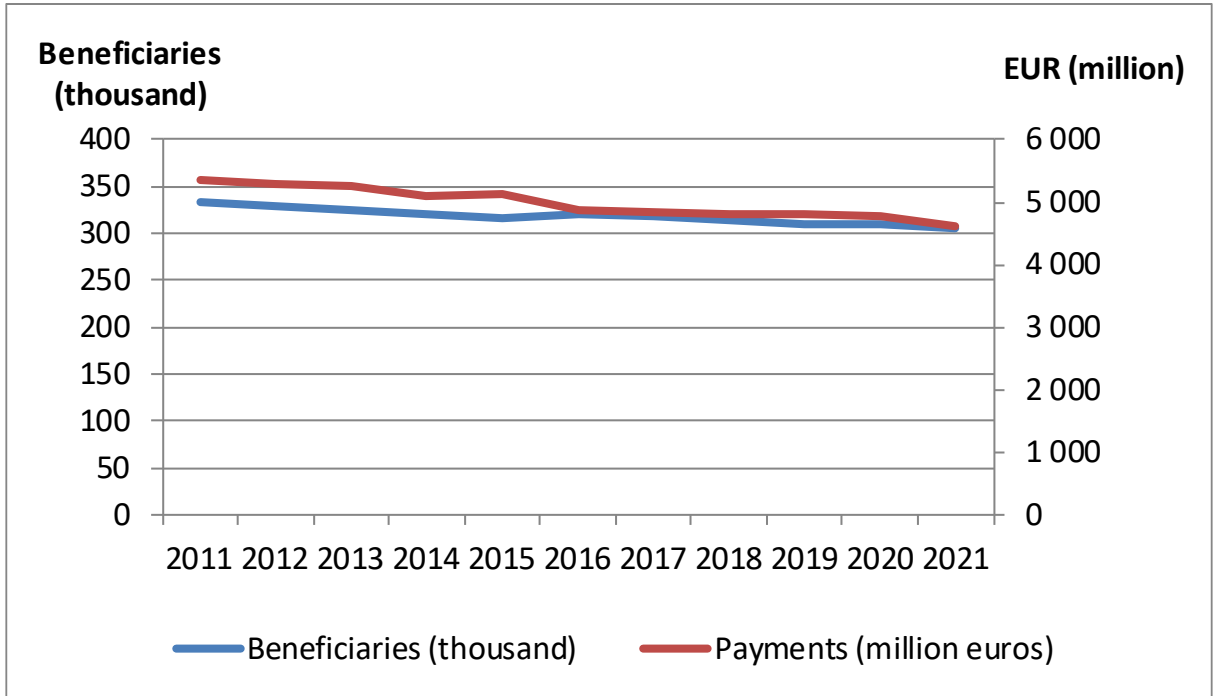
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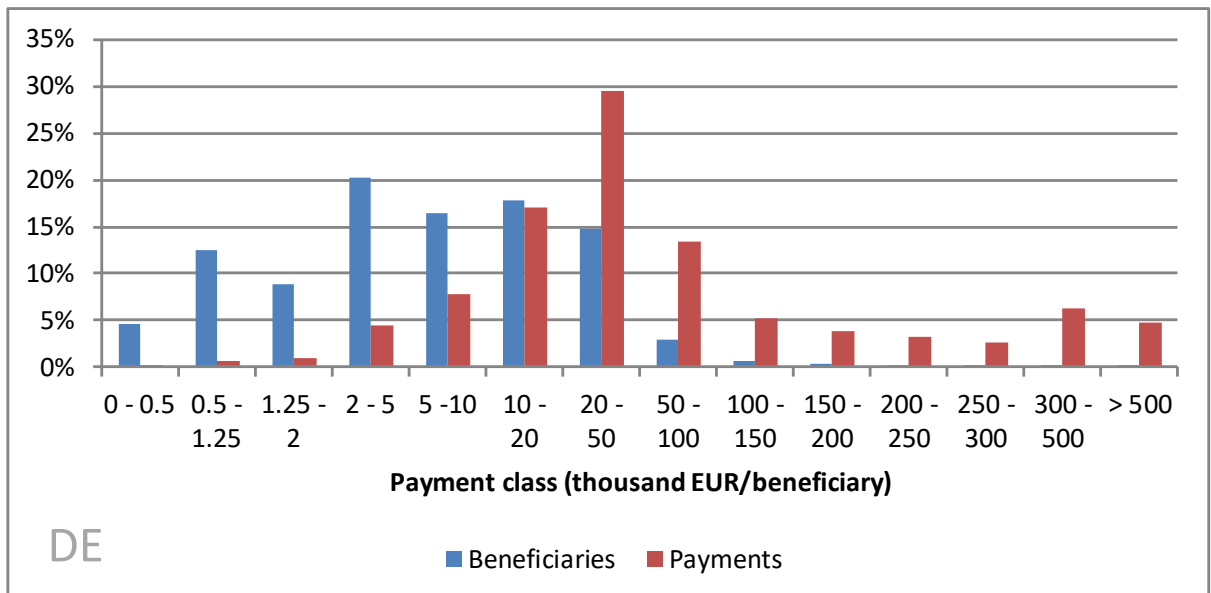
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
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5-250 ha	73.5%	52.2%	54.1%
>250 ha	7.1%	46.9%	45.0%

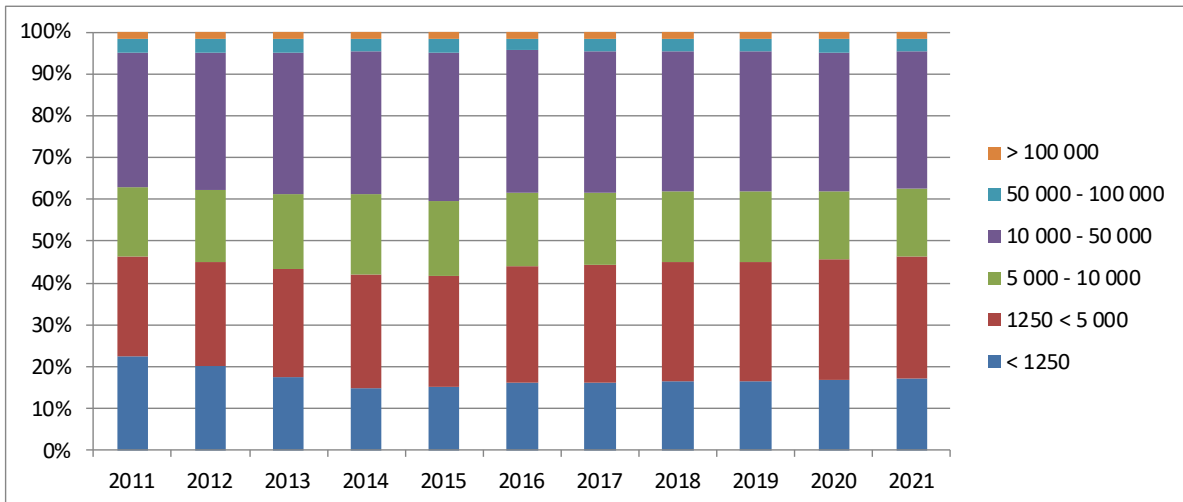
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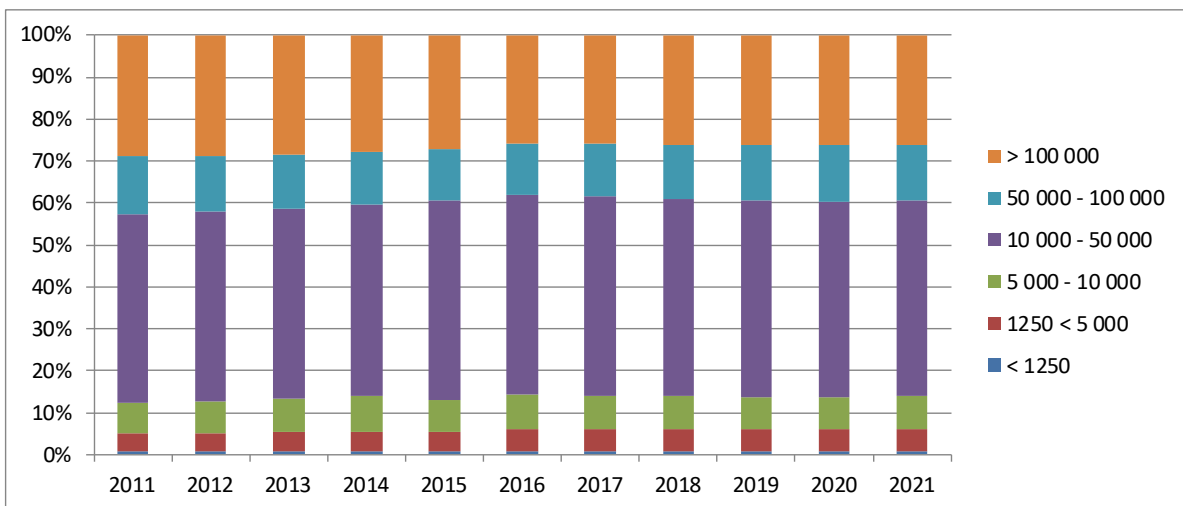
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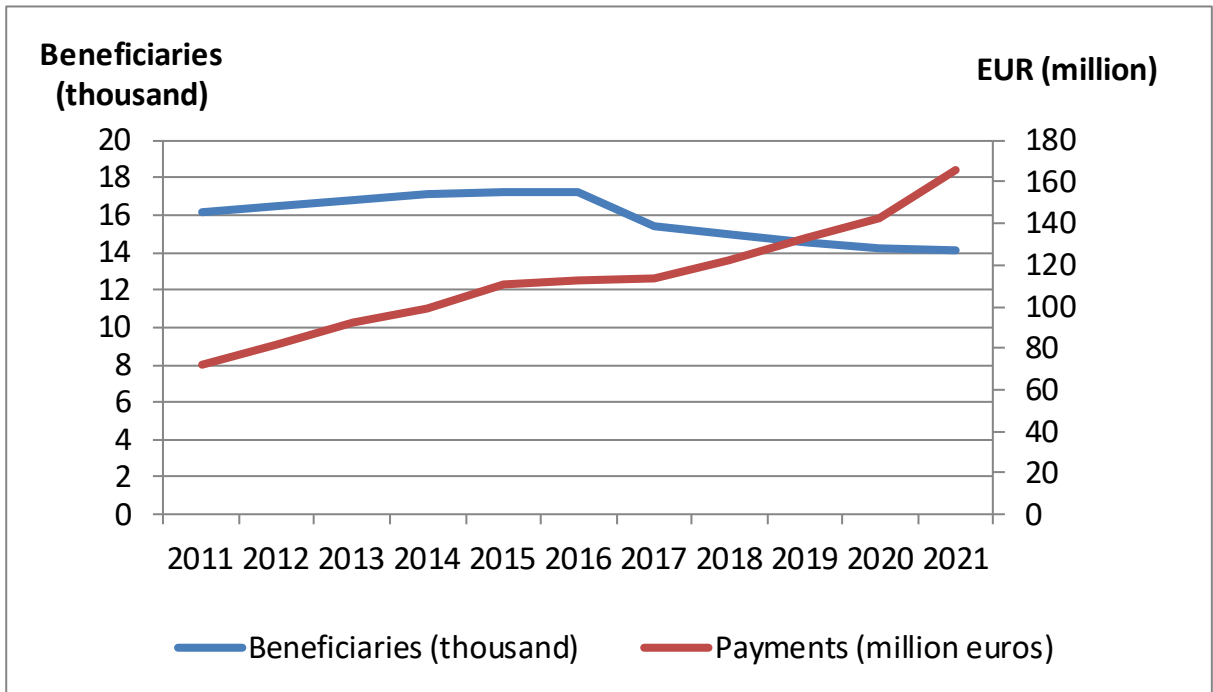
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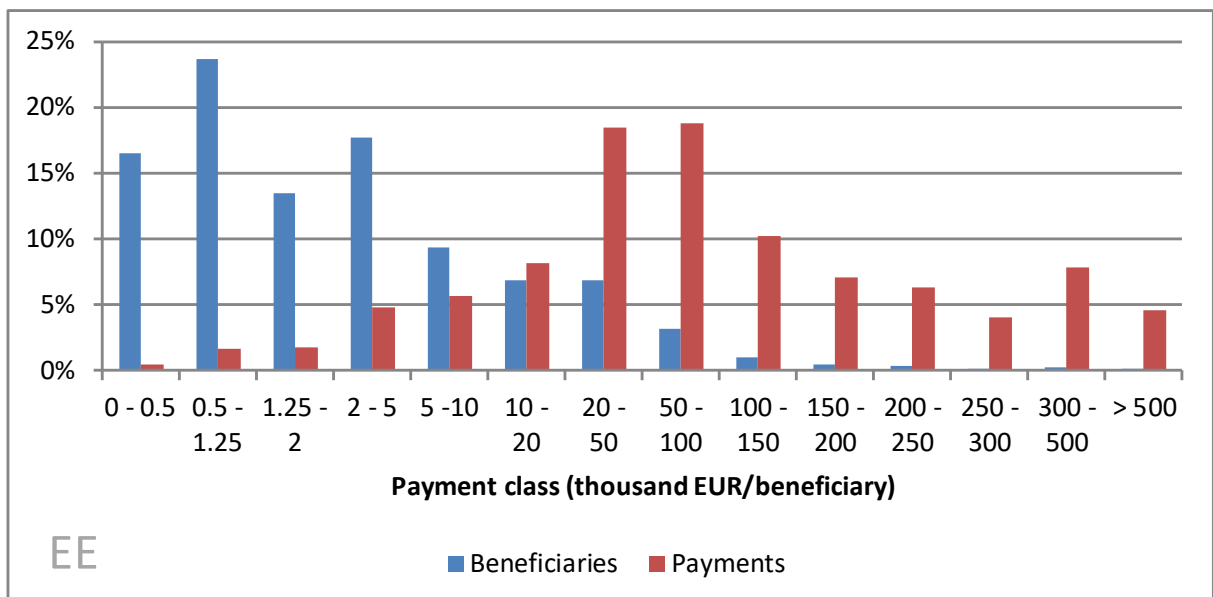
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	21.0%	1.1%	1.2%
5-250 ha	76.0%	63.3%	65.6%
>250 ha	3.0%	35.6%	33.2%

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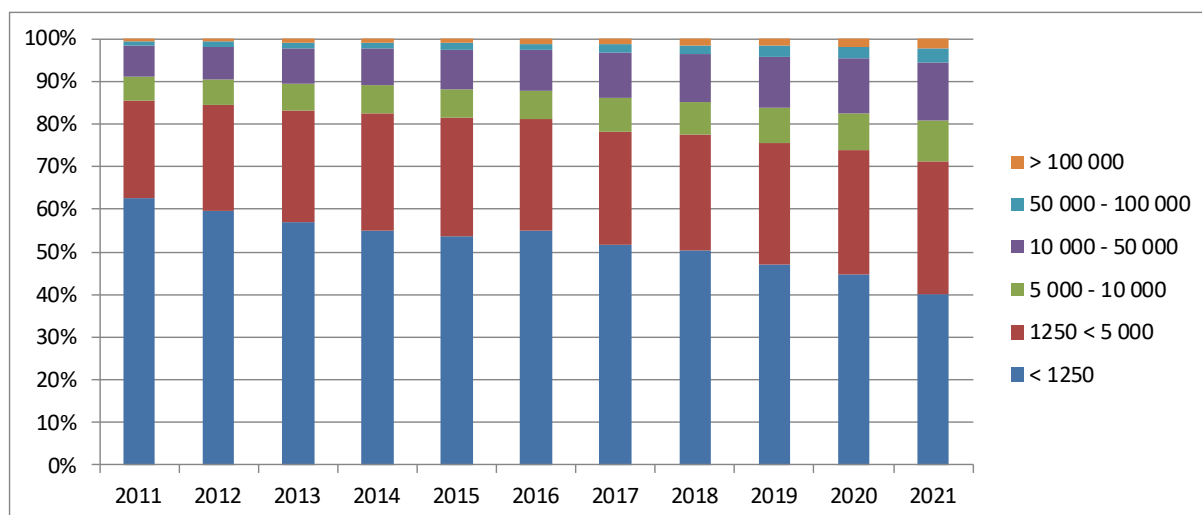


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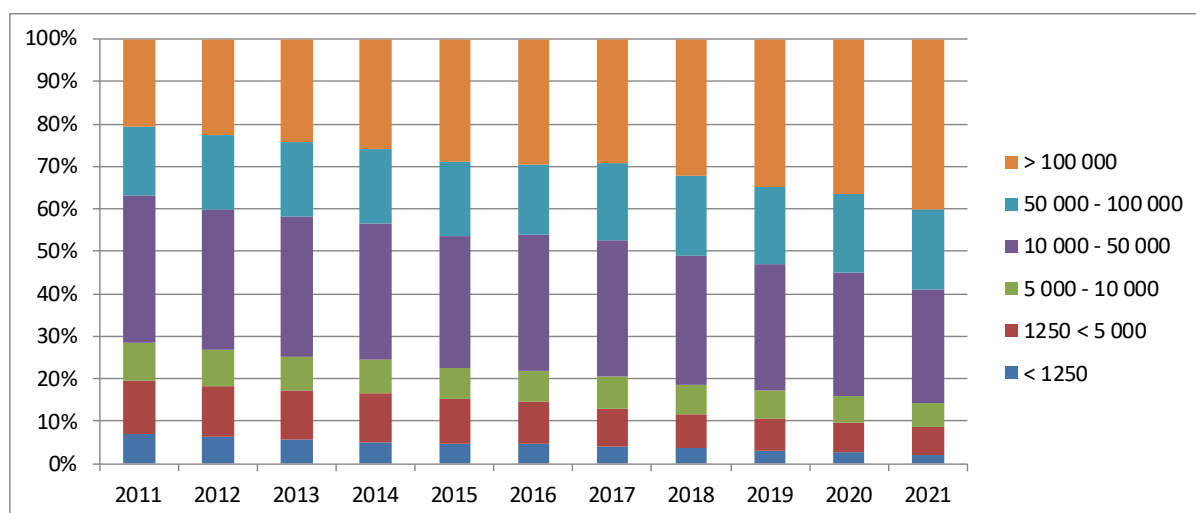


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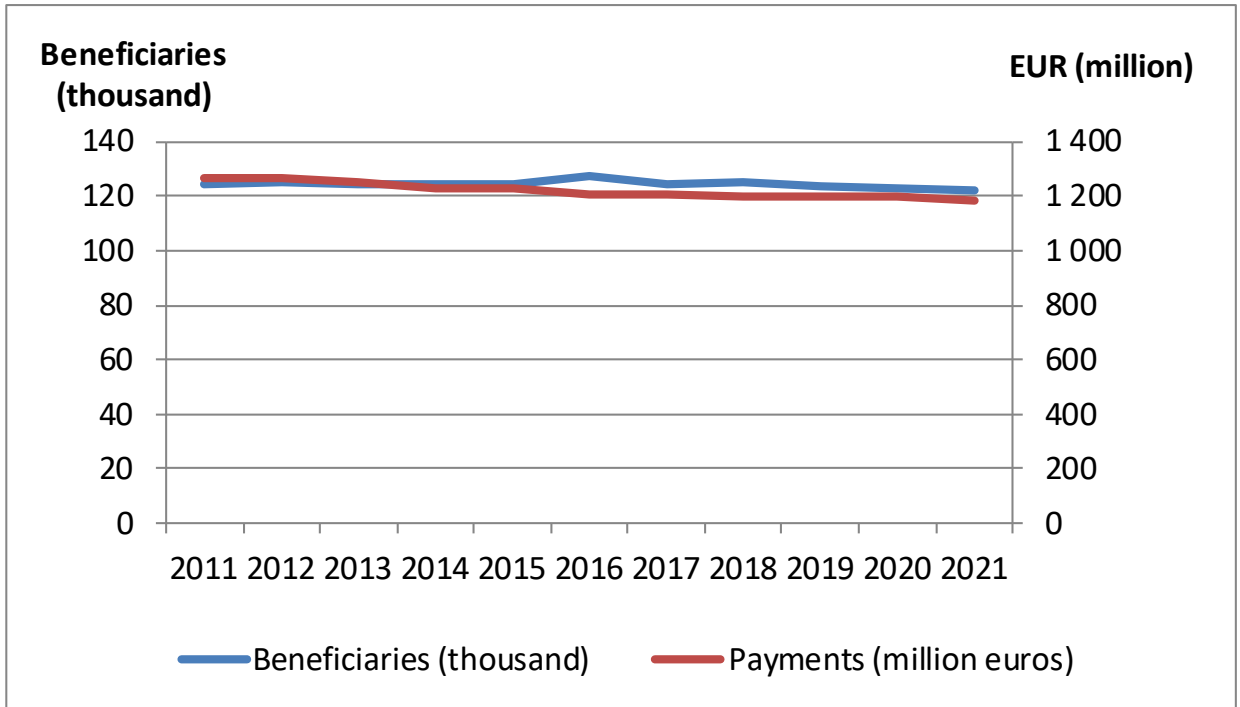
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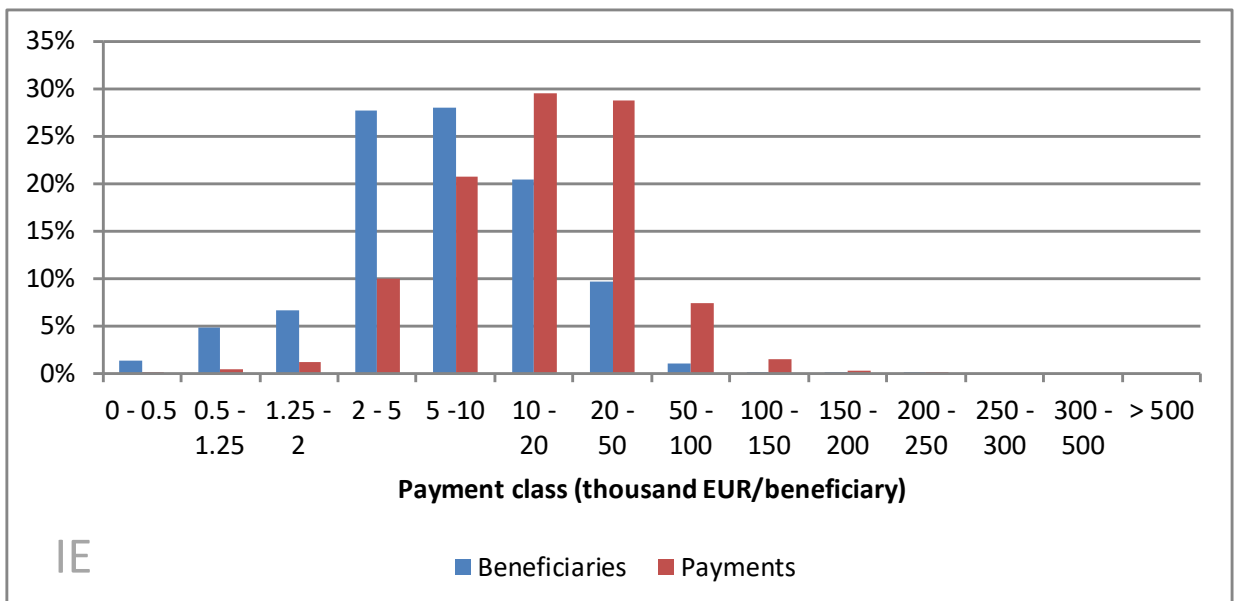
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	29.3%	1.2%	1.2%
5-250 ha	64.3%	35.9%	36.3%
>250 ha	6.4%	62.9%	62.5%

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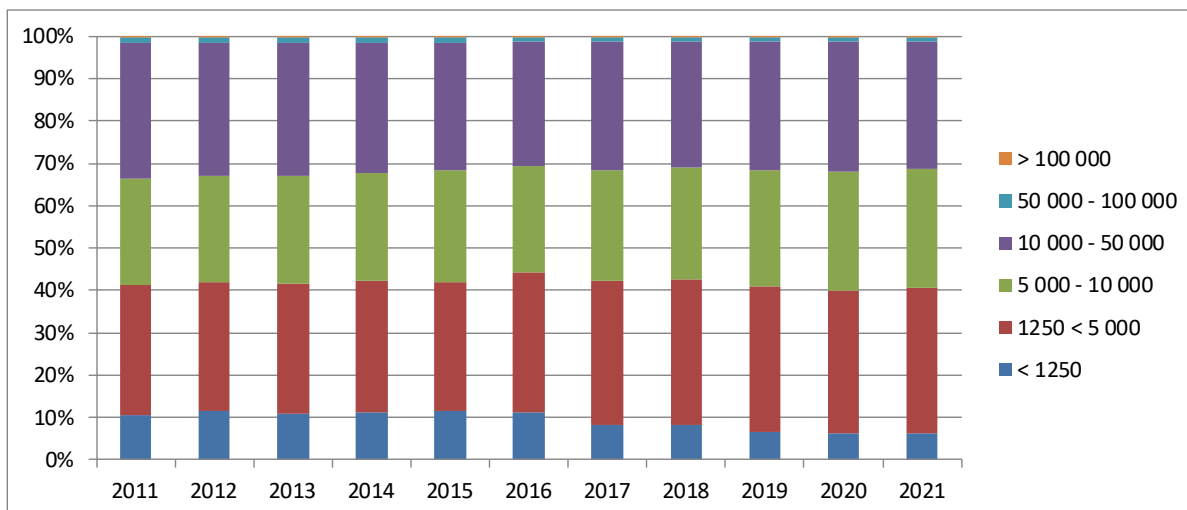


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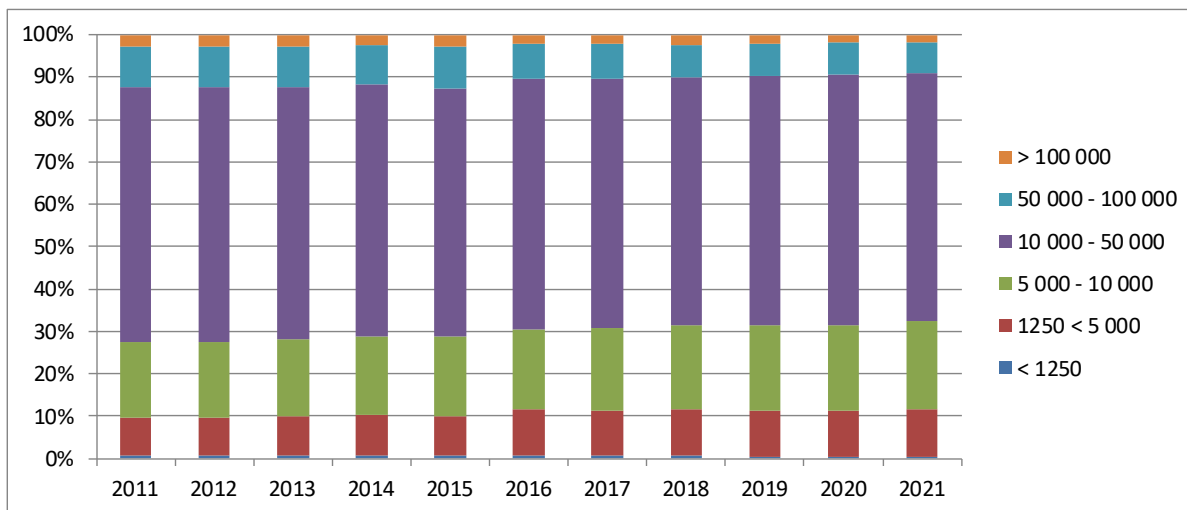


