



Seminar – Twinning BG 2007/IB/AG 09 - TLW

“ BUILDING OF ANALYTICAL CAPACITY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEMES AFTER 2013 ”

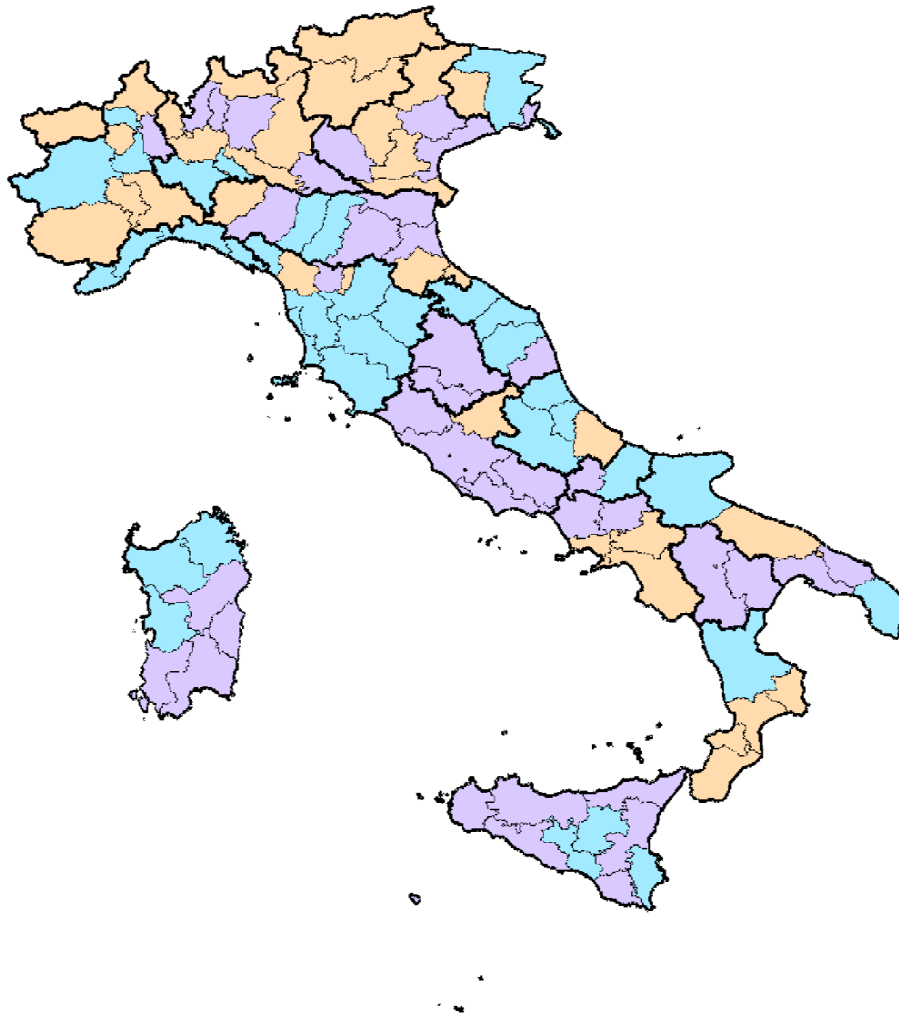
**Procedures regarding update LPIS and how provide new
information to the farmers**



LPIS upgrade (“refresh project”) has been started in 2007 to remove those points of weakness by means of the following basic elements

- land cover photo-interpretation not constrained by cadastral boundaries but realized as a “continuous” layer (physical block approach).
- basic land cover legend distinguishing agricultural areas (eligible for payments) and not agricultural areas (not eligible for payments).
- higher ortho-imagery quality (colour RGB+IR and pixel 50cm.).
- 3 years update cycle.
- usage of a huge amount of ancillary data deriving from others registry (vineyard, olive tree, nuts,...) preserving the value of historical information.
- complete coverage of the entire national territory (300.000sq.km not limited to the parcels declared for aid applications).
- setting up an up to date, complete and homogeneous set of information for the entire national territory.
- mapping agricultural surfaces in coherence with new requirements (i.e. stronger integration of 1 and 2 pillar, cross compliance,...).
- defining a baseline layer certified through an administrative procedure involving the farmers and their representative bodies.

Coverage of refreshing imagines – 3 years update cycle



Annualità Ortofoto

2007



2008



2009



Main project's features

The new classification were based on 3 major groups: Not agricultural land cover (A), agricultural land cover (B), agricultural land use (C) from previous registry data.

➤ Not agricultural area (A)

Description	Code
Woods / Forest	code 650
Artefact (building, roads, ...)	code 660
Generic not eligible areas	code 770
Tare (small not eligible areas)	code 780
Water surfaces	code 690

2 adds codes of photo- interpretation results applied to the recovery process:

Permanent pasture - tare 20% not eligible area	code 659
Permanent pasture - tare 50% not eligible area	code 654

Not eligible elements - example



1. To assess the quality of the update of the new eligible area in the LPIS-GIS carried out.
2. It is necessary that a homogenous calculation procedure is developed ensuring that the amounts represent the exact risk to the Fund. i.e. the difference between what was paid (and declared to the Fund for both 1st and 2nd pillar expenditure) and what should have been paid to the farmer if the LPIS-GIS in place would have been accurate.
3. To enable finalisation of the procedure of (re-)update and to provide new information to the farmers

Analysis of classification of findings before to apply re-calculation of recovery amounts –EU Regulation No 796/2004

Title III, section II:

On-the-spot controls results (sample populations 2007 and 2008) have been excluded from this exercise of re-calculation.

Article 30:

.....A measurement tolerance may be defined by the competent authority that shall not exceed either 5 % of the agricultural parcel area.... From 2008 applicable to the perimeter of agricultural parcel. Under the assumption that The new refresh updated LPIS could be considered an equivalent control system like on-the-spot controls (under observation by DG AGRI)

Article 50(3) – from 2008:

...If the difference between the total area determined and the total area declared for payment under aid schemes established in Titles III, IV and V of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 is less than or equal to 0,1 hectare, the area determined shall be set equal to the area declared. The second subparagraph shall not apply where that difference represents more than 20 % of the total area declared for payments.

Article 68(1)

The reductions and exclusions shall not apply where the farmer submitted factually correct information or where he can show otherwise that he is not at fault.

Re-update LPIS

Farmer A – application ????? year claim (new re-calculation):

Agricultural parcel (code)	Scheme	Area declared (ha)	Eligible pre-refresh (Ha)	Eligible post-refresh (ha)	Note / anomalies (discrepancies)
072 022 40 110	SPS	1,00	1,00	1,01	
072 022 40 111	SPS	0,80	0,80	0,80	
072 029 38 076	SPS	1,20	1,20	0,69	Code 660 – building, road...; ha 0,51 not agricultural area
		3,00	3,00	2,50	

Data publications in the IACS before to process the recovery undue payments

- Farm classification and communication to the farmer
 - Management of re-view instances at farm level
 - Conclusions of the administrative procedure

Farm classification with “new refresh” data at parcel/block

1. Farms with farm register data in concordance.
2. Farms with farm register data with discrepancies but compensating at farm level.
3. Farms with farm register data with discrepancies and as further criteria:
 - a. Farms with no effects on the amounts of aid claimed
 - b. Farms where penalties on the payments are triggered

Comparing new technical data with information declared in the farm's registry all farms are firstly classified as below:

To all farmers with discrepancies situation (approx. 400,000) have been sent personalized letters explaining the project, describing farm situation, the possible consequences overpayments, providing indication over web consultation of farm's data, on how to have access to the administrative procedure, etc.

Management of re-view instances

In order to manage the re-view instances from farmers several different ways has been set up:

- web consultation (directly over the internet by the farmer itself –*at his home*
- or at a Centre for Assistance to Farmers offices -CAA).
- Call center support.
- Front-end -> Back-office connection.
- Farmer remarks sent to back-office directly by means of the on-line procedure
- Back-office processing.
- On-line consultation of back-office results (answers to farmers are always due!).
- Meeting planning and management.
- Field survey where requested by the farmer (when field survey confirm the technical data of the administration costs are charged to the farmer).

The administrative procedure ends when:

- **Acceptance by web application**
- **Reception of remarks from the farmer**
- **No reply / Tacitus consensus**
- **Final report drafted afterward the meeting with the farmer**
- **Certification of all information in farm register**



MANY THANKS.....