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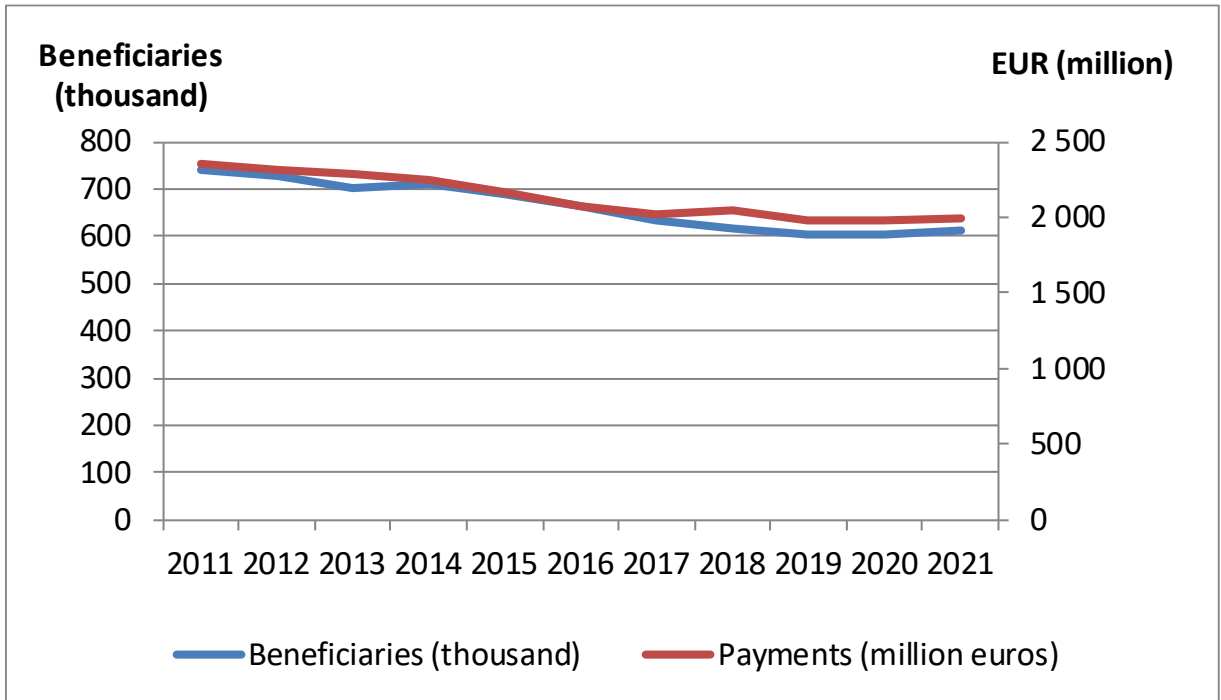
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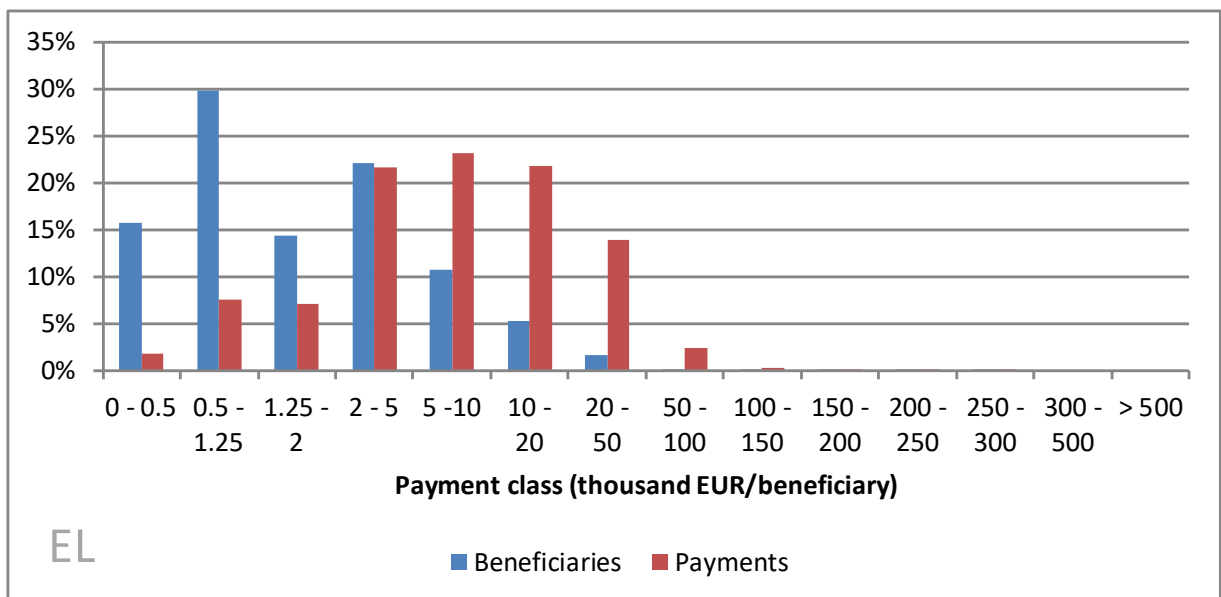
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Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	8.8%	0.4%	0.5%
5-250 ha	90.8%	95.9%	96.2%
>250 ha	0.4%	3.7%	3.4%

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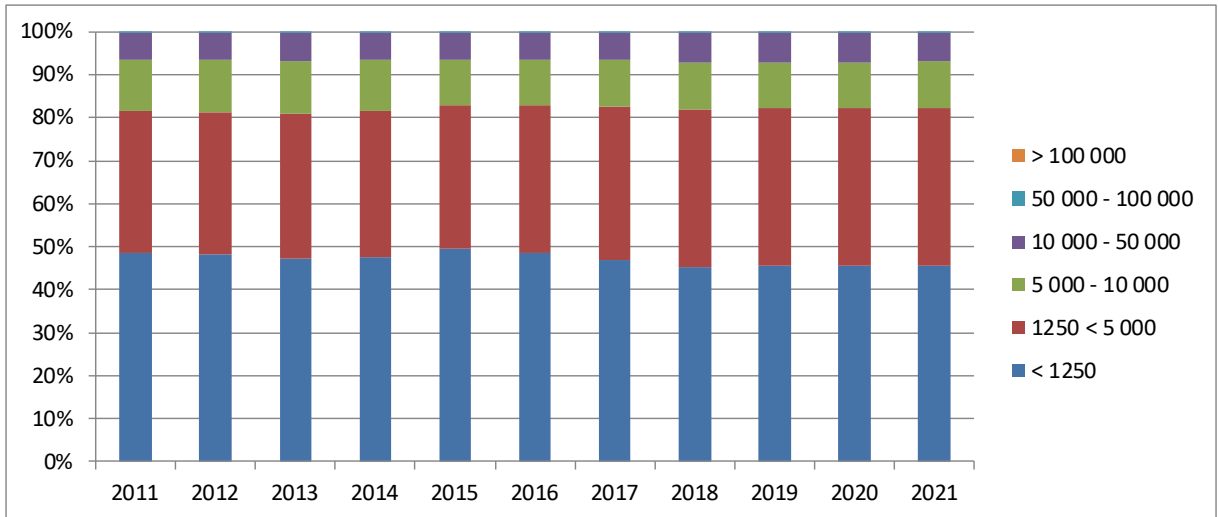


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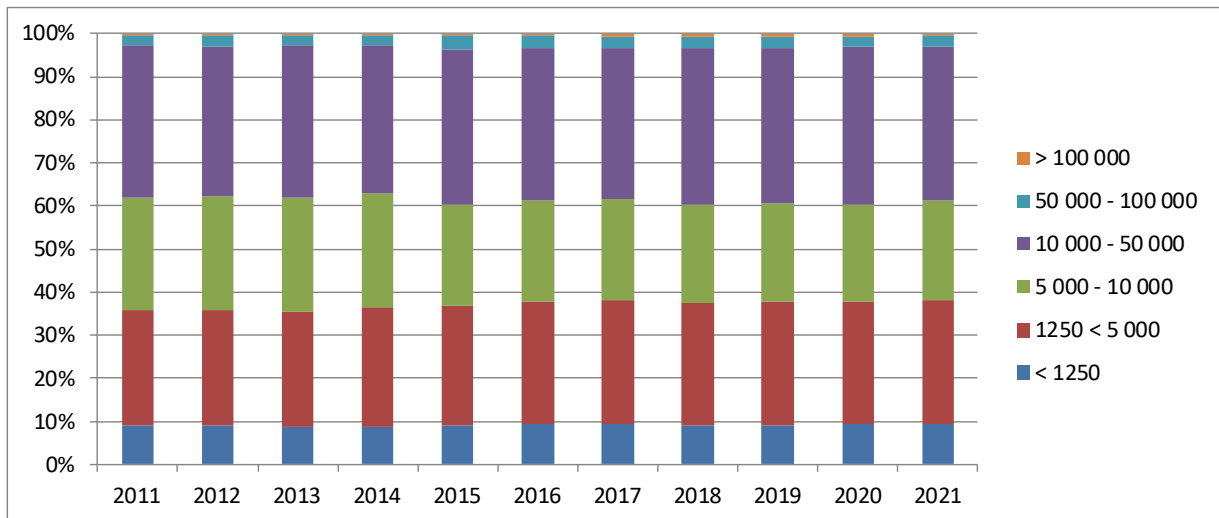


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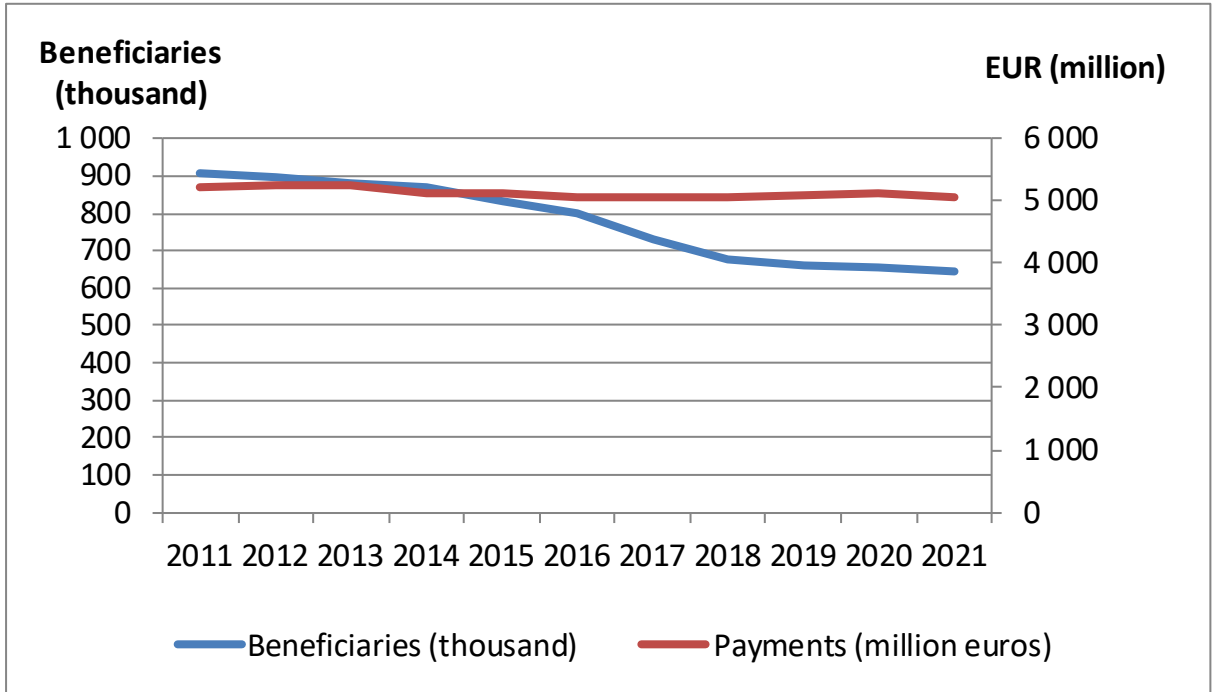
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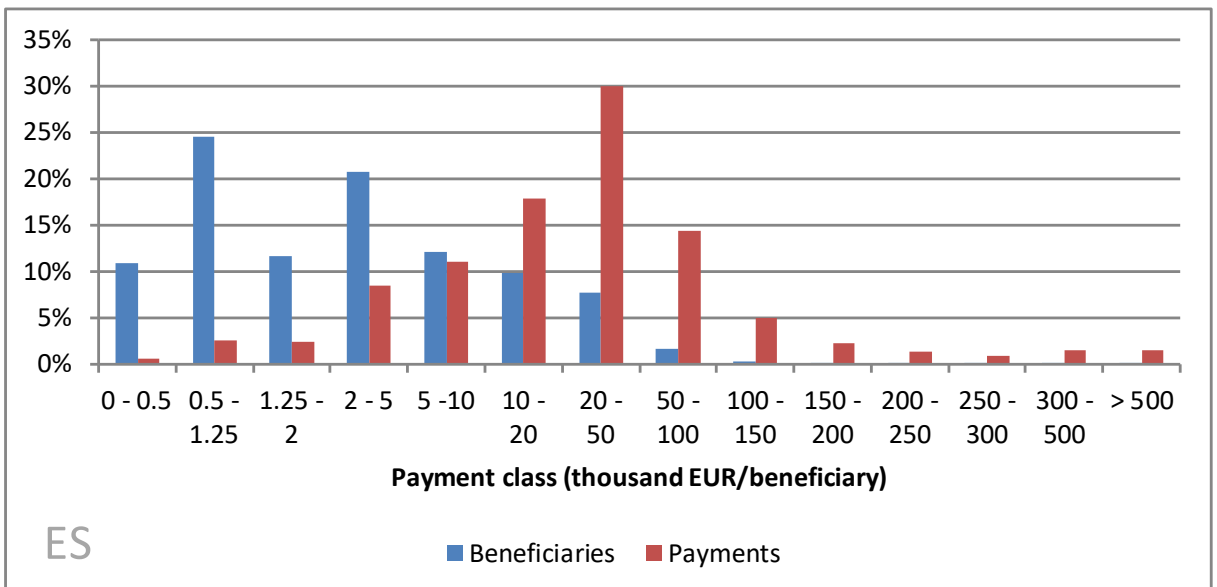
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<=5ha	68.7%	21.1%	24.8%
5-250 ha	31.3%	78.7%	75.1%
>250 ha	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%

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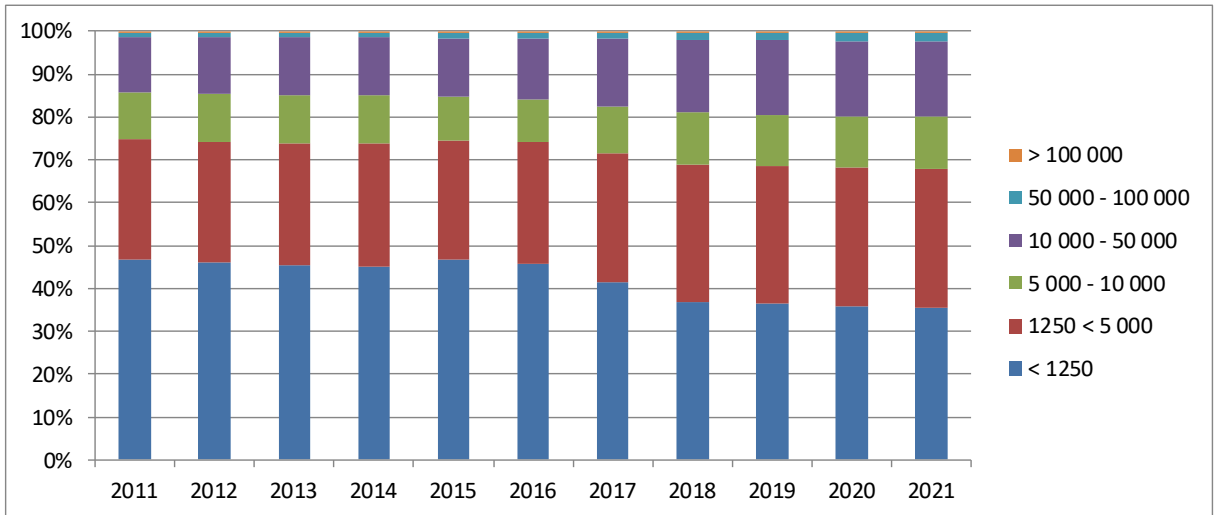


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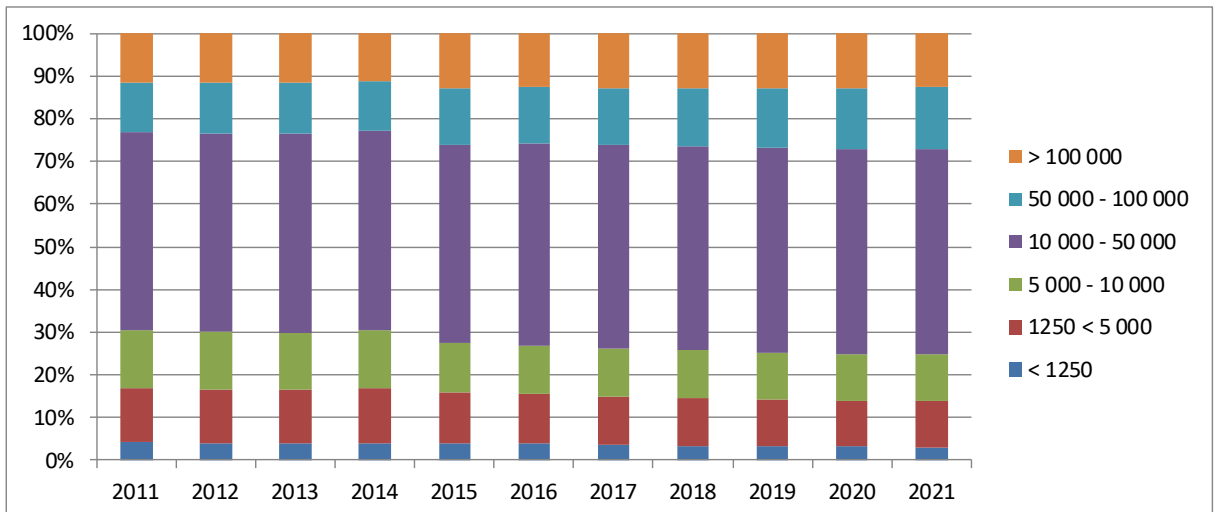


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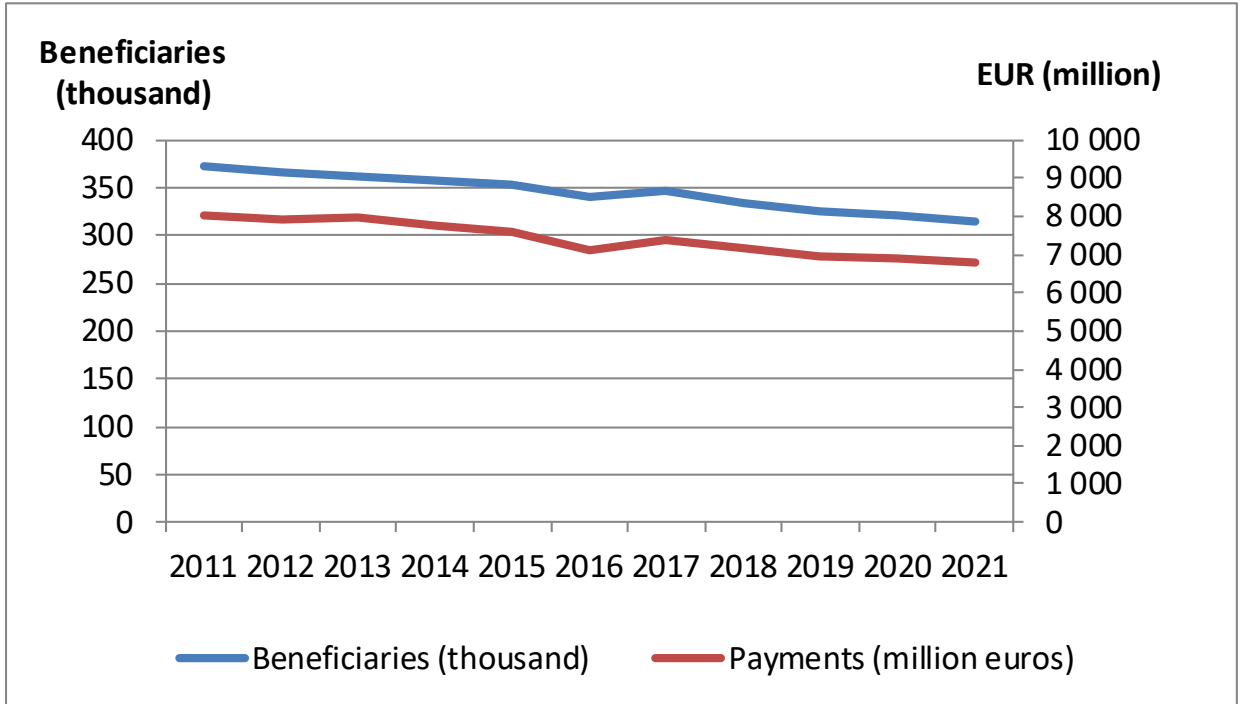
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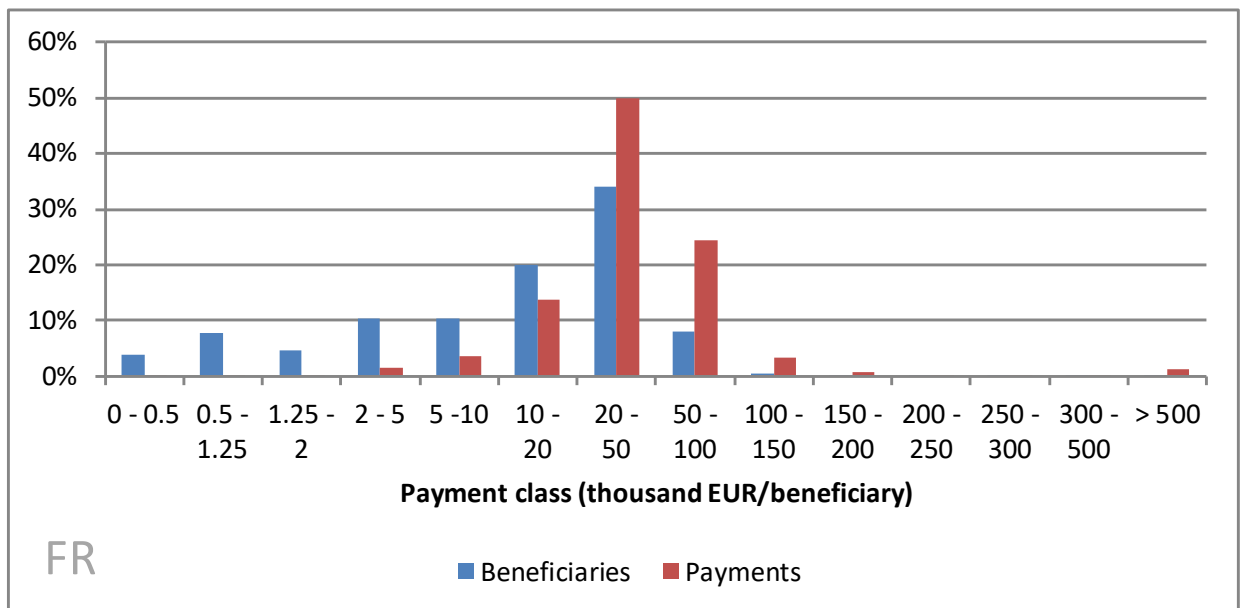
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<=5ha	41.1%	3.4%	6.3%
5-250 ha	57.2%	71.9%	75.4%
>250 ha	1.6%	24.6%	18.3%

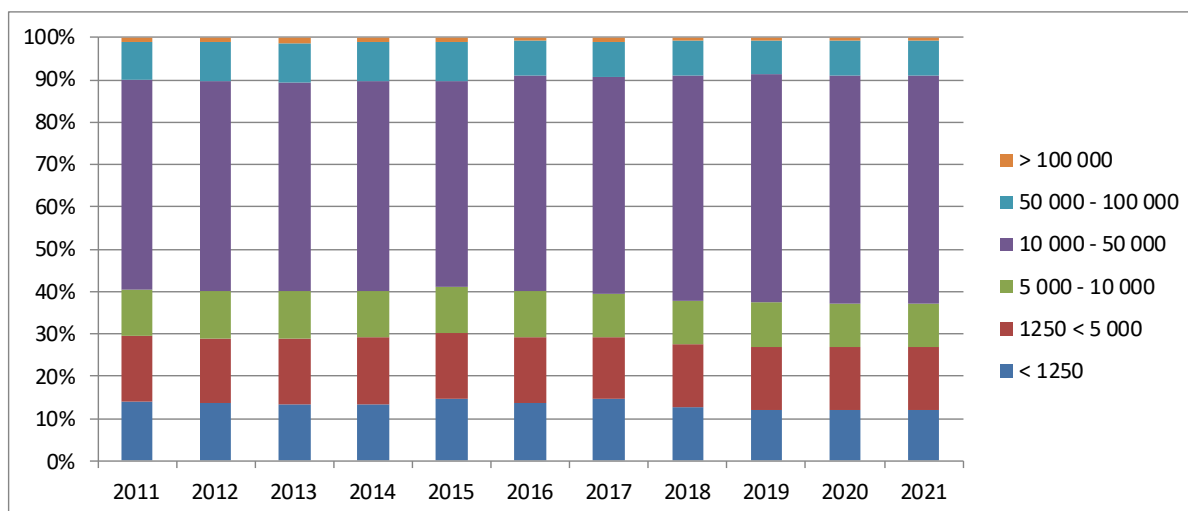
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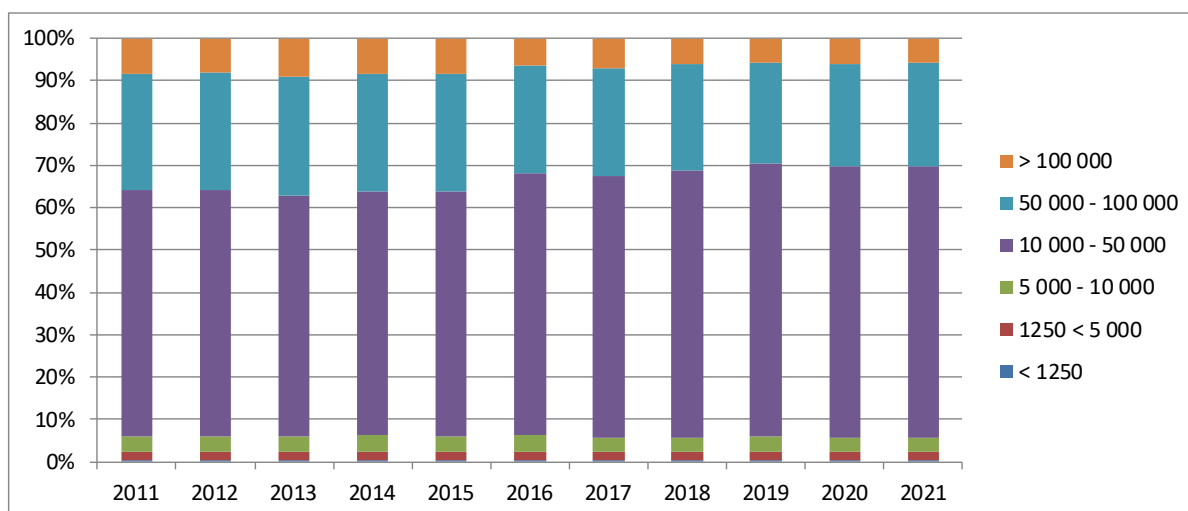
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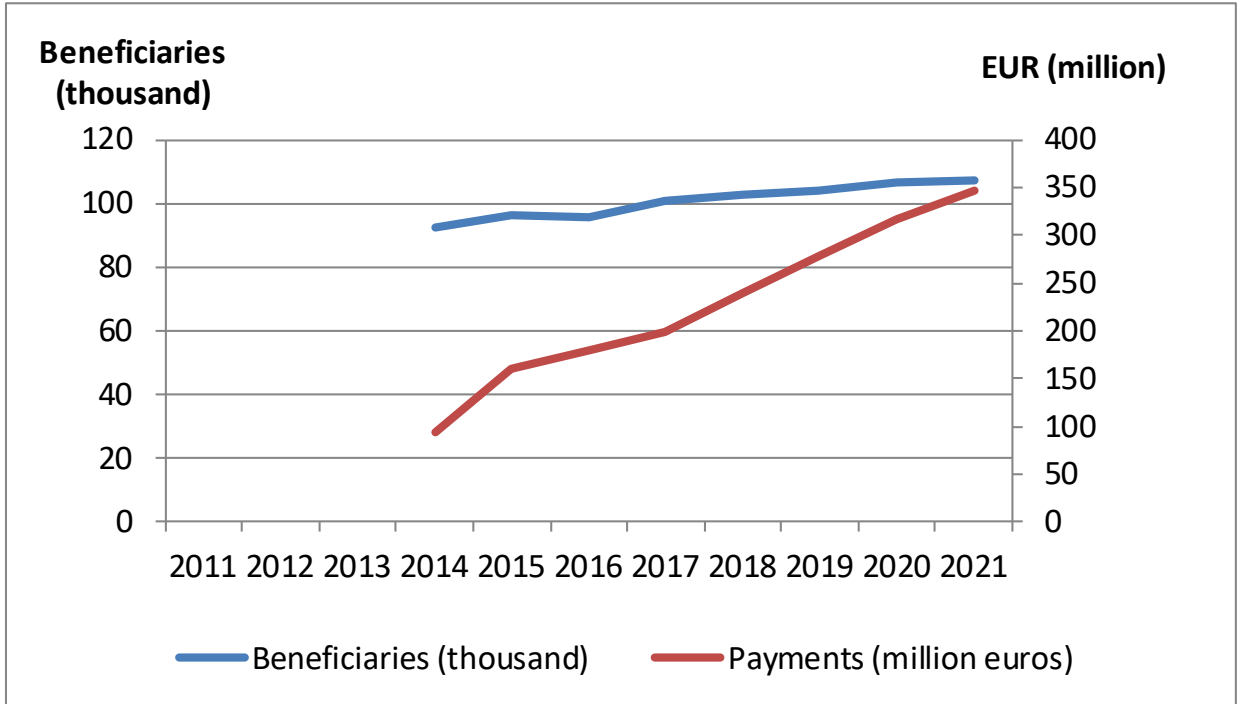
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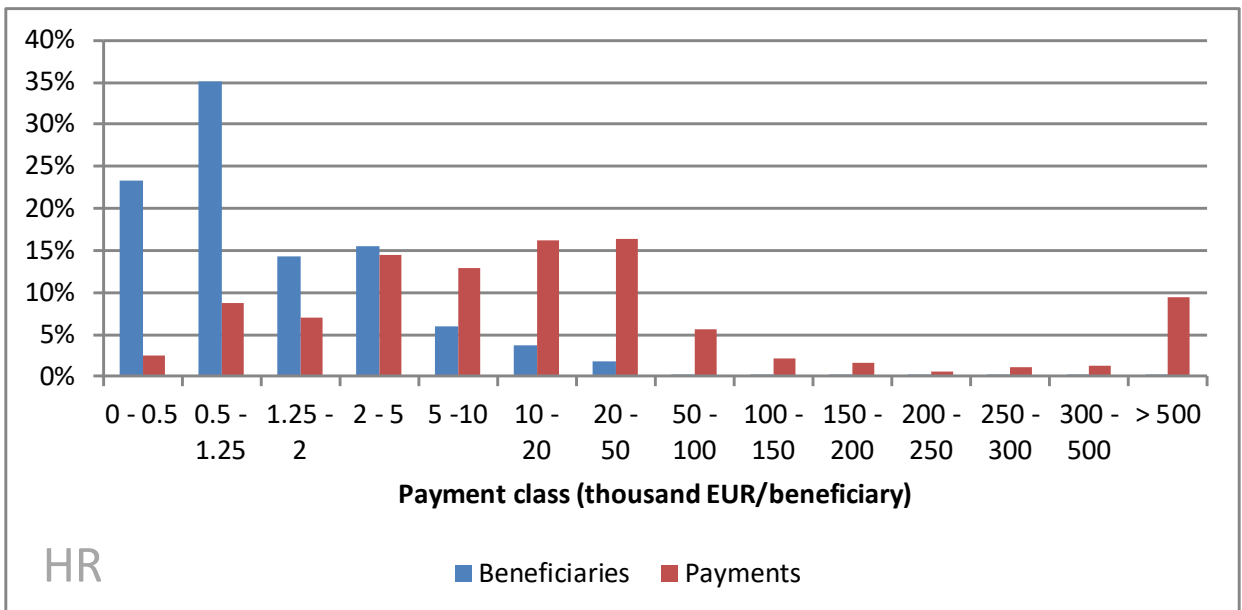
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5-250 ha	85.2%	81.1%	82.7%
>250 ha	4.6%	18.6%	16.8%

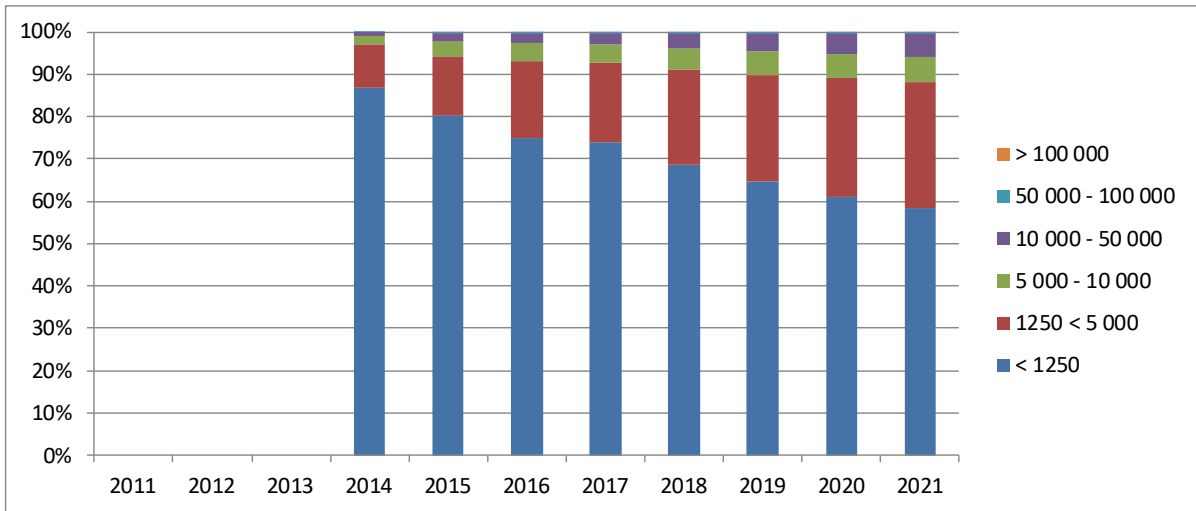
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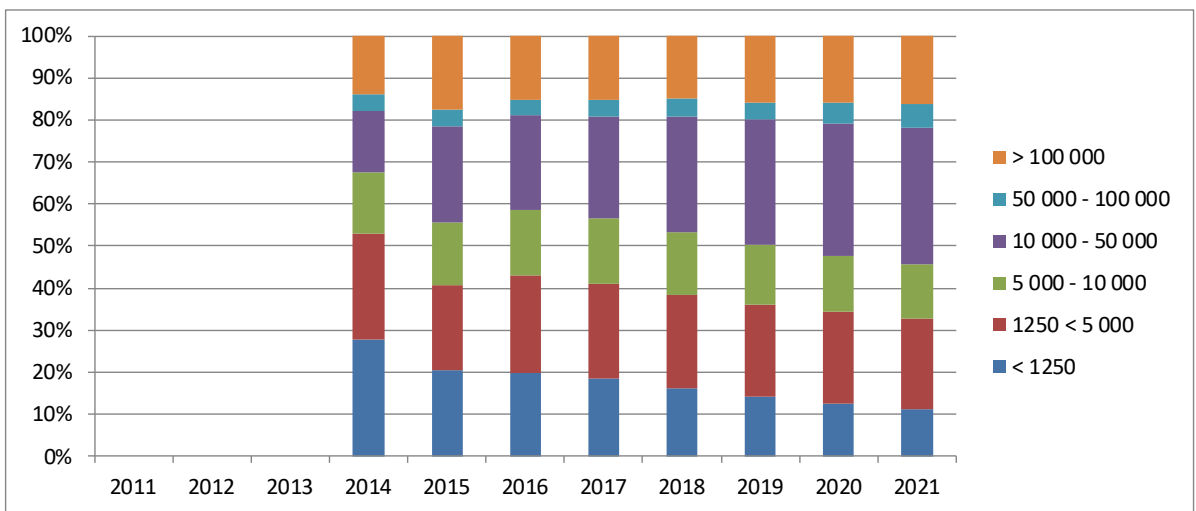
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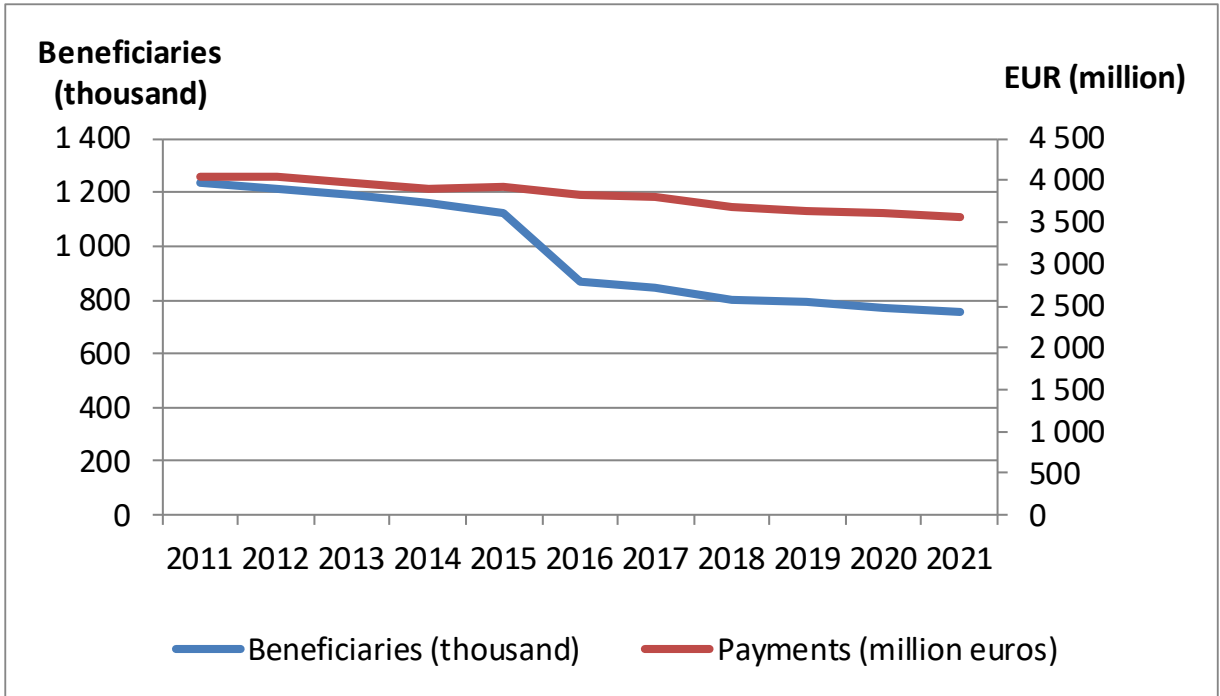
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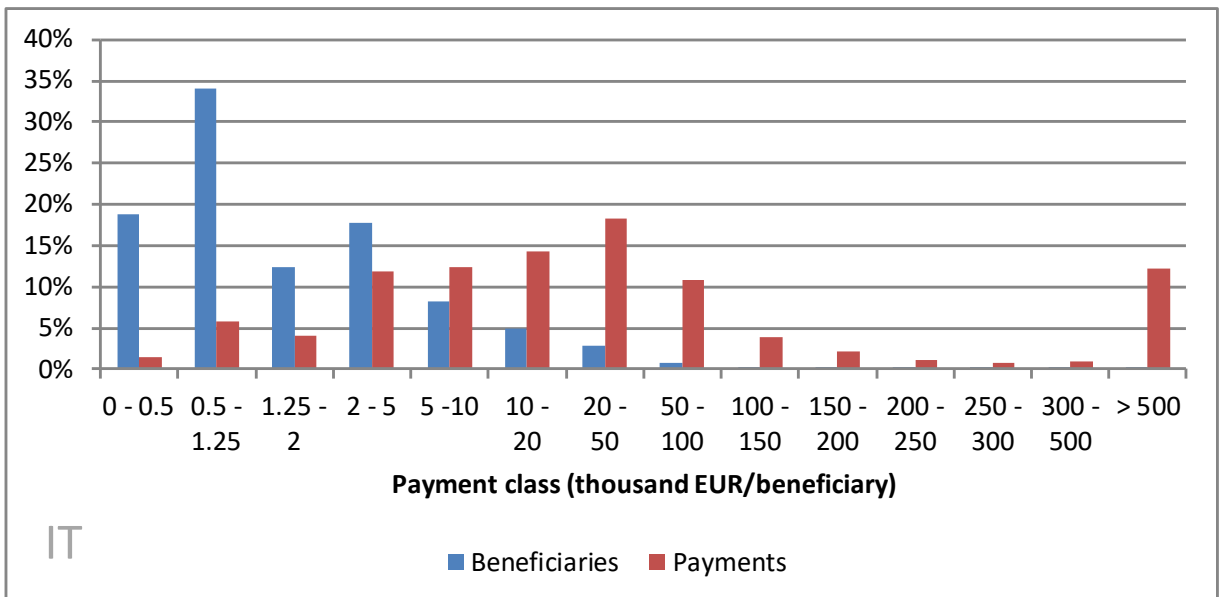
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5-250 ha	35.6%	67.8%	68.0%
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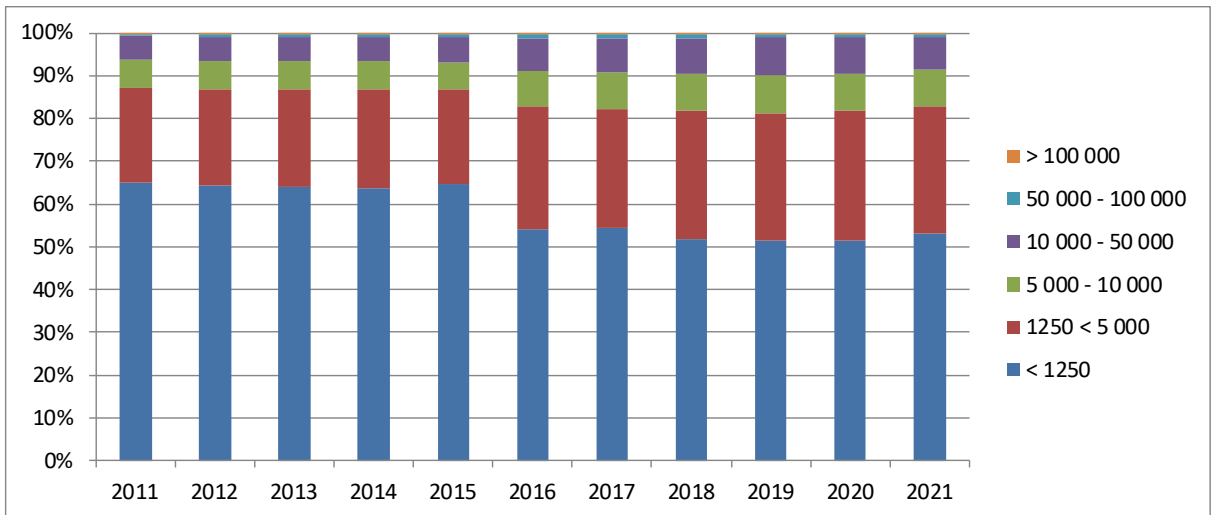


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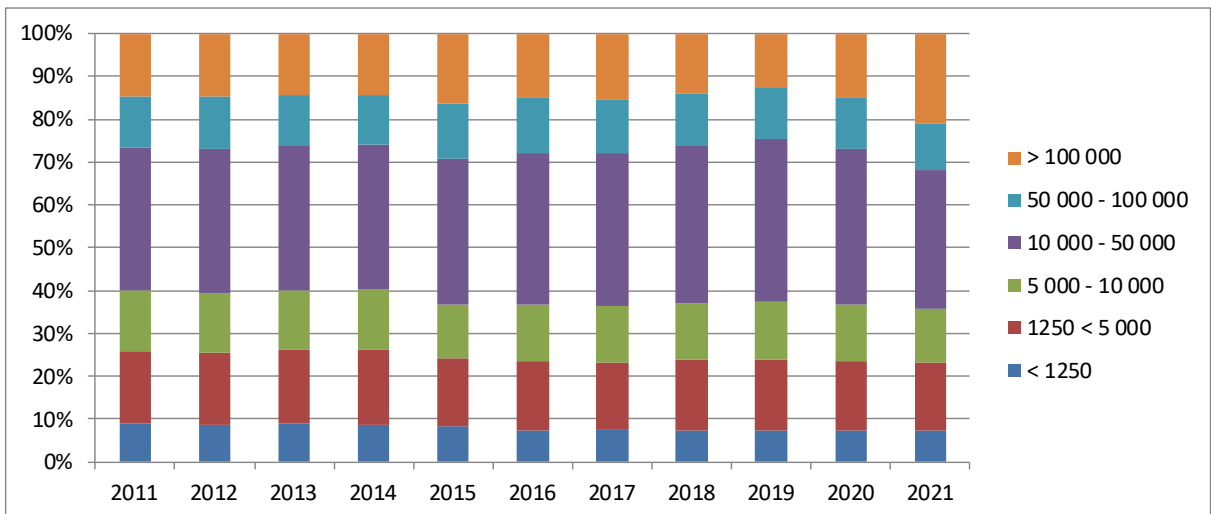


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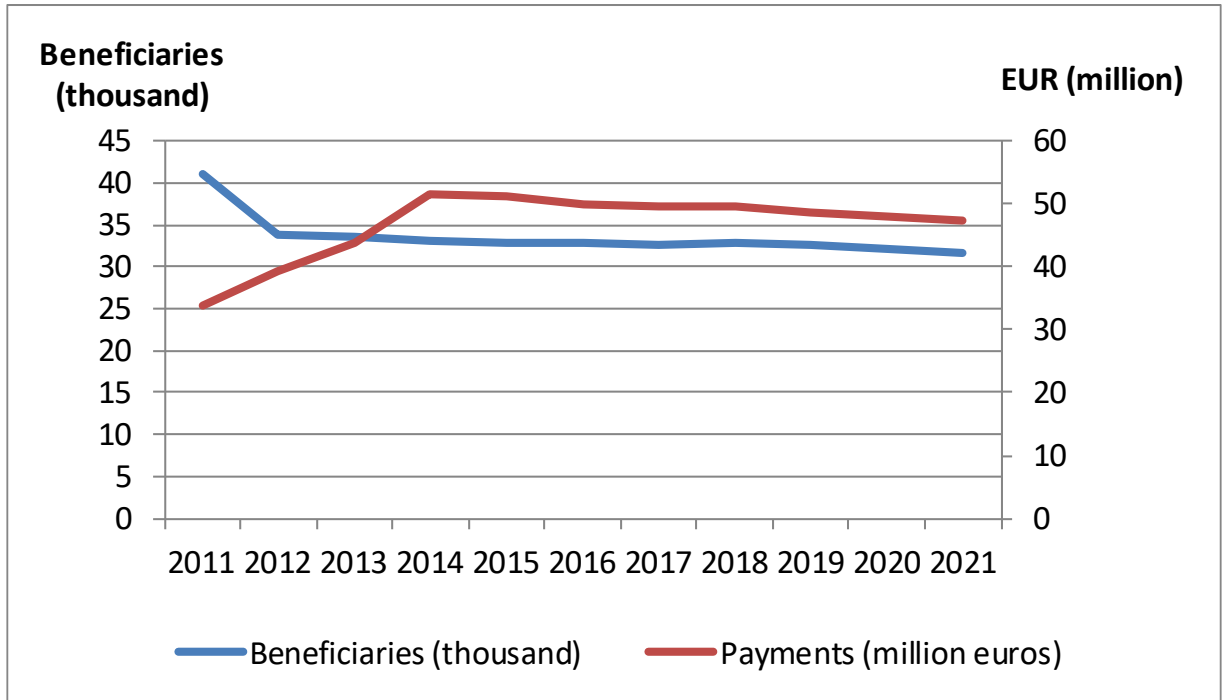
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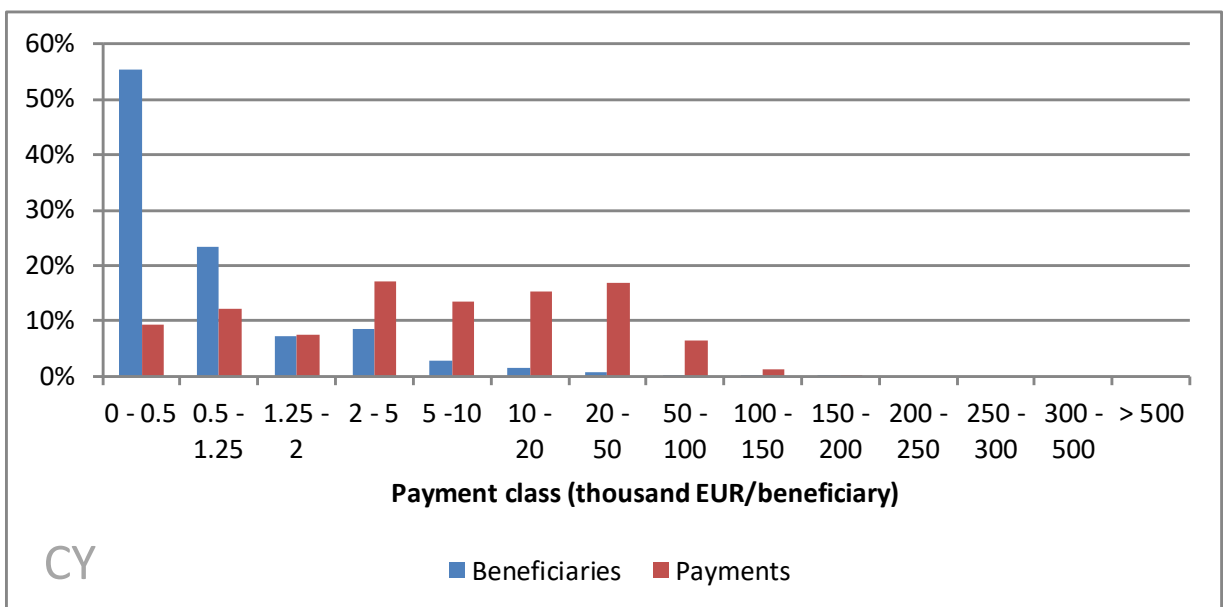
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5-250 ha	44.4%	82.4%	81.7%
>250 ha	0.2%	7.9%	8.2%

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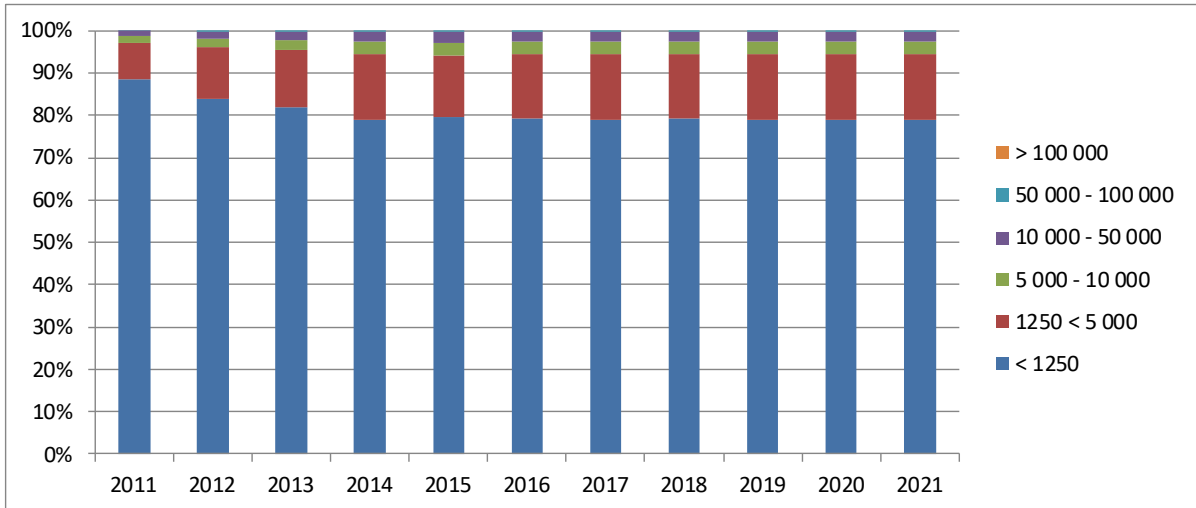


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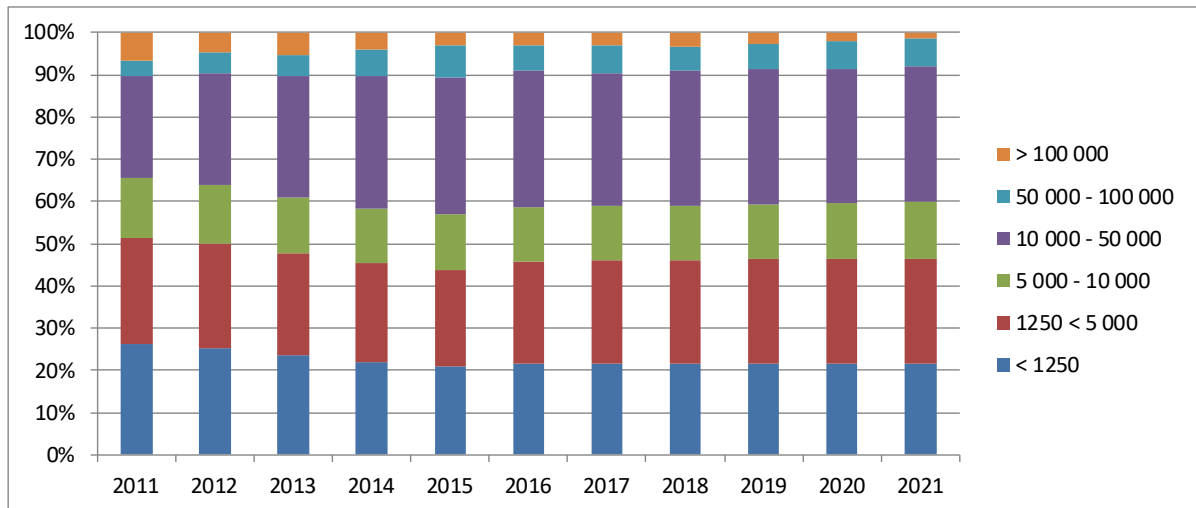


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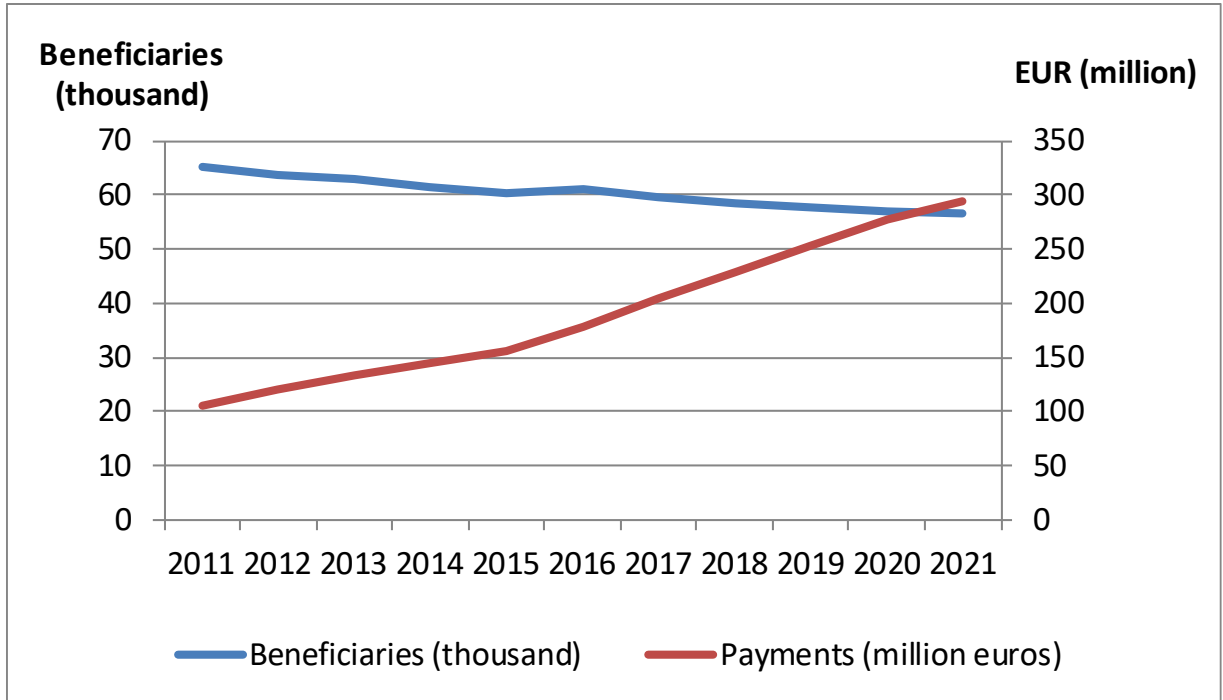
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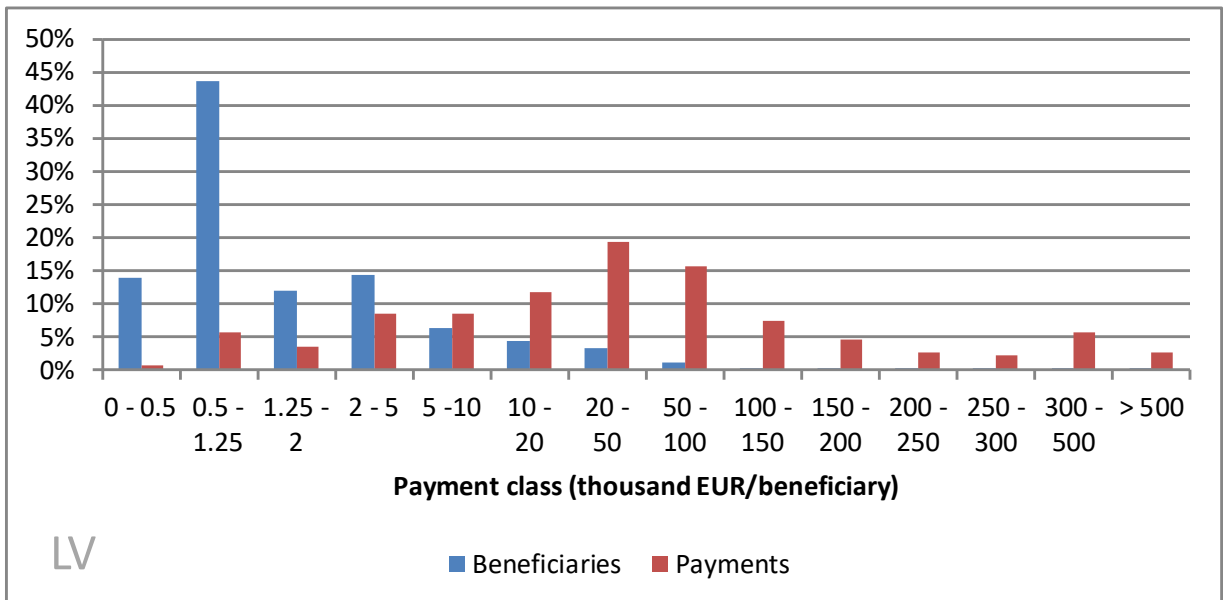
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5-250 ha	15.6%	69.7%	69.7%
>250 ha	0.0%	2.5%	2.4%

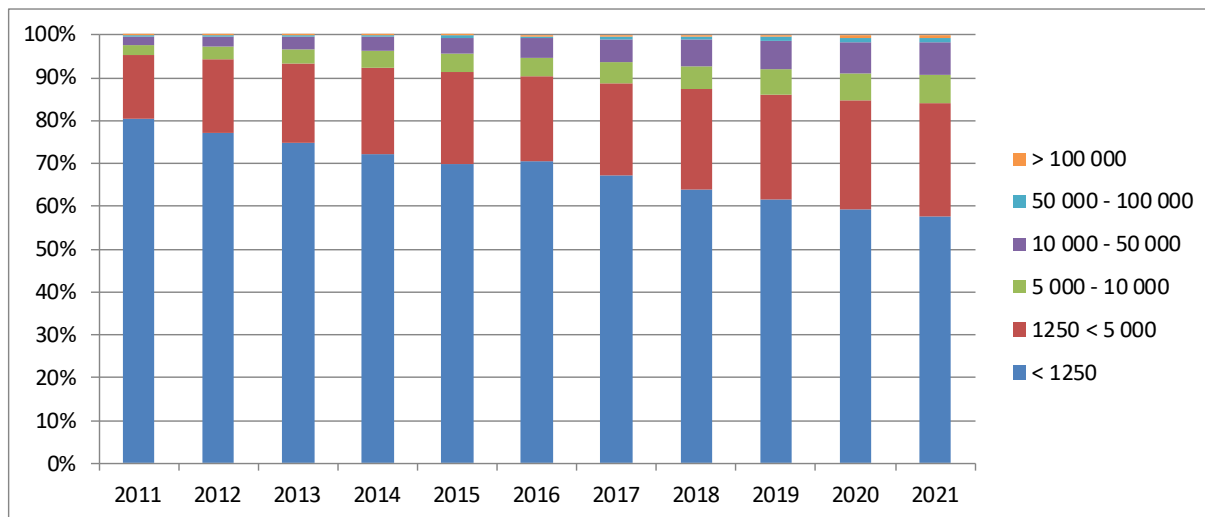
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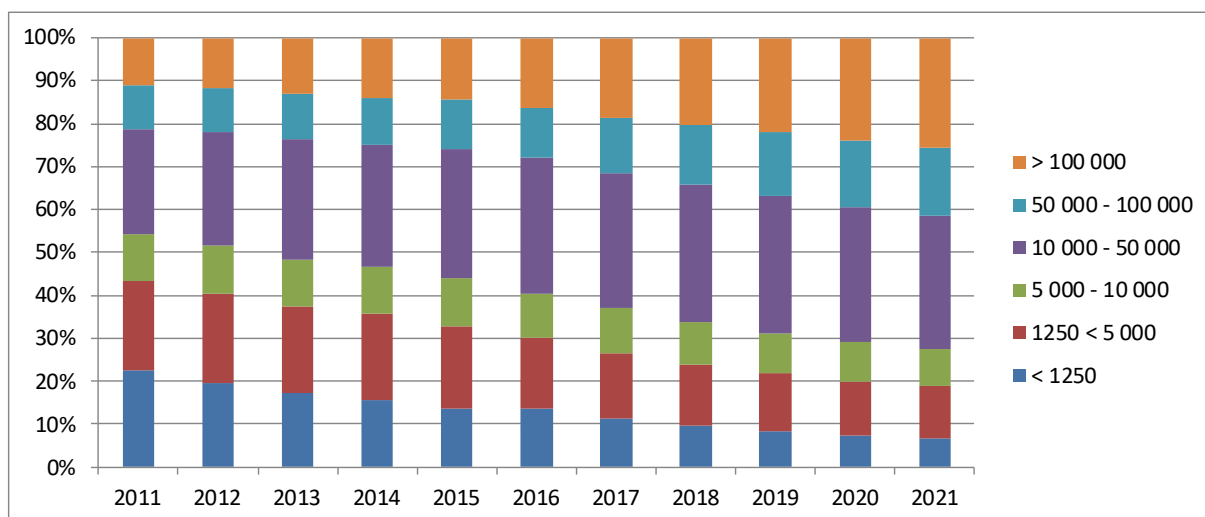
Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class



Evolution of beneficiaries by payment class



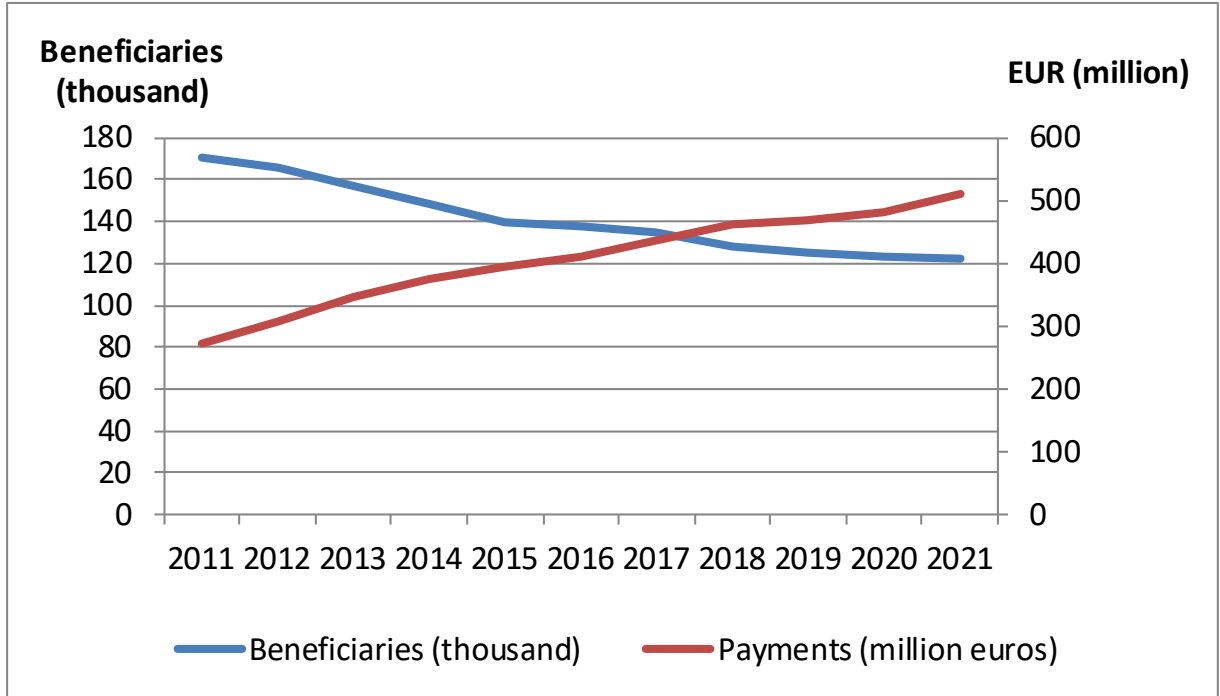
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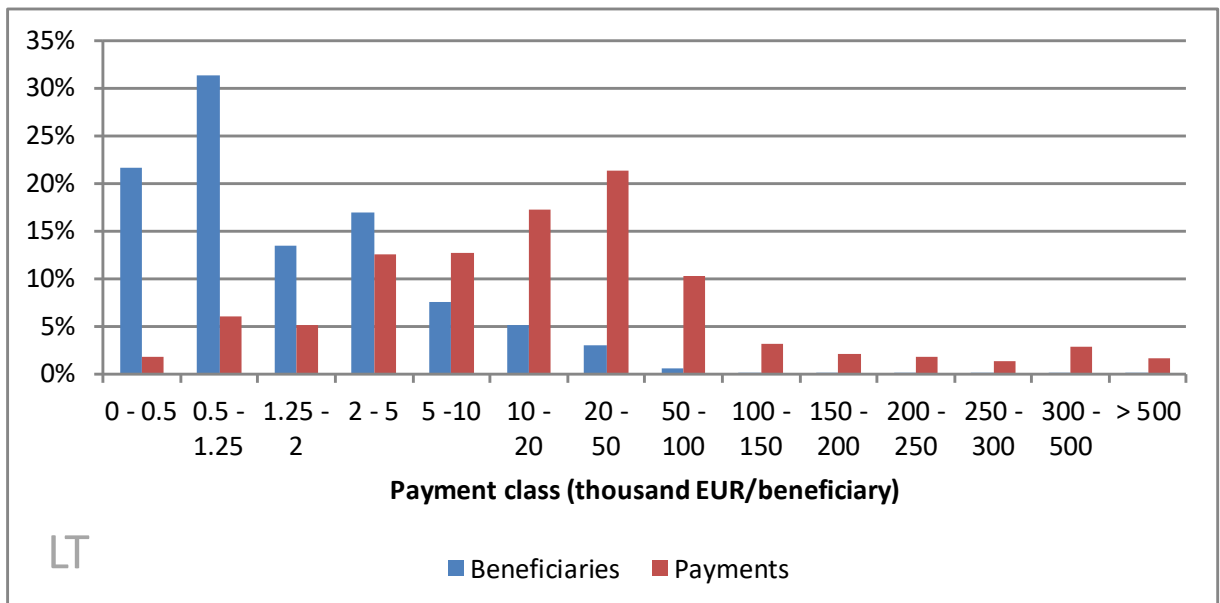
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<= 5ha	41.8%	3.6%	3.7%
5-250 ha	55.9%	51.0%	51.3%
>250 ha	2.3%	45.5%	45.0%

Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

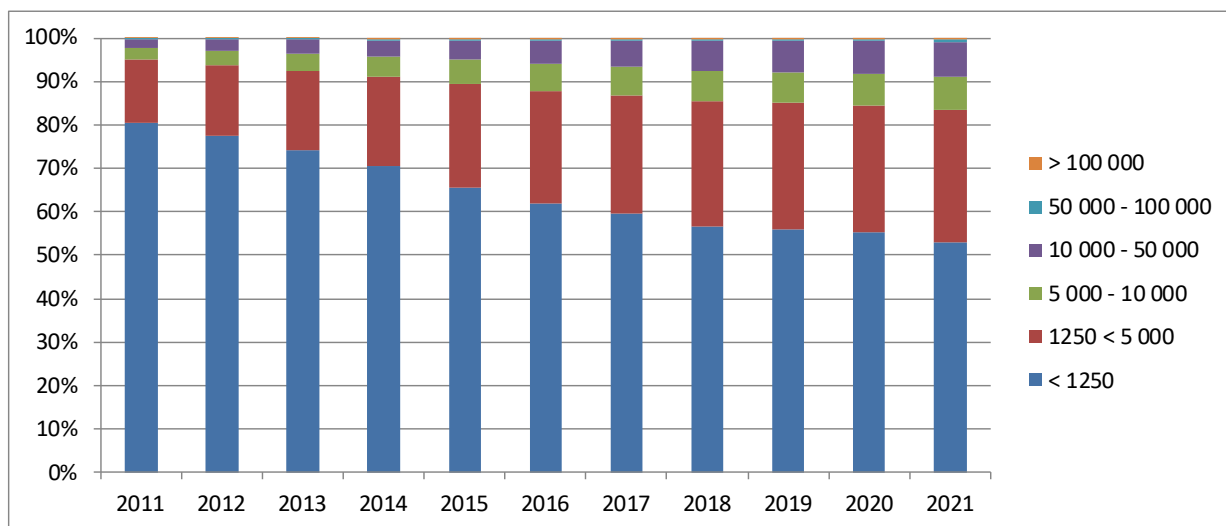


Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class

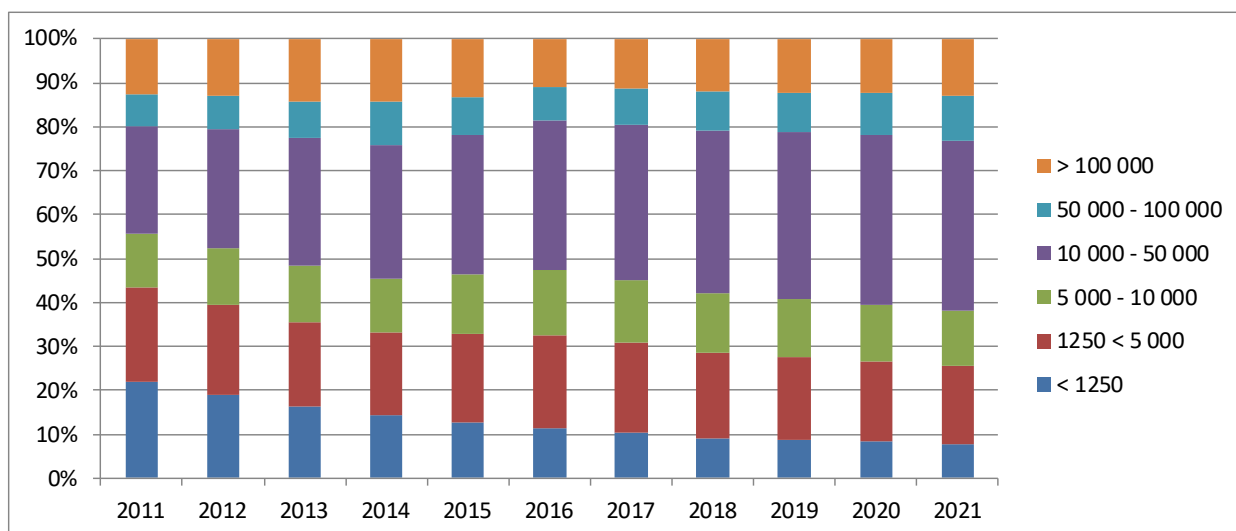


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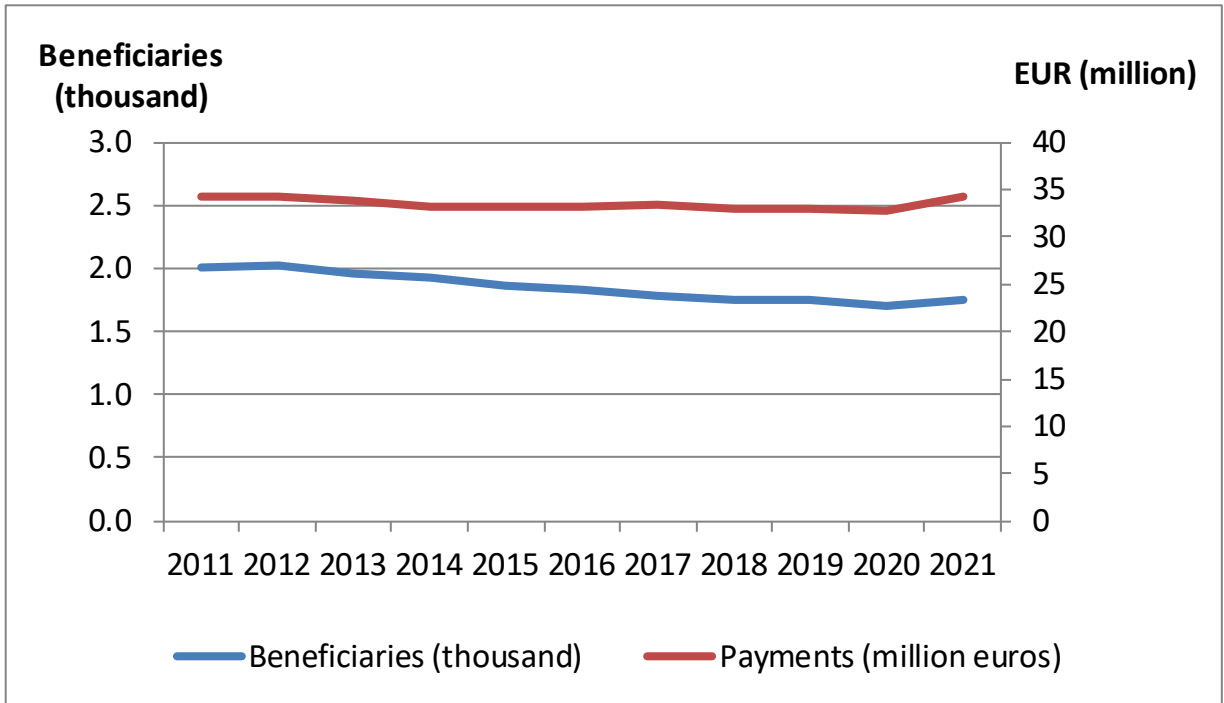
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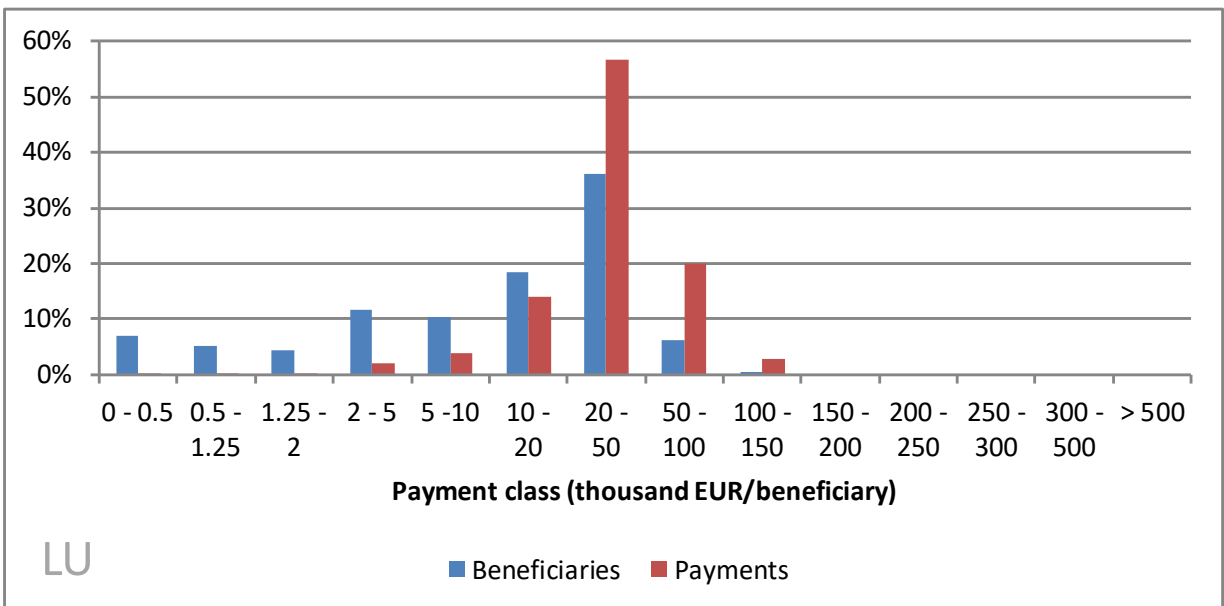
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
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>250 ha	1.4%	33.3%	28.0%

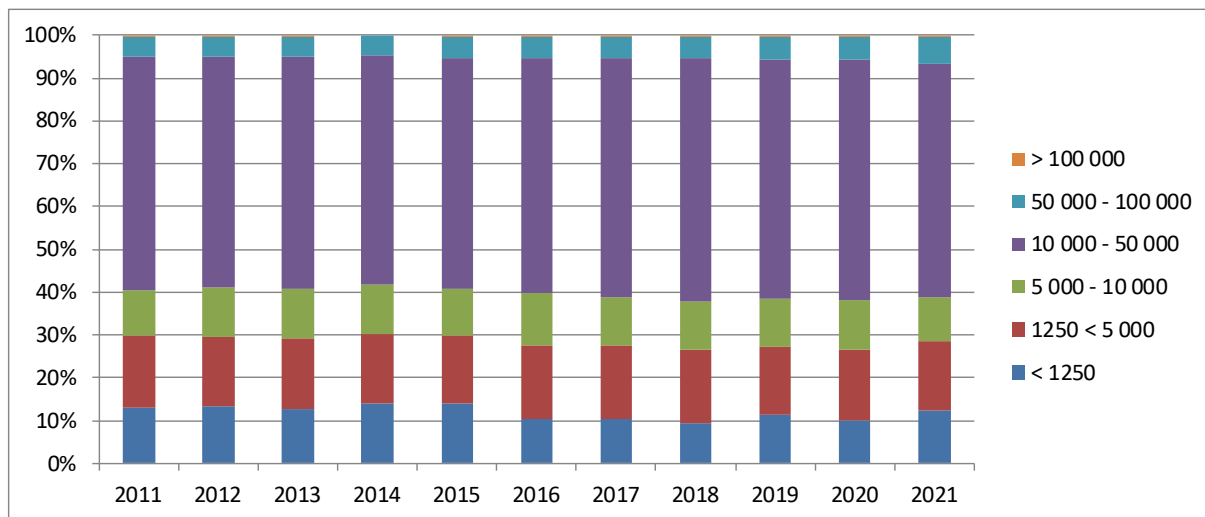
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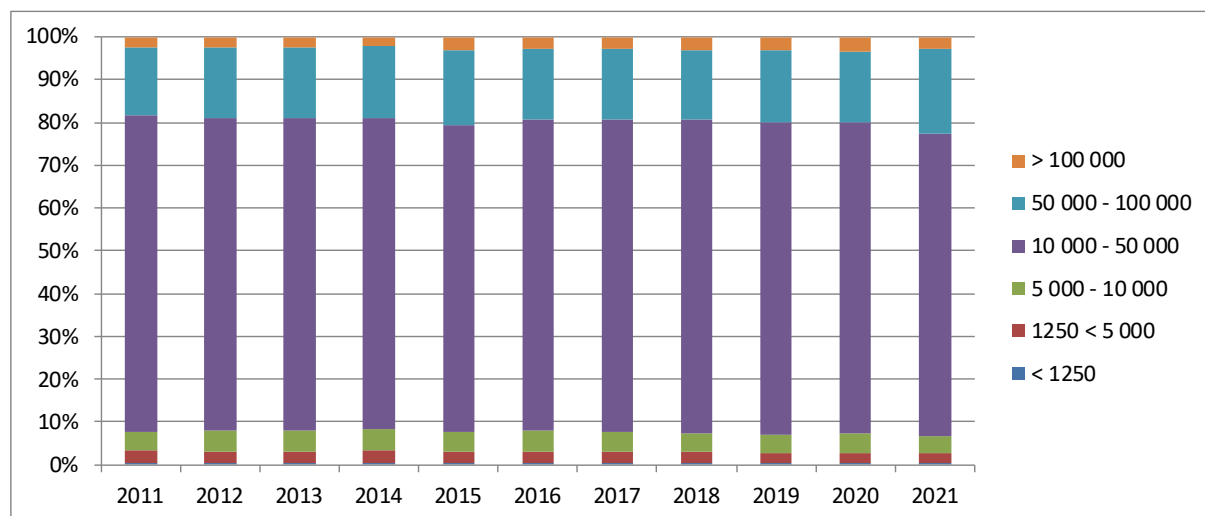
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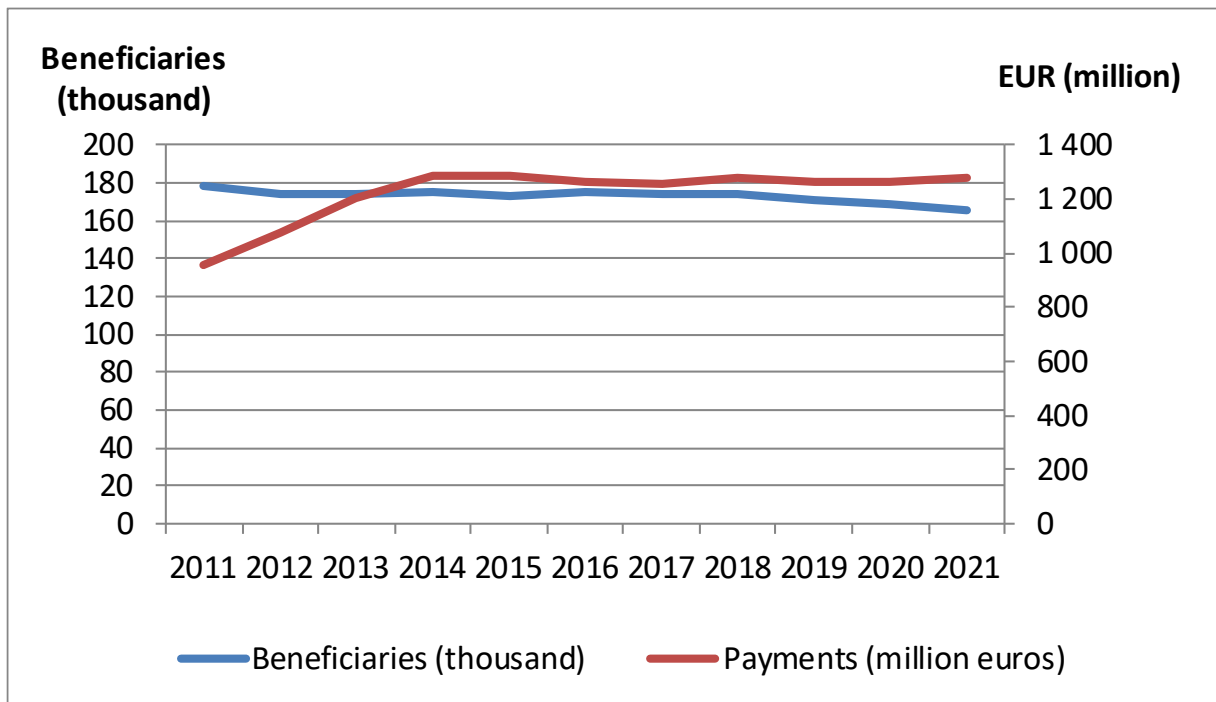
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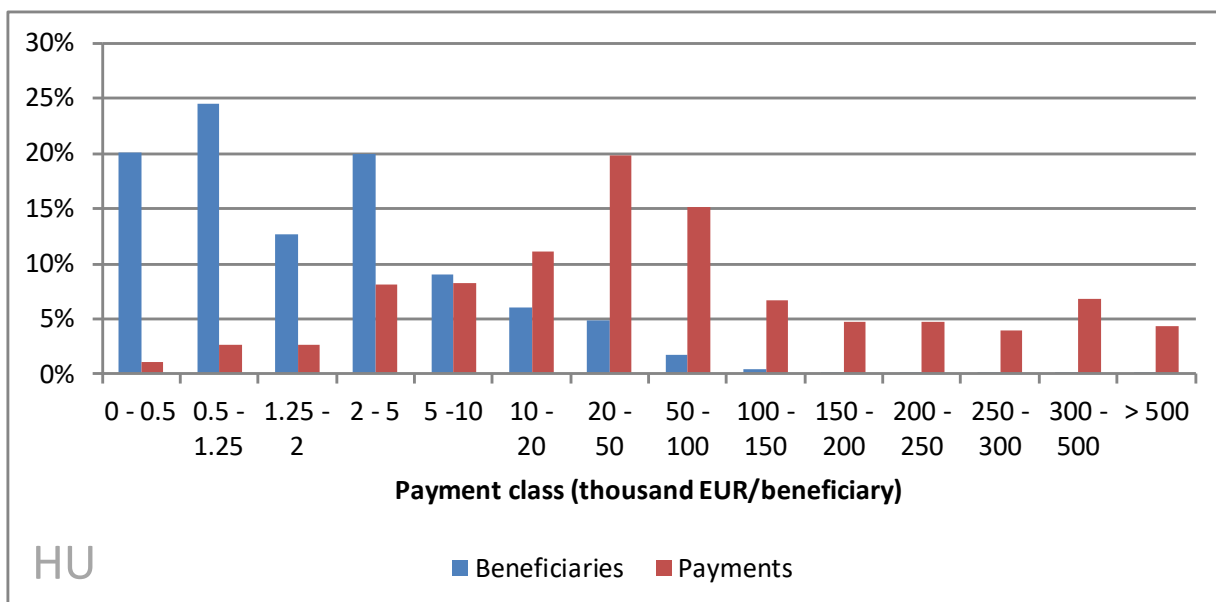
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	10.7%	0.4%	0.4%
5-250 ha	87.5%	91.5%	91.4%
>250 ha	1.8%	8.1%	8.2%

Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

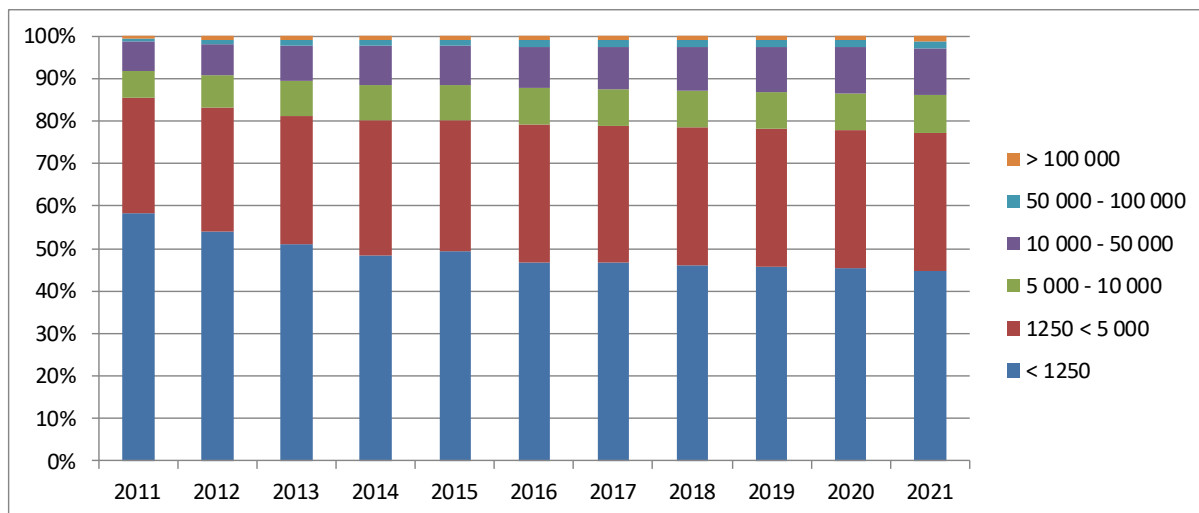


Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class

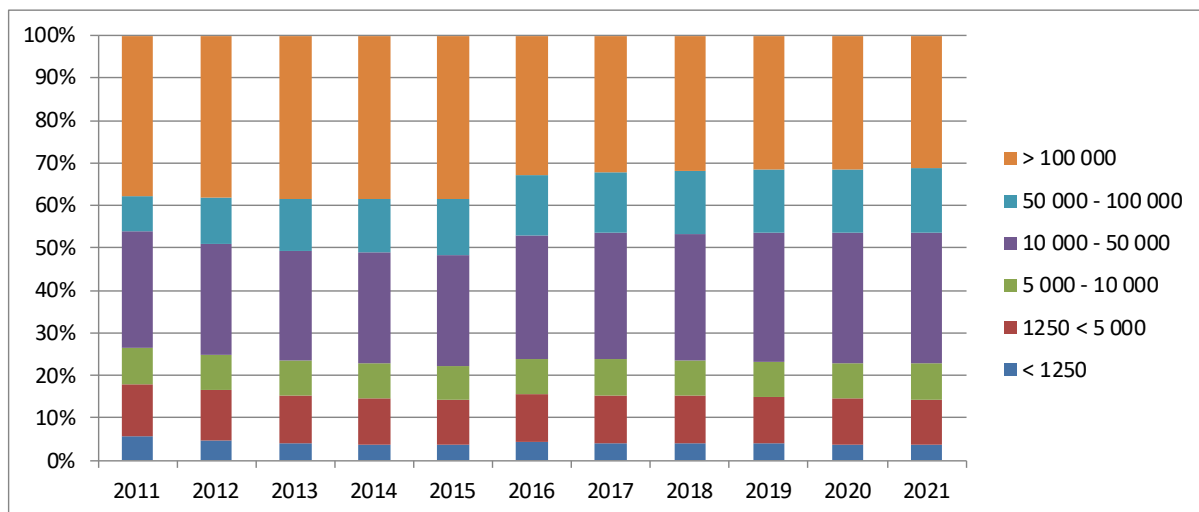


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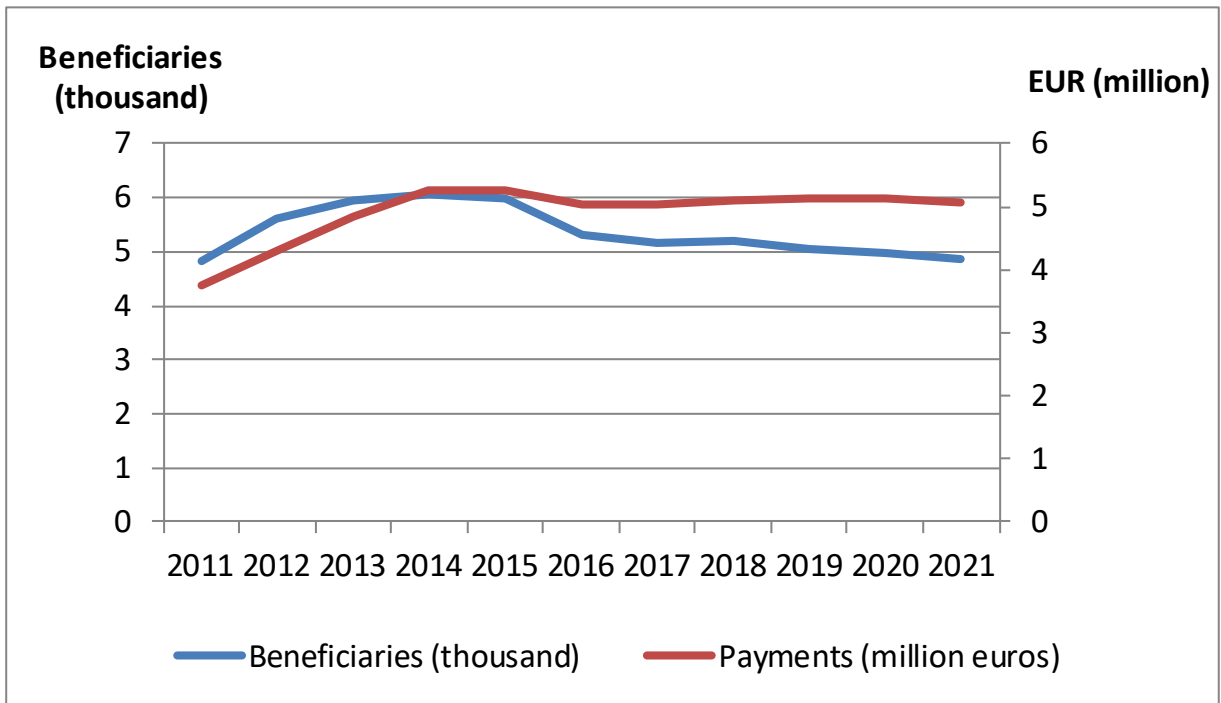
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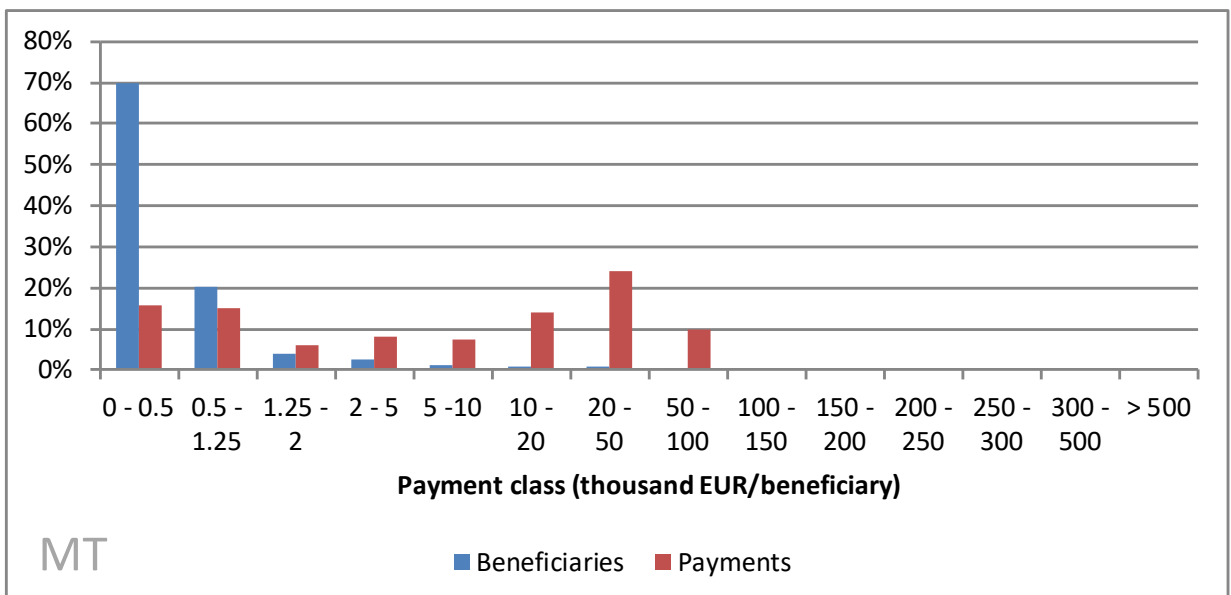
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
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5-250 ha	54.1%	55.8%	54.3%
>250 ha	2.1%	40.7%	41.8%

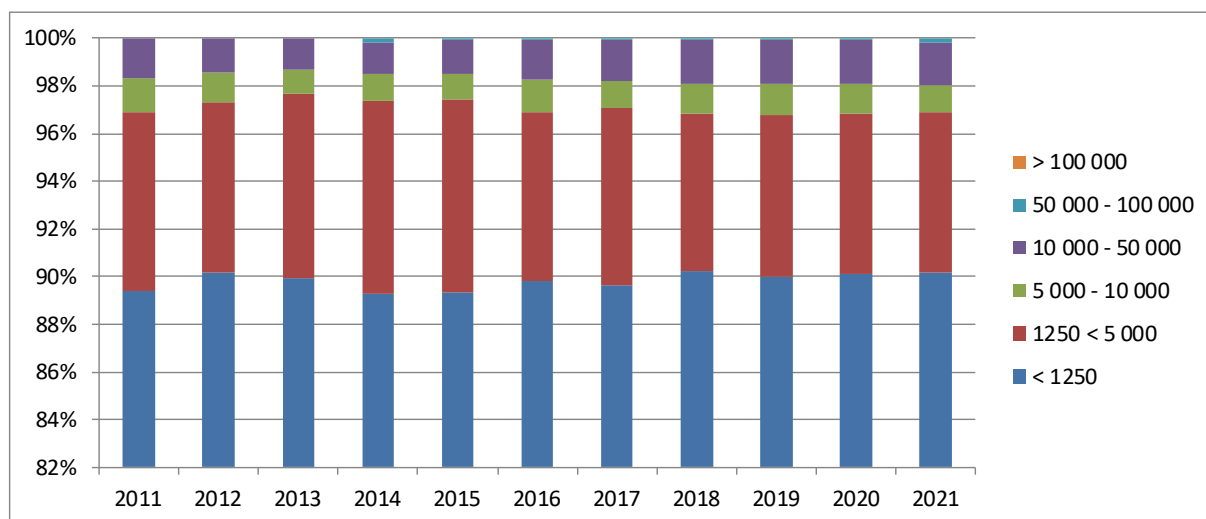
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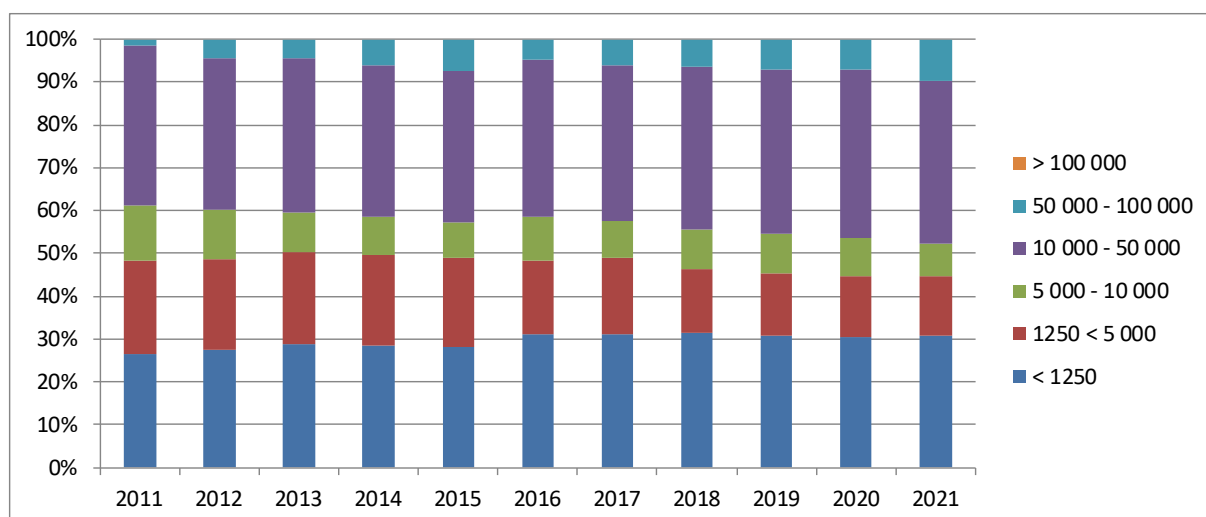
Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class



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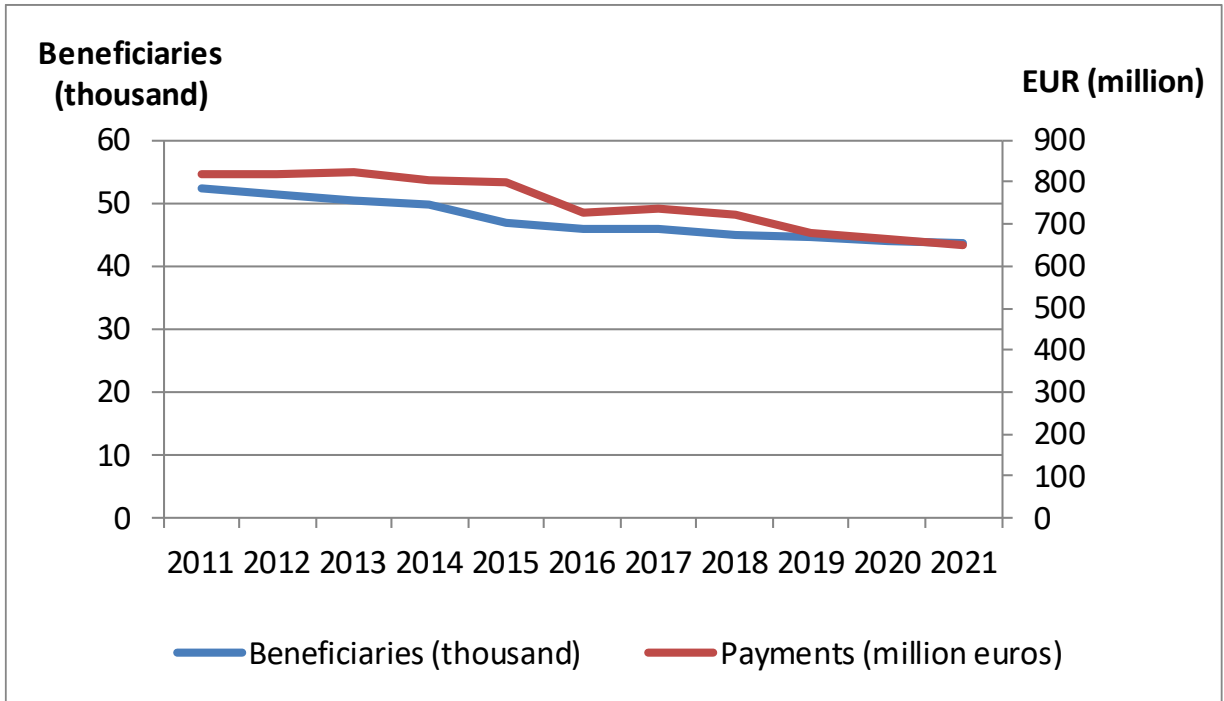
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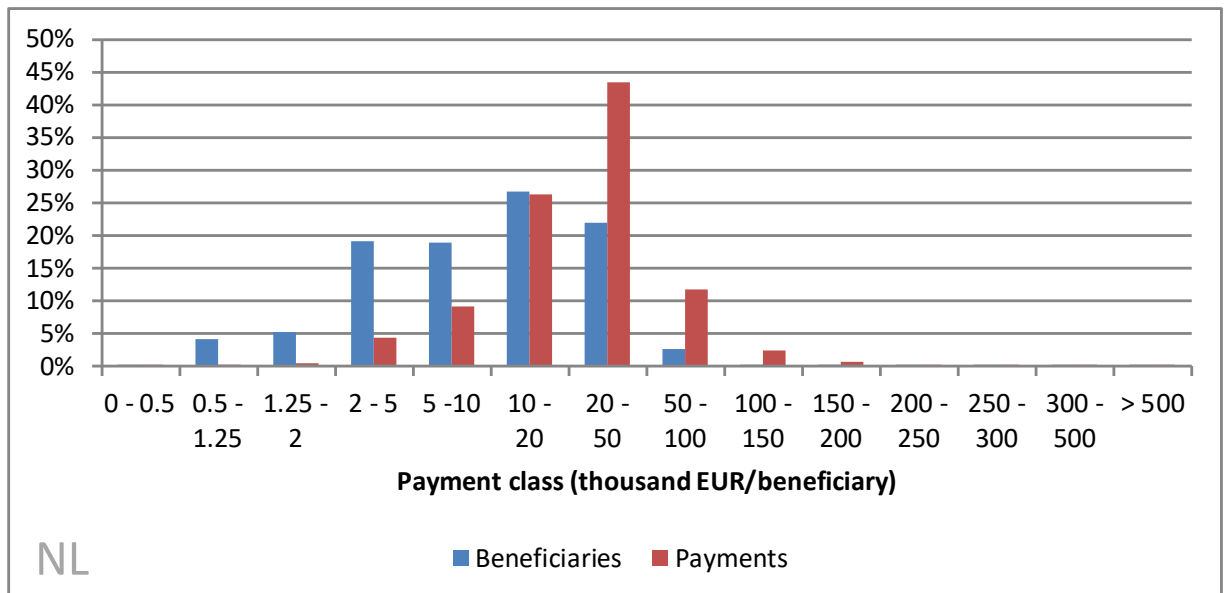
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
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5-250 ha	3.9%	19.6%	23.5%
>250 ha			

Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

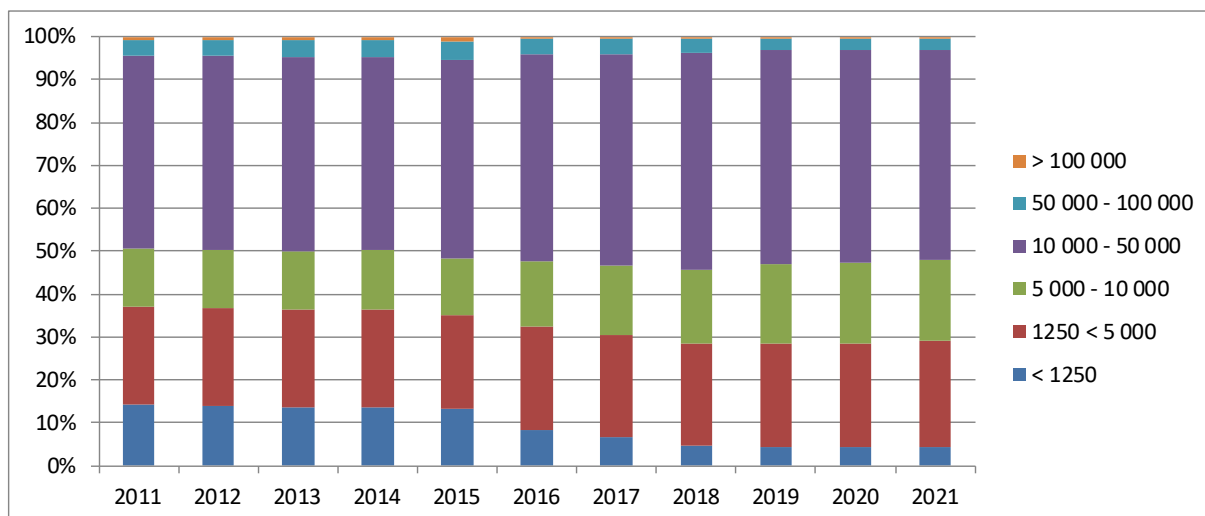


Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class

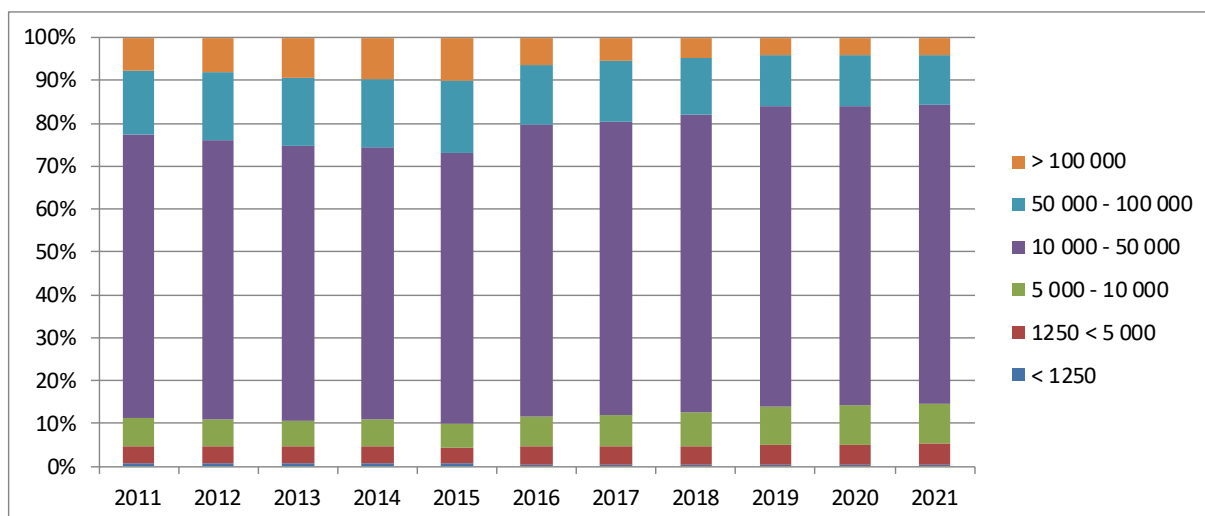


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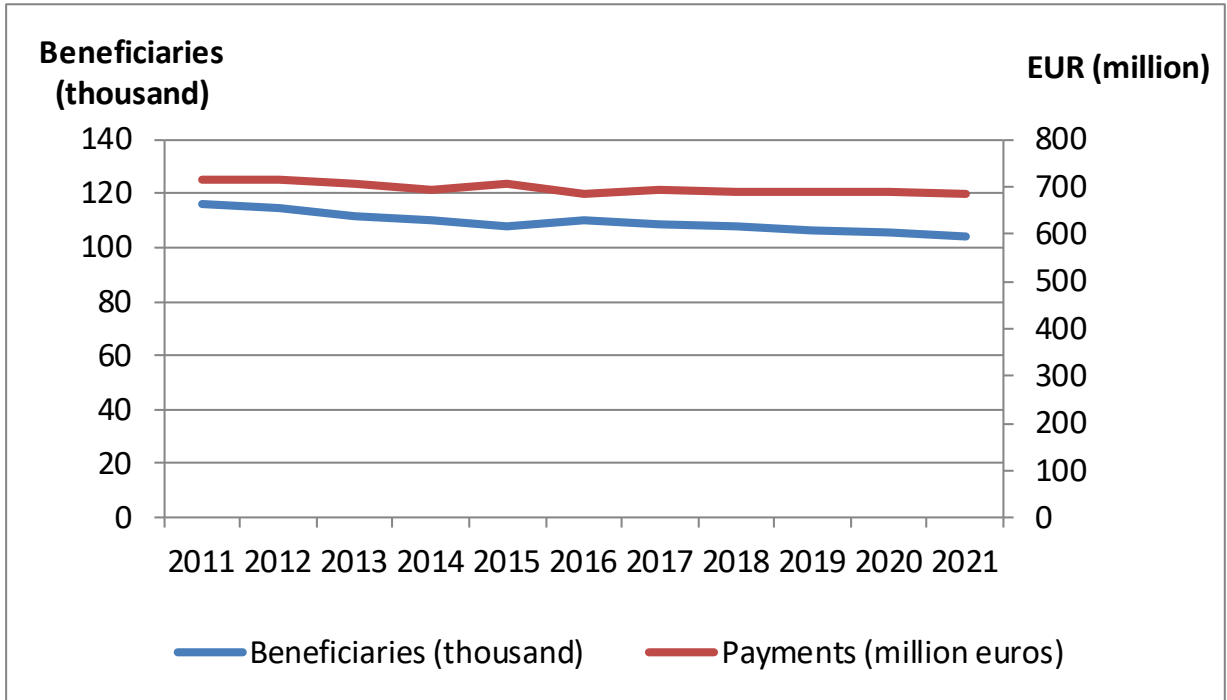
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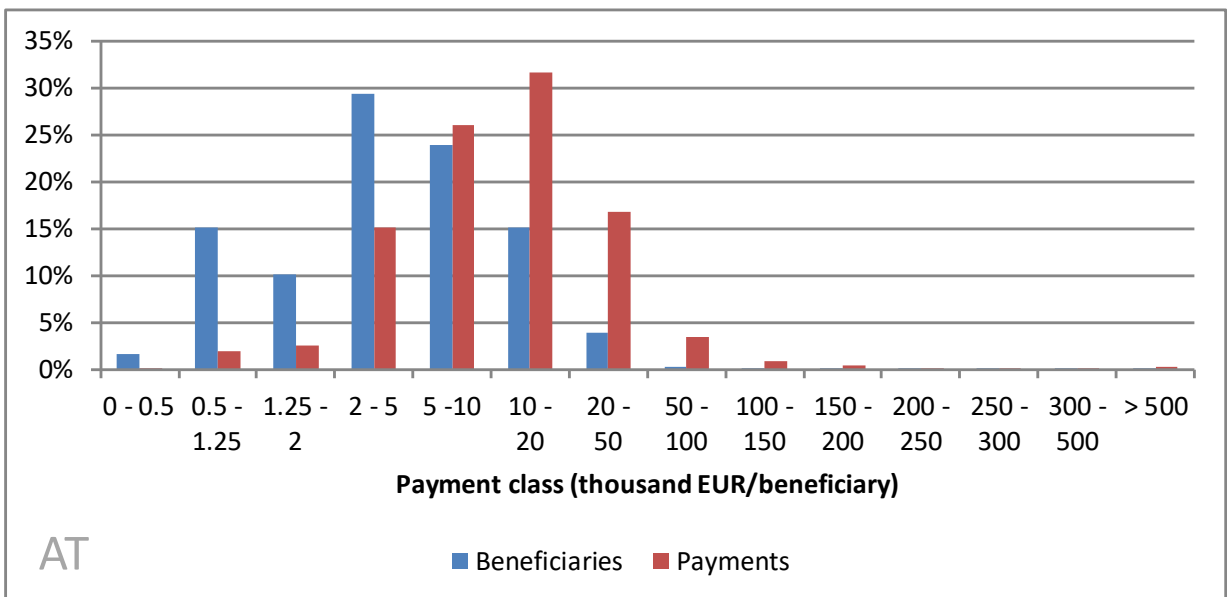
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	8.6%	0.7%	0.7%
5-250 ha	90.8%	94.3%	94.4%
>250 ha	0.5%	5.0%	4.9%

Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

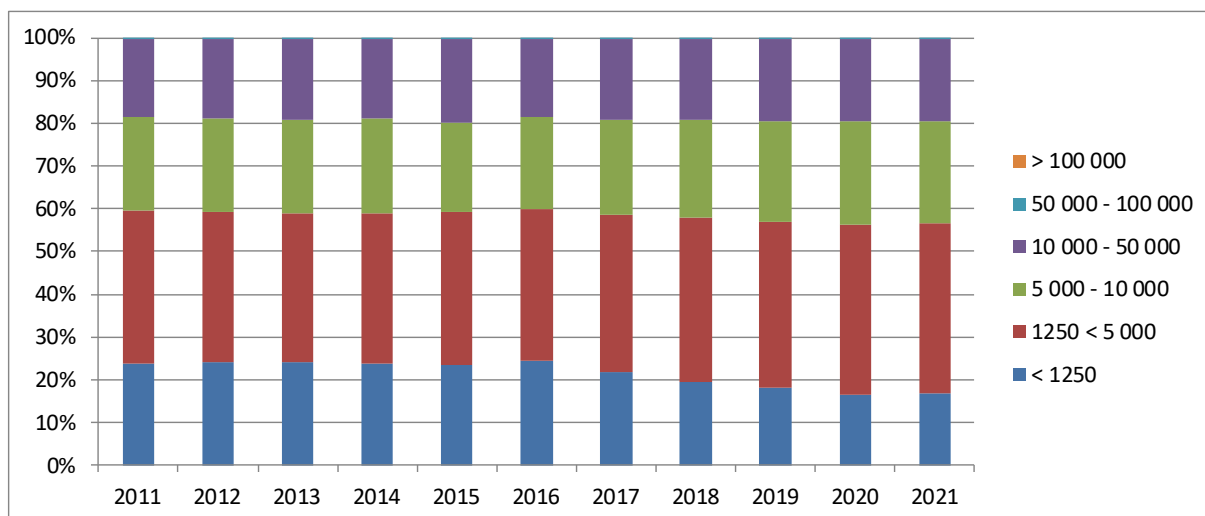


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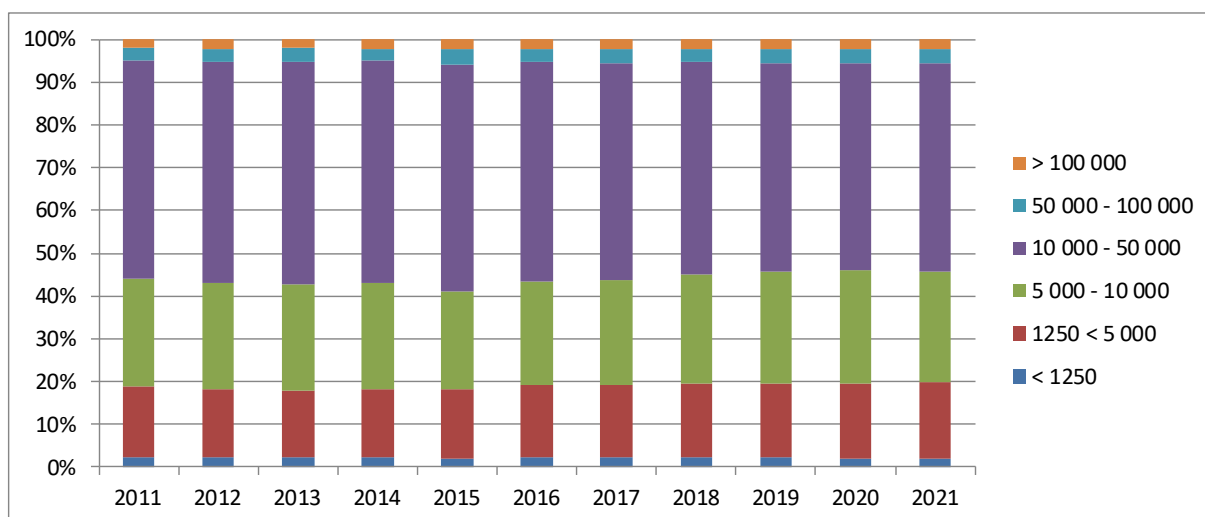


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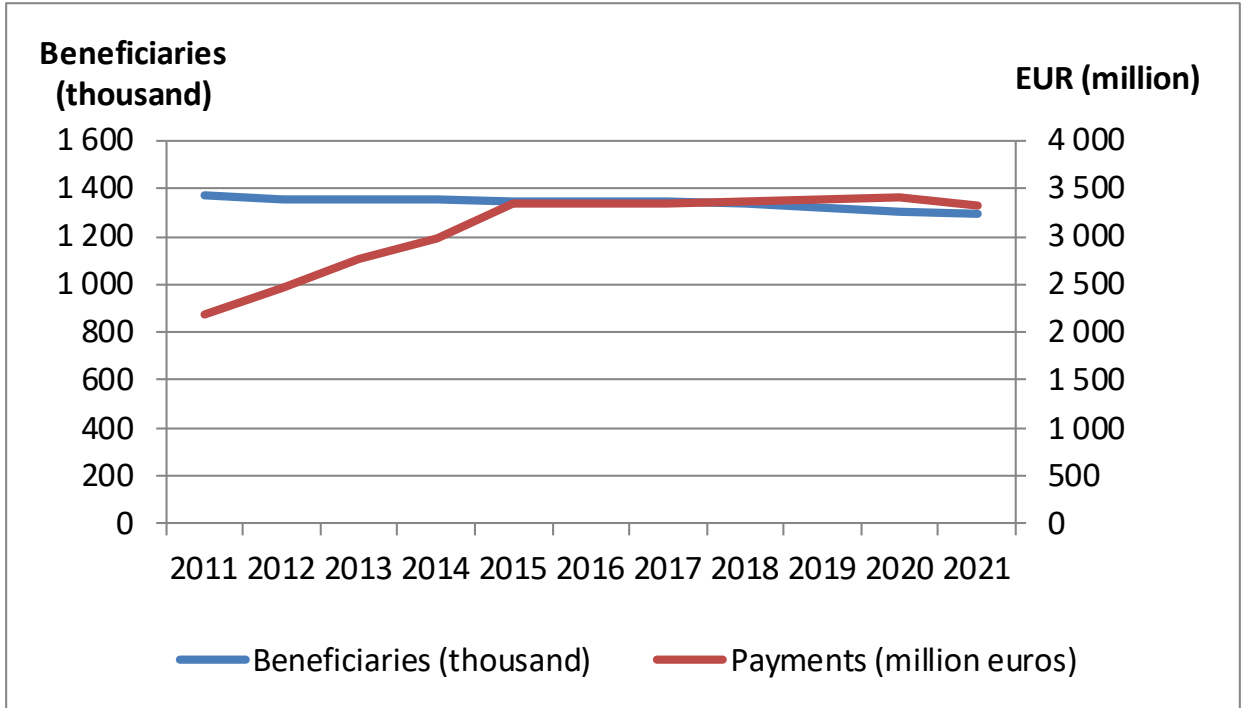
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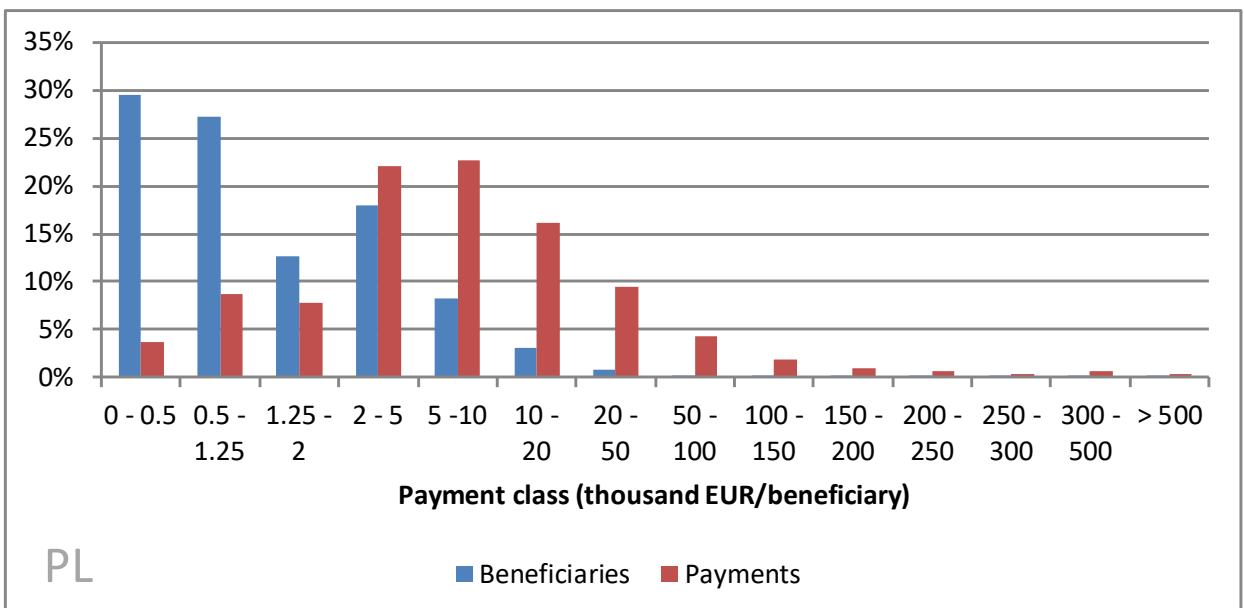
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	20.1%	2.8%	2.8%
5-250 ha	79.7%	93.8%	93.9%
>250 ha	0.2%	3.3%	3.2%

Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

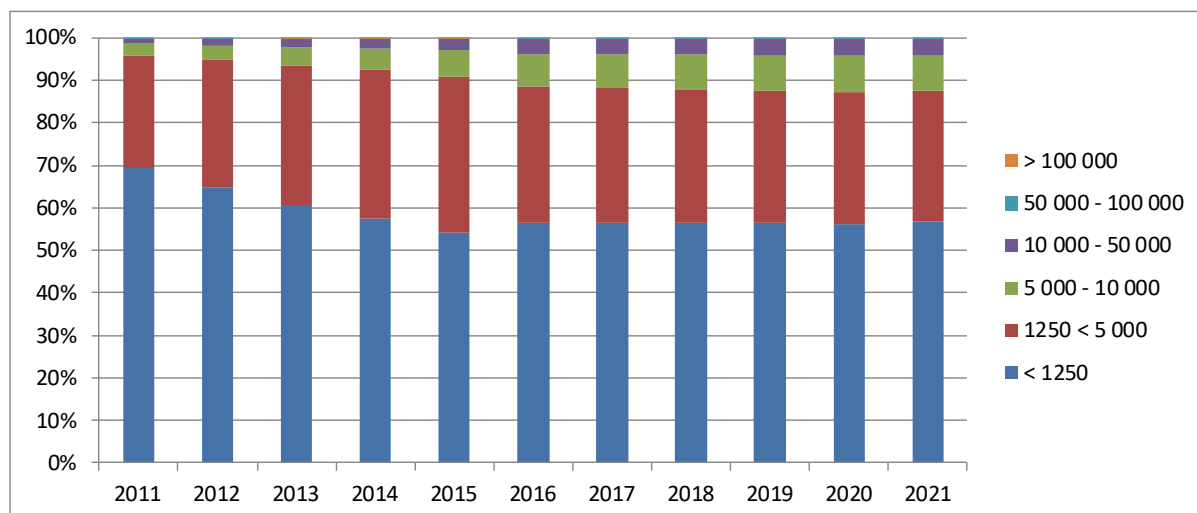


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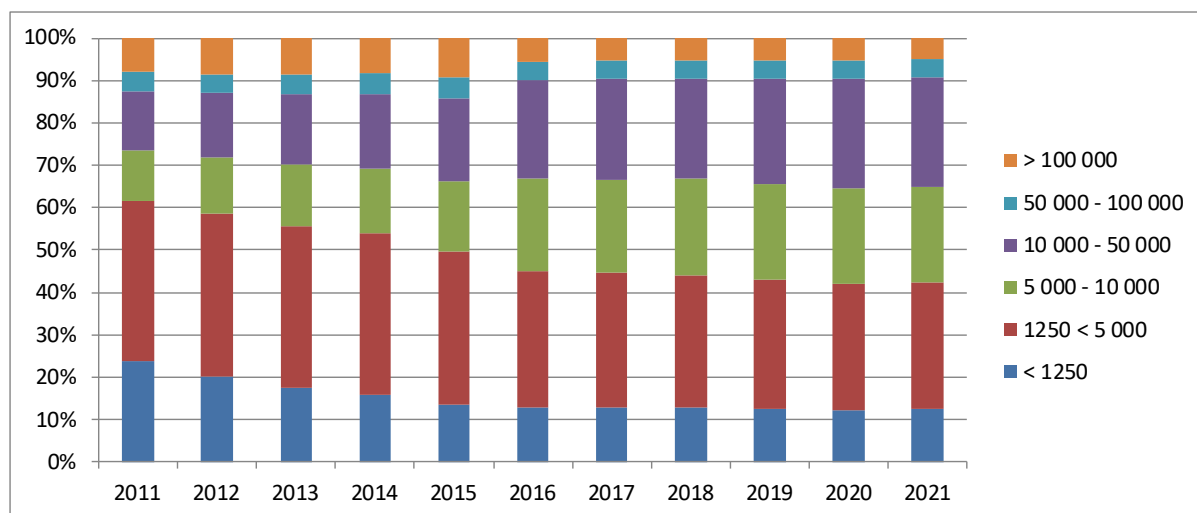


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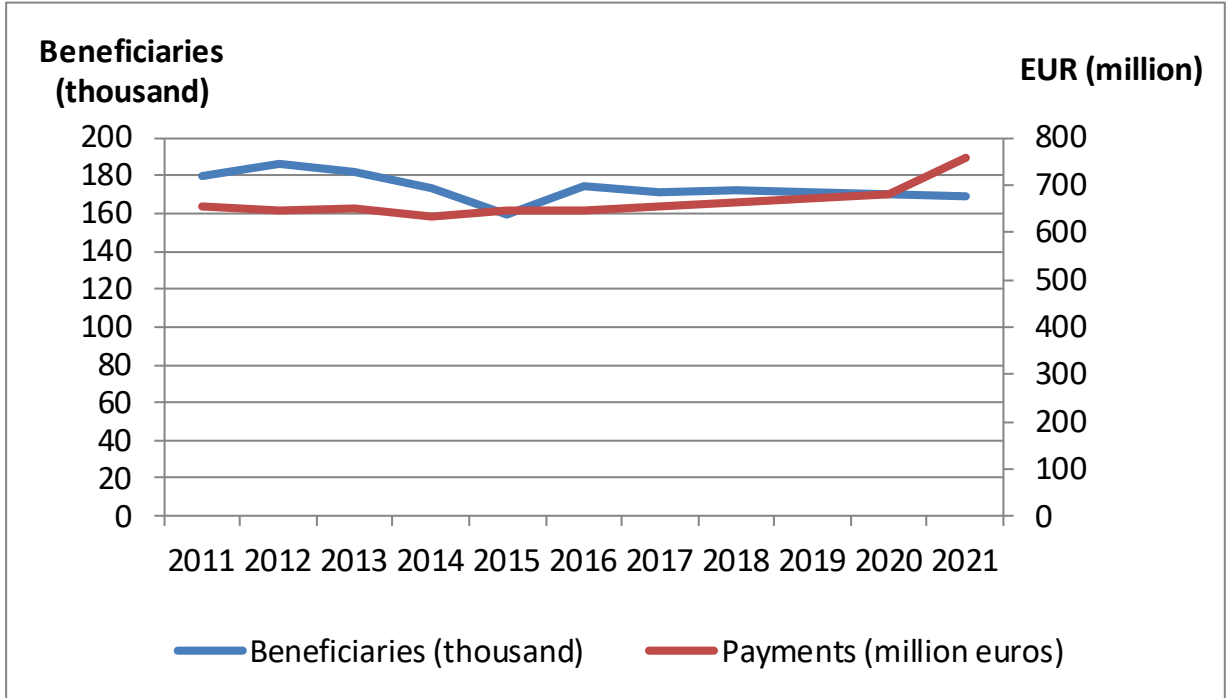
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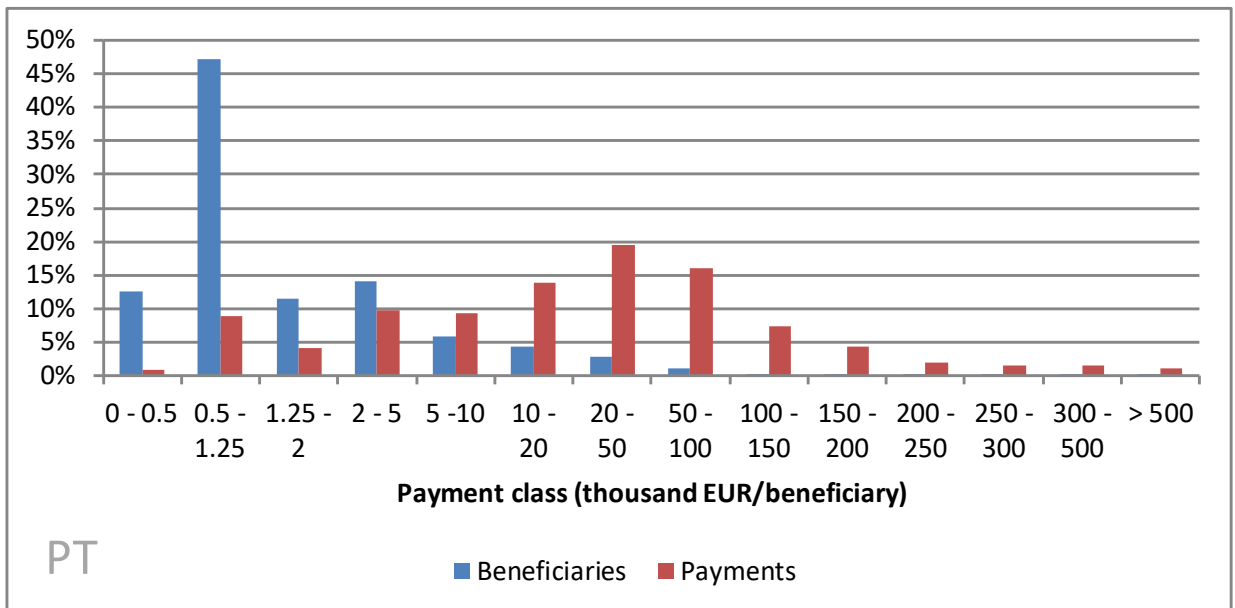
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
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5-250 ha	48.4%	76.6%	80.2%
>250 ha	0.2%	11.3%	9.6%

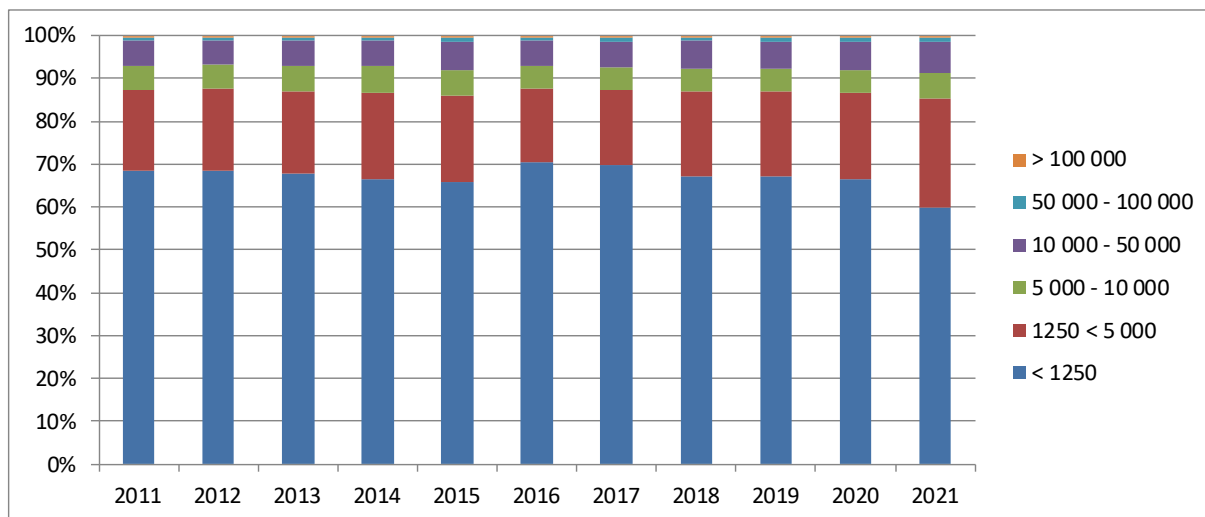
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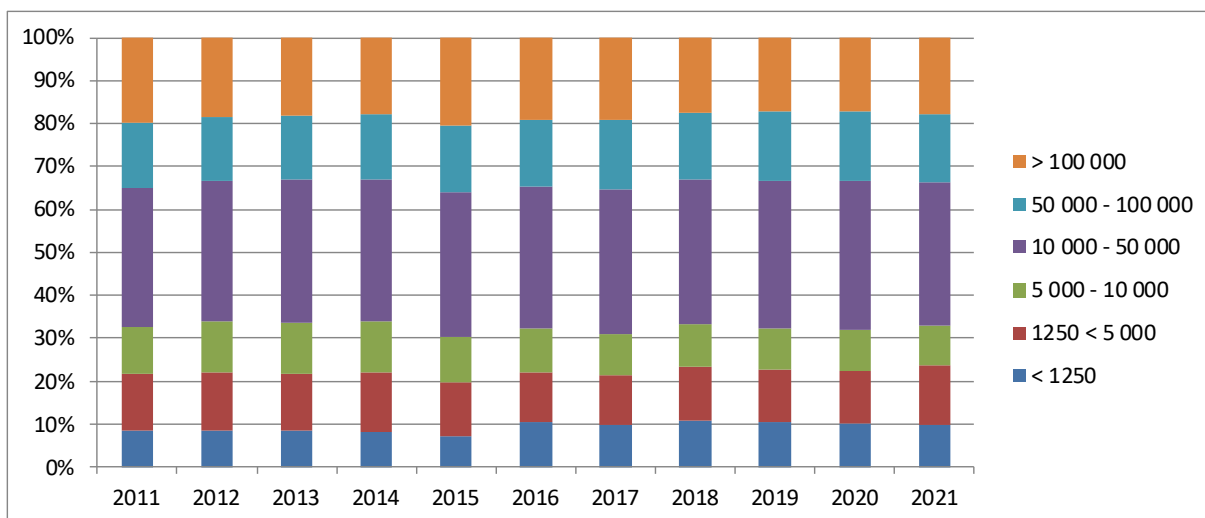
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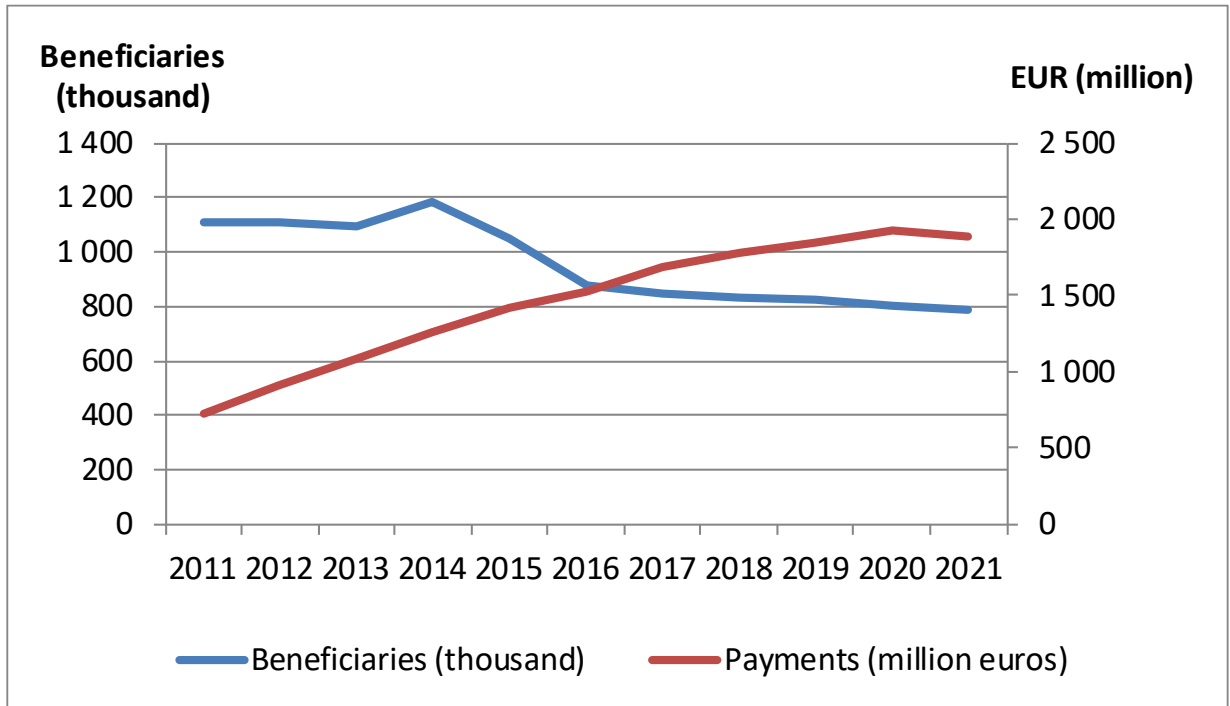
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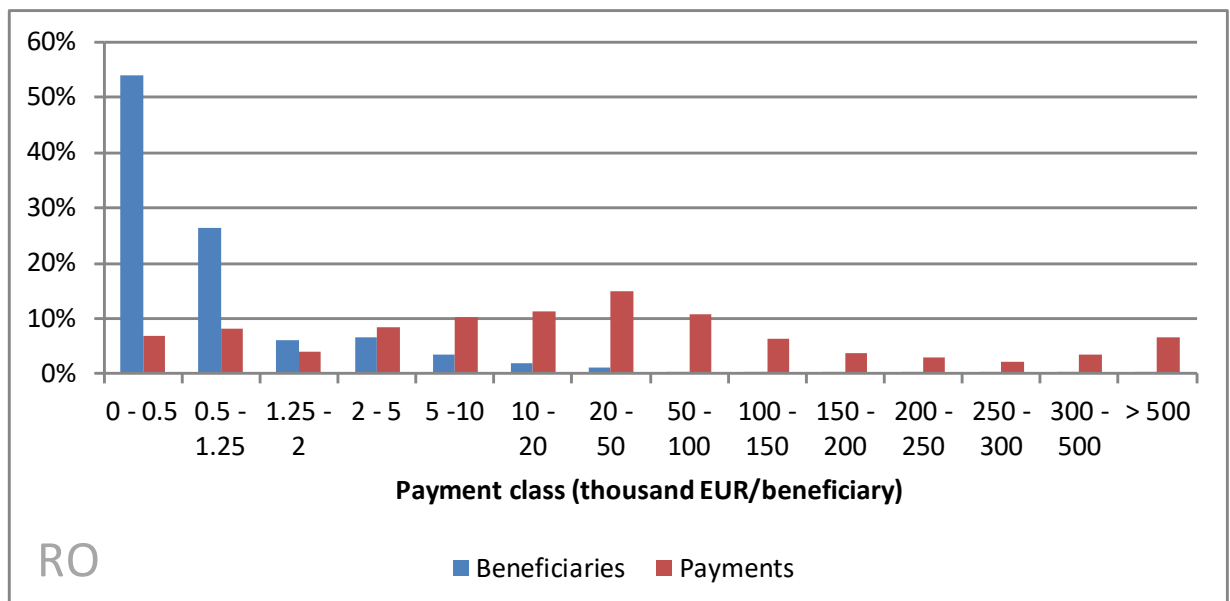
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
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5-250 ha	33.6%	49.8%	54.3%
>250 ha	1.6%	43.6%	31.9%

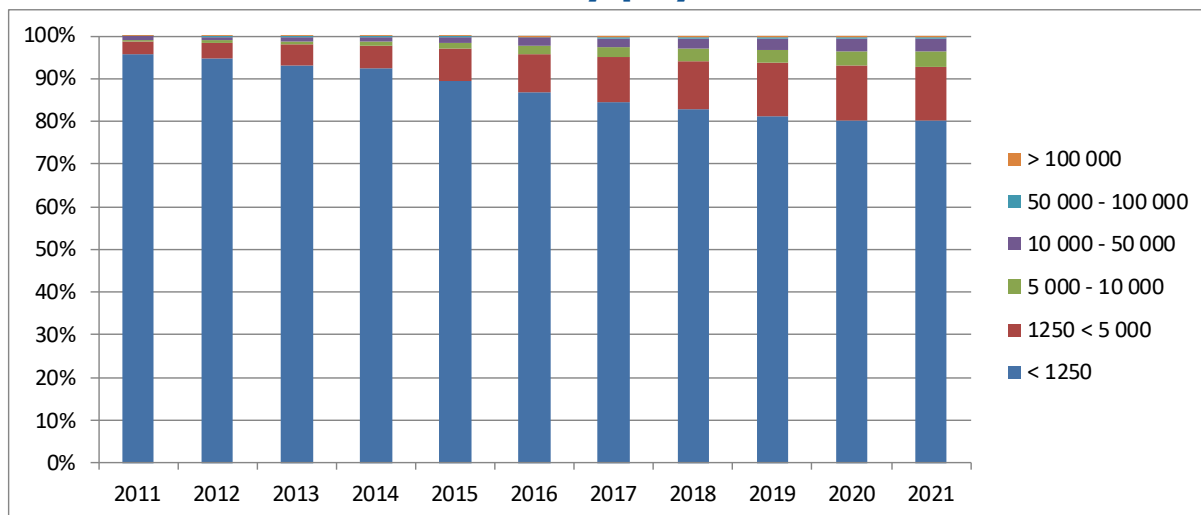
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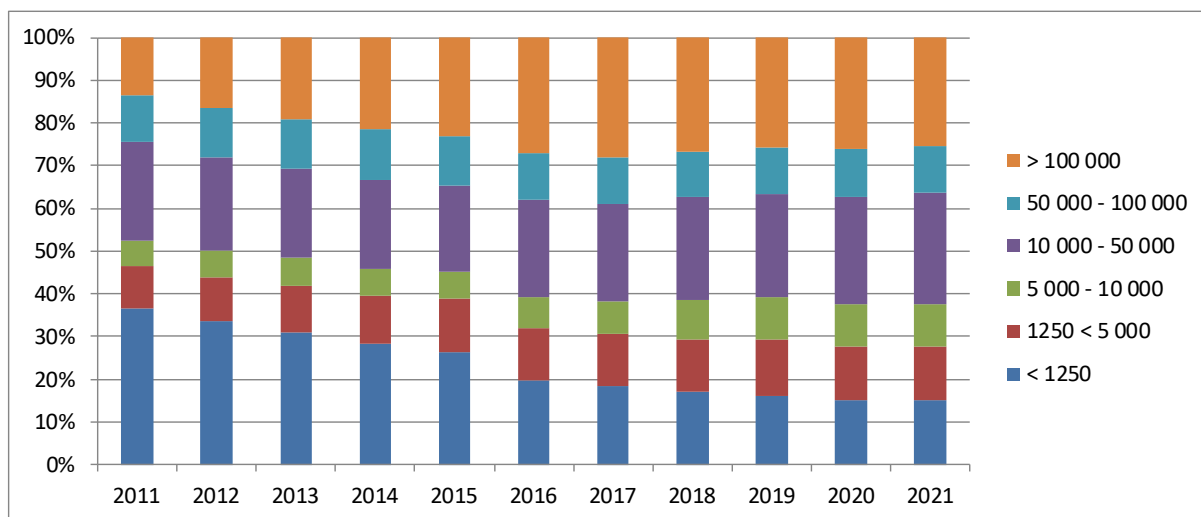
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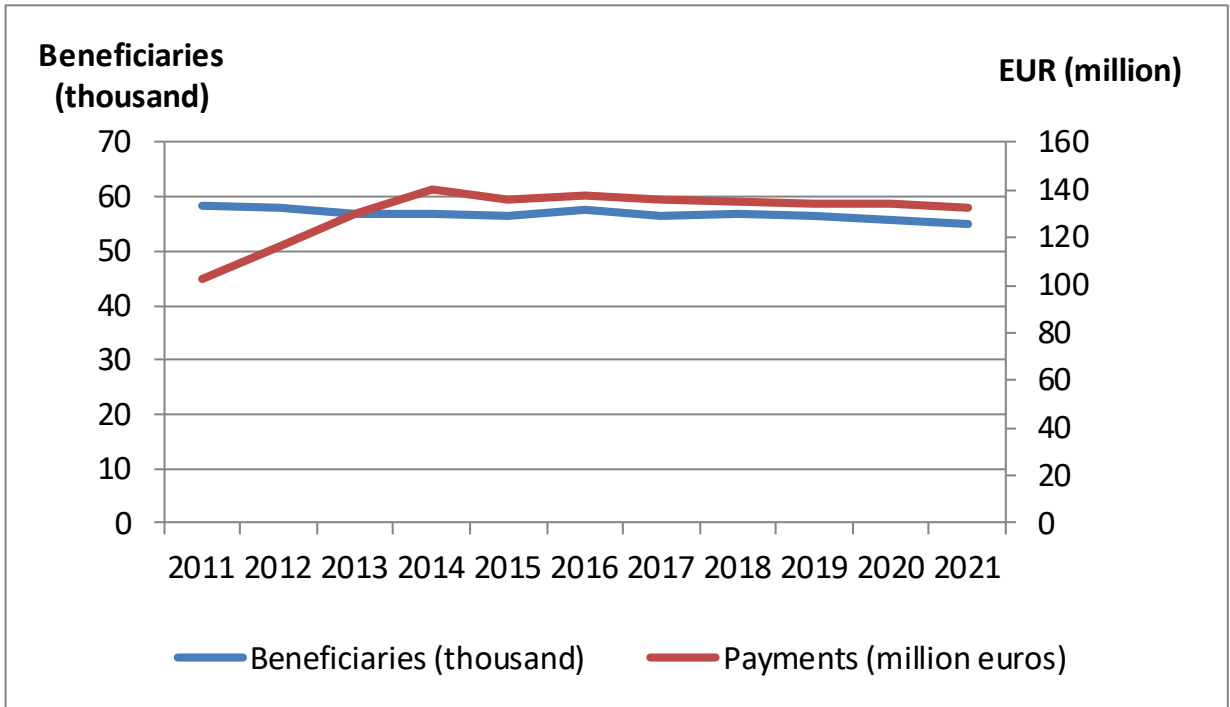
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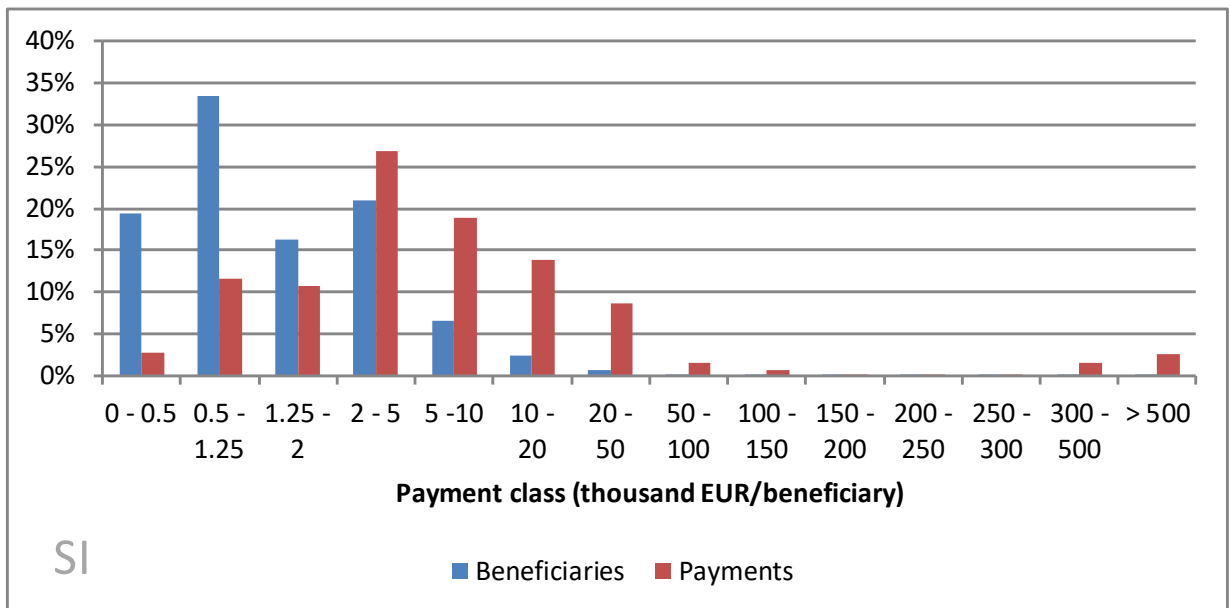
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	73.1%	13.9%	12.8%
5-250 ha	26.1%	44.0%	49.3%
>250 ha	0.7%	42.2%	37.9%

Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

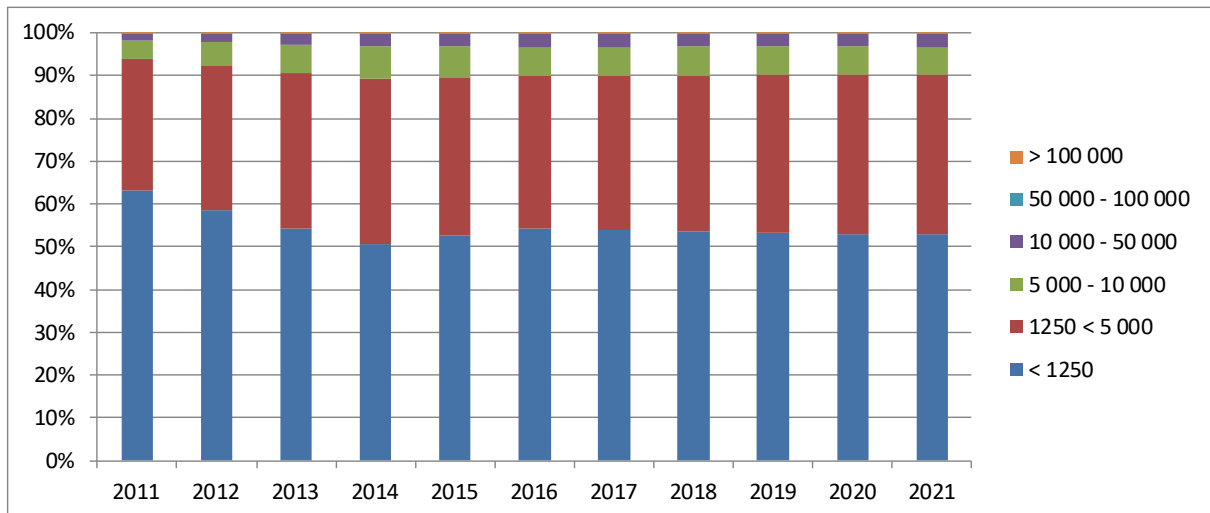


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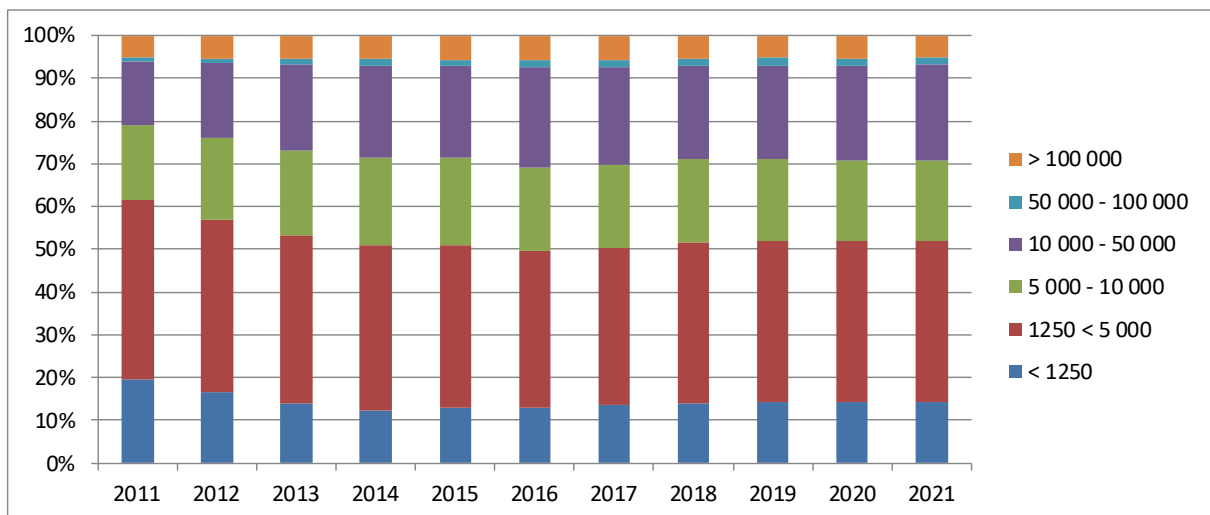


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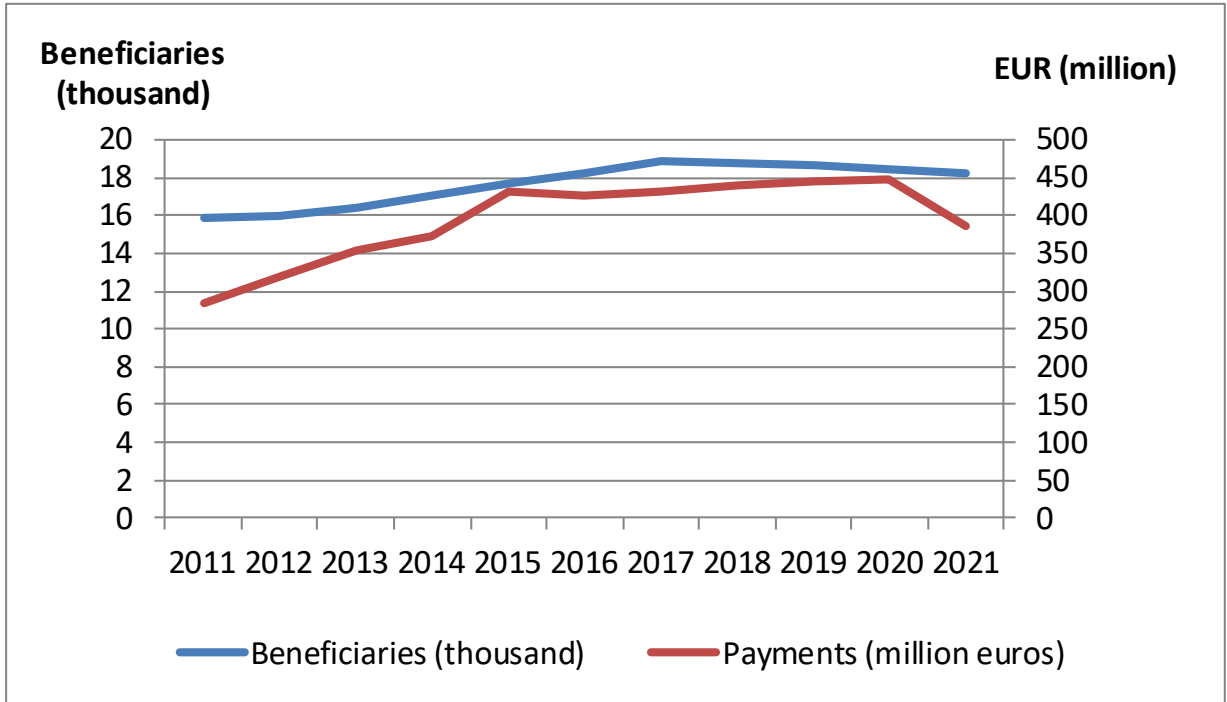
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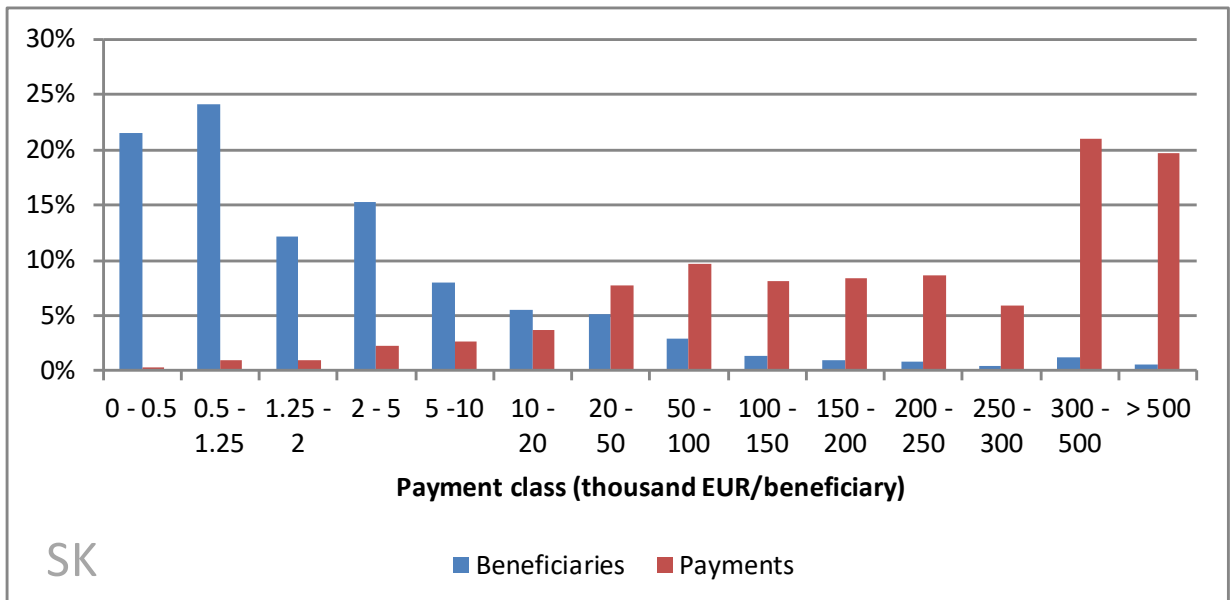
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	53.3%	18.6%	15.5%
5-250 ha	46.6%	76.4%	78.8%
>250 ha	0.0%	5.0%	5.7%

Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

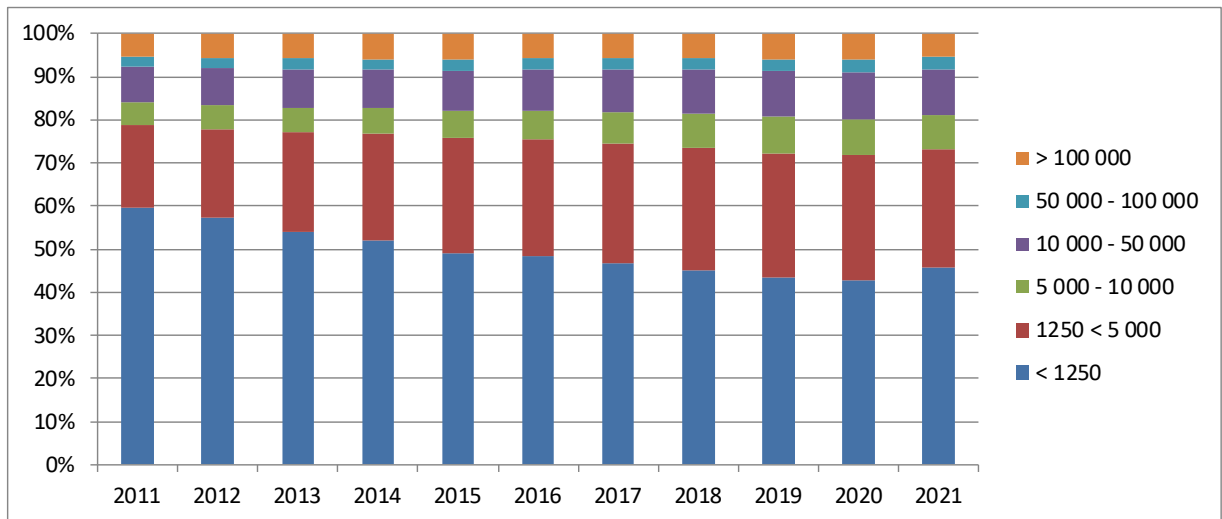


Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class

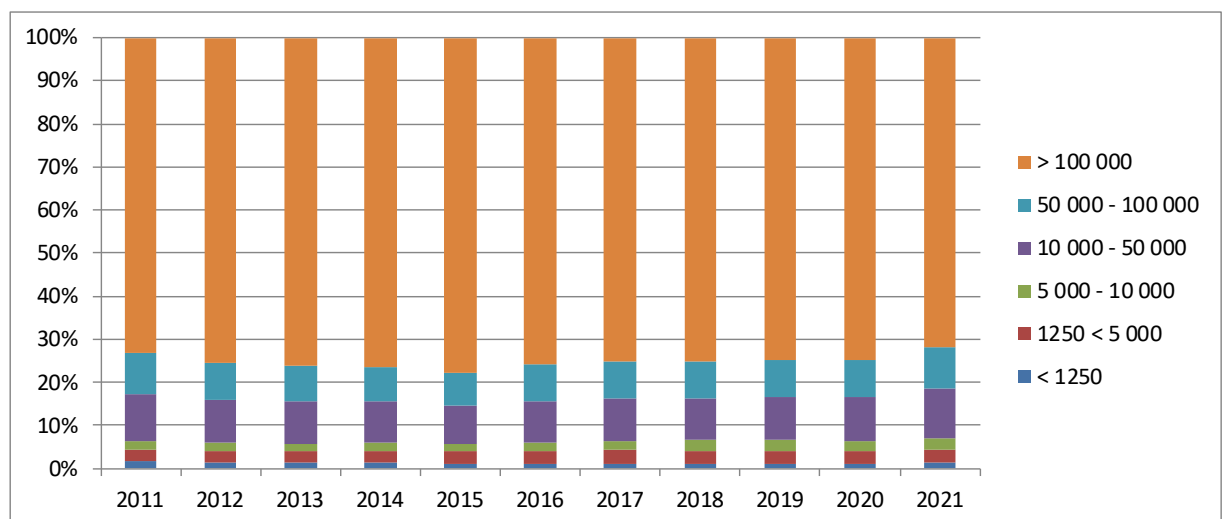


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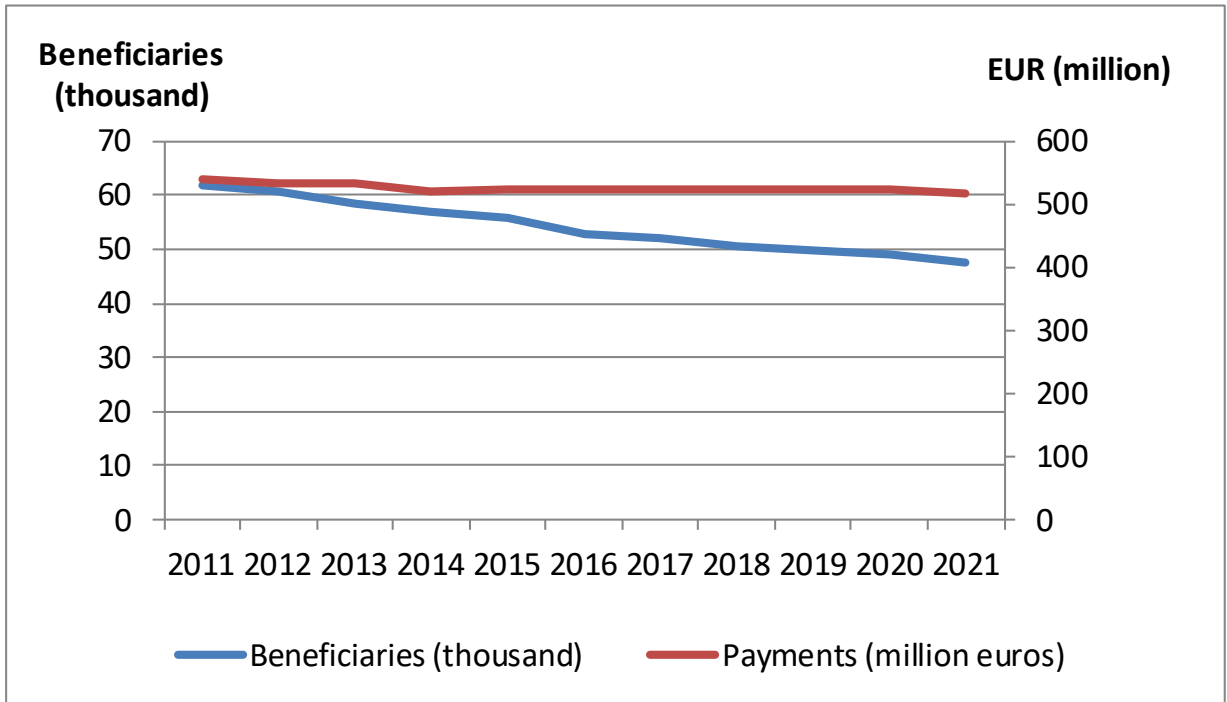
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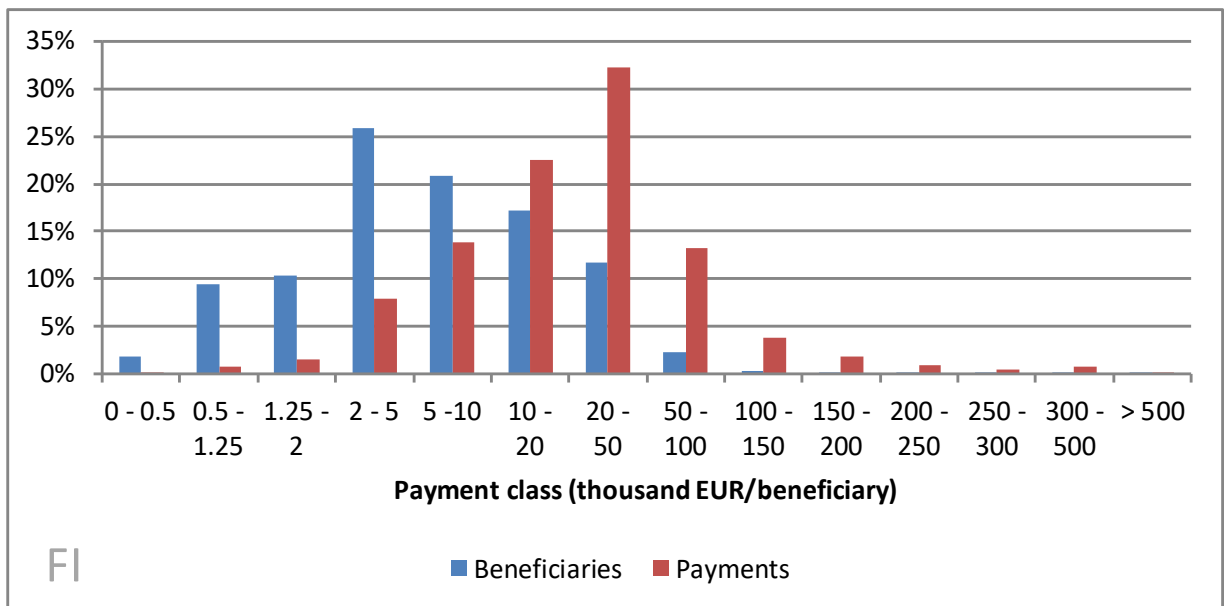
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	38.6%	1.0%	0.9%
5-250 ha	52.8%	18.1%	17.5%
>250 ha	8.6%	81.0%	81.6%

Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

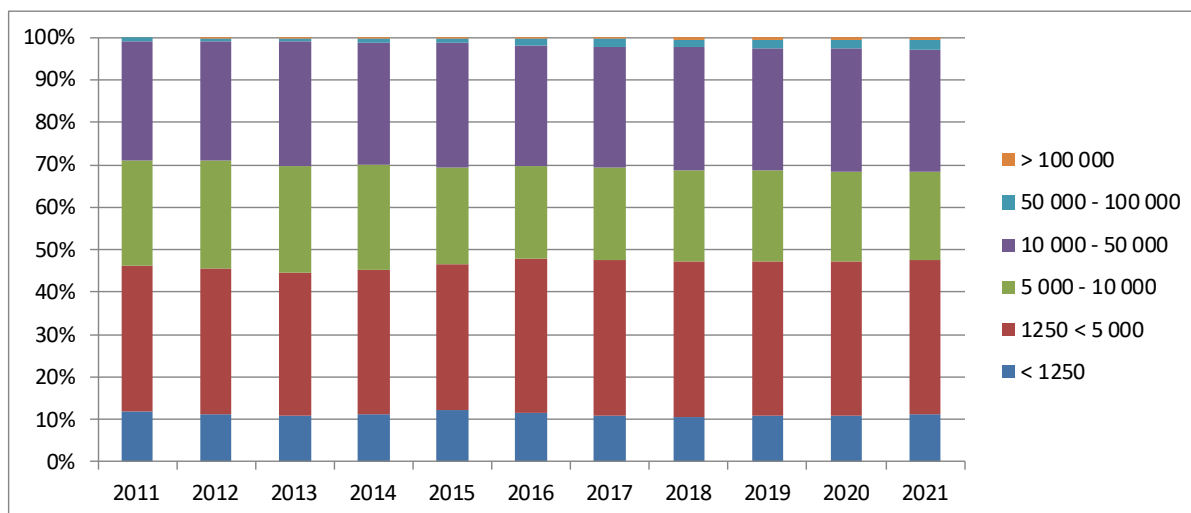


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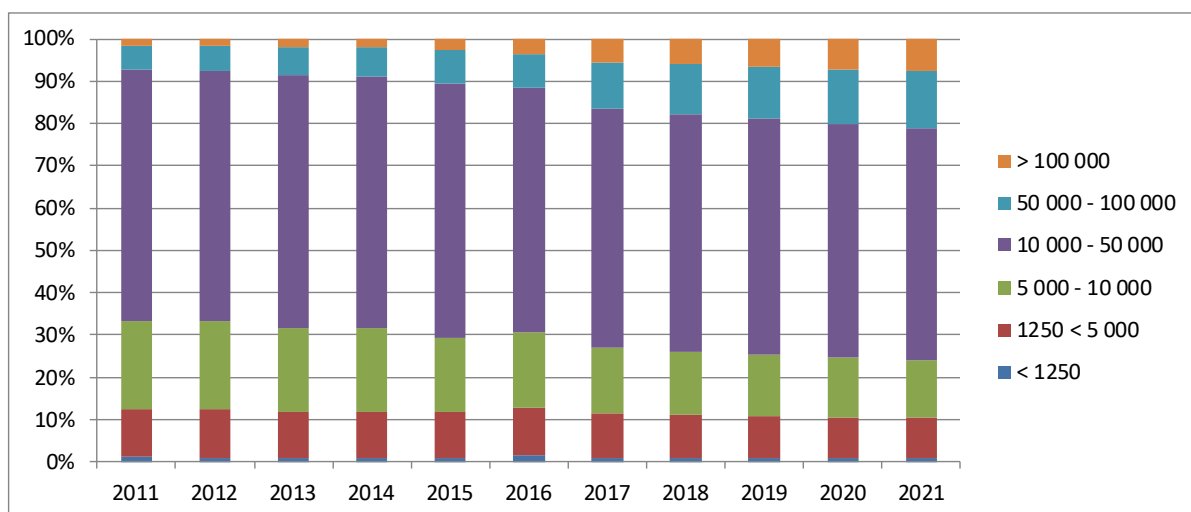


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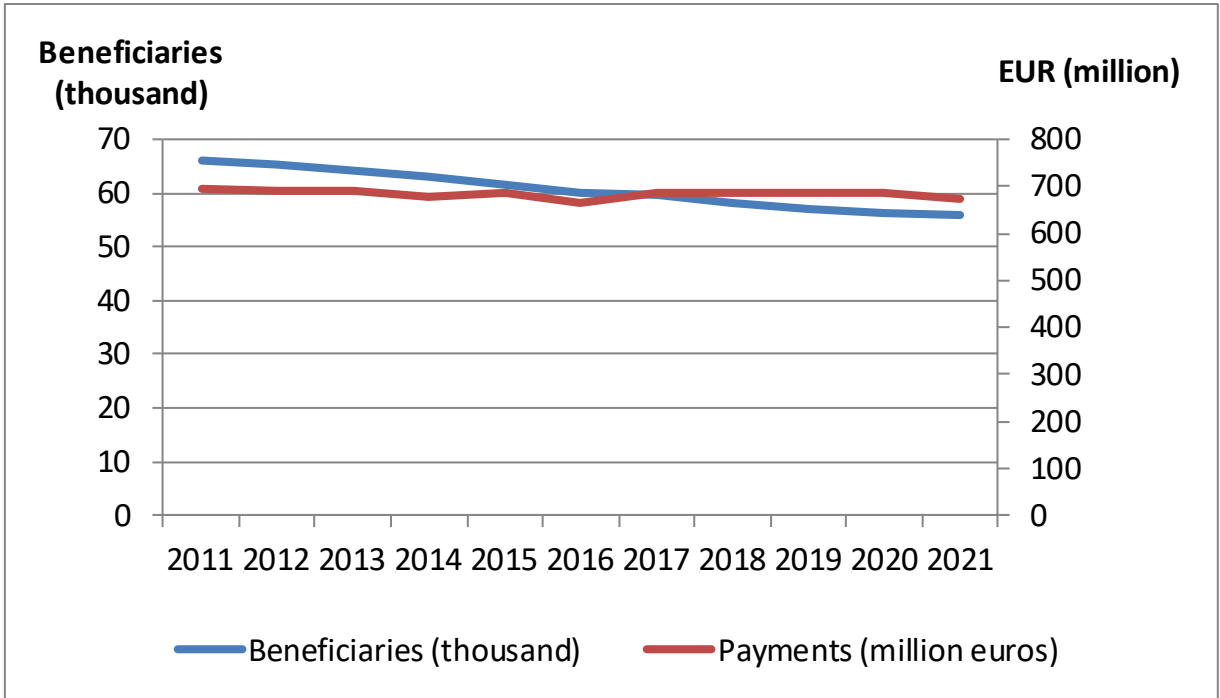
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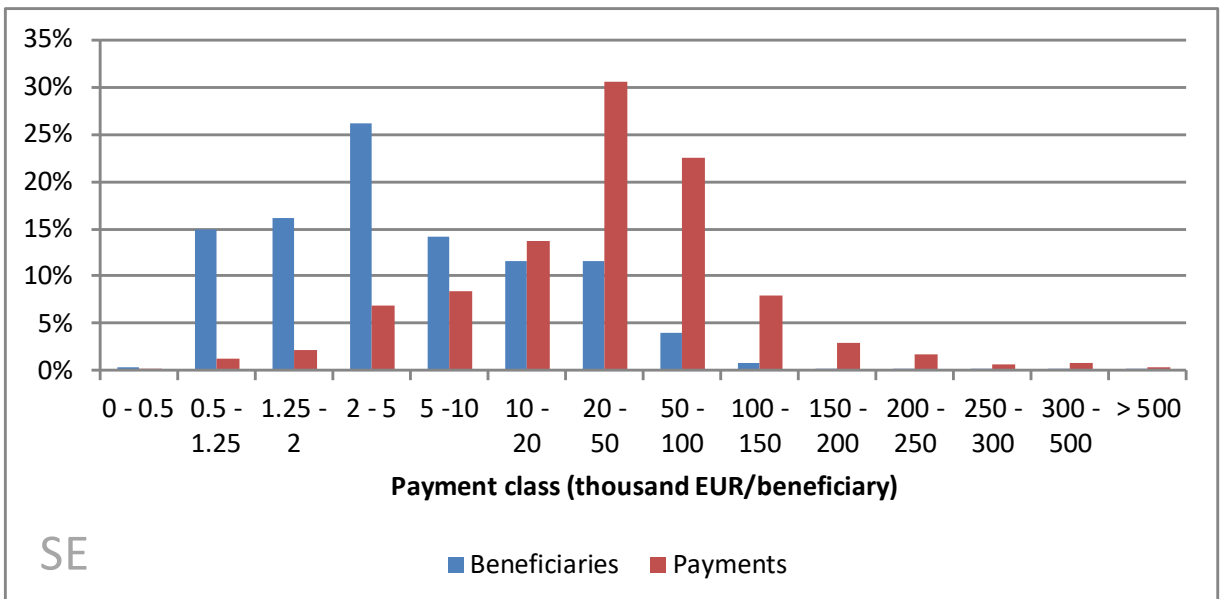
Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
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5-250 ha	94.6%	90.9%	90.0%
>250 ha	1.2%	8.8%	9.7%

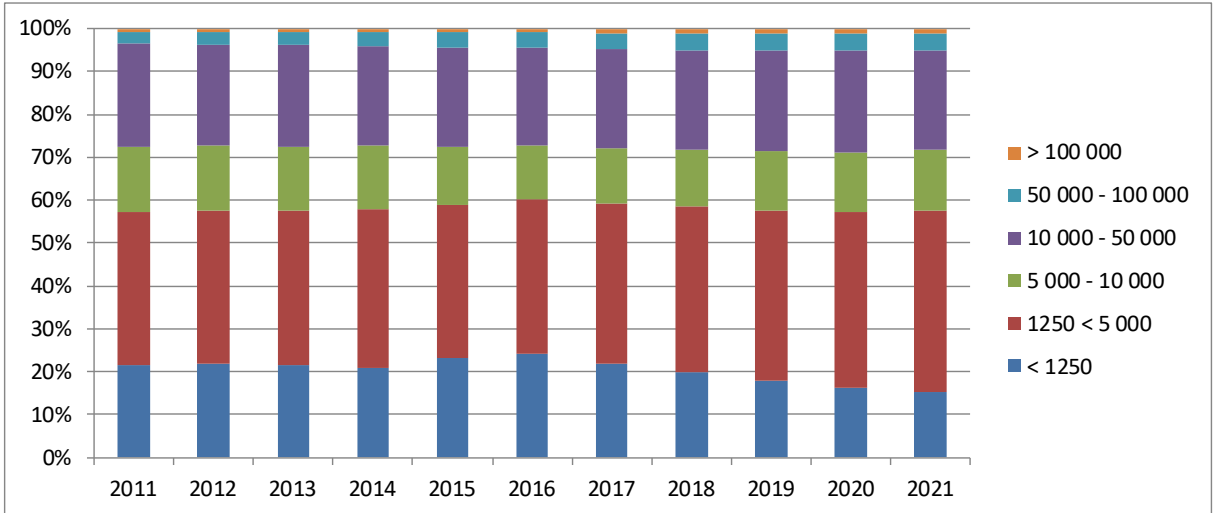
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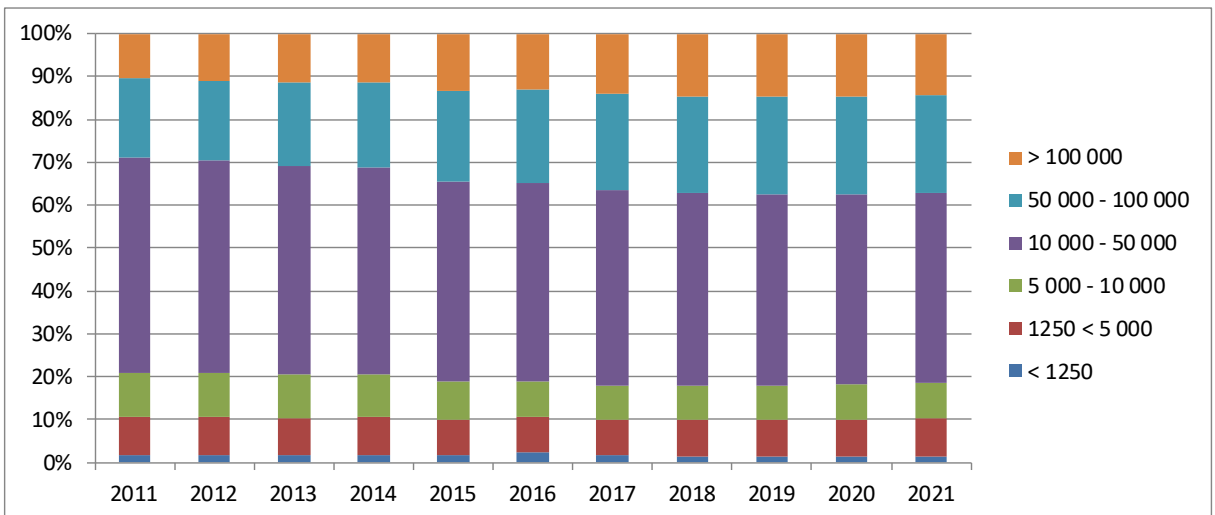
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Beneficiaries, area and payments by size class

Farm size class	Beneficiaries	Area	Direct payments
<=5ha	8.6%	0.7%	0.7%
5-250 ha	87.7%	68.8%	69.2%
>250 ha	3.8%	30.5%	30.1%