

POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT - AMBITIONS, KNOWLEDGE GAPS AND INCOHERENCIES

SSM OBJECTIVES AND POLICY STATUS

Soils increasingly play an important role in policy making at national- and European levels

Soil Strategy: Restore degraded soils, removal of 310 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent per year (LULUCF), Reduce nutrient losses by at least 50% etc.

Presentation objective: what characterize the conditions for Sustainable Soil Management from a social and political perspective



1) KNOWLEDGE NEEDS (STAKEHOLDERS ASSESSMENT)

		SOC	N ₂ O/CH ₄	Peat degradation	Soil erosion	Soil sealing	Salinization	Contamination	Structure	Biodiversity	Nutrient retention	Water storage capacity
Central	AT (Continental)	Red	Yellow	White	Red	Yellow	White	White	White	White	White	Yellow
	CZ (Alpine South)	Red	White	White	Red	Yellow	White	White	White	White	White	Red
	DE (Atlantic North)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
	HU (Pannonian-Pontic)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	Red
	PL (Continental)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	Yellow
	SK (Continental)	Red	White	White	Red	White	White	White	Red	White	White	Red
	SI (Alpine South)	Red	White	White	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	Red
	CH (Continental)	Red	White	White	Yellow	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
North	DK (Atlantic North)	Red	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	Yellow	White	White	White
	FI (Boreal)	Red	White	Yellow	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
	LV (Nemoral)	Red	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
	LT (Nemoral)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	Red	White	White	Red
	NO (Boreal)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	Red
	SE (Nemoral)	Yellow	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
South	IT (Mediterranean North)	Red	White	White	Red	Red	White	Red	Yellow	White	White	White
	PT (Lusitanian)	Red	White	White	Red	White	White	Red	Red	White	White	White
	TU (Anatolian)	Red	White	White	Red	White	White	Yellow	White	White	White	Red
West	BE (F) (Atlantic Central)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	Red
	BE (W) (Atlantic Central)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	Yellow
	FR (Atlantic Central)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
	IE (Atlantic Central)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	Red	White	White	Red
	NL (Atlantic North)	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
	UK (Atlantic North)	Yellow	Red	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	Yellow

Legend

Very important soil challenge and research need

Important soil challenge and very important research need

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Important soil challenge and important research need

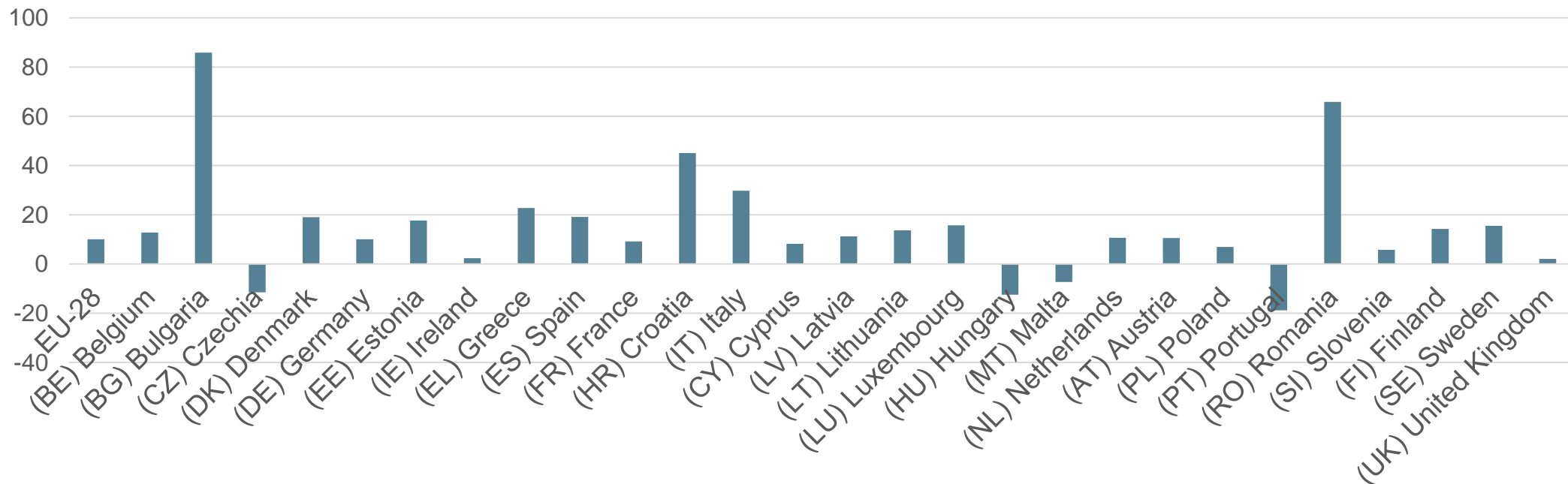
Other combinations

2) NEW FARMING STRUCTURES

- NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Structural changes: Increasing farm size, tenure, farmer age and succession challenges, increasing amount of tenured land (10%)

Development in rented land 2004-2020 (ha/farm)



3) MEASURES AND INSTRUMENTS

- INSUFFICIENT MEASURES, FUNDING IS AVAILABLE

	Land-use change	Advice and decision support	Buffer strips	Other measures
Austria	Unavailable	Unavailable	Available	Unavailable
Belgium (Flanders)	Available	Available	Available	Available
Belgium (Wallonia)	Unavailable	Available	Available	Available
Denmark	Available	Available	Available	Unavailable
Finland	Unavailable	Available	Available	Available
France	Available	Available	Available	Available
Italy	Available	Available	Available	Available
Latvia	Unavailable	Available	Available	Unavailable
Luxembourg	Unavailable	Available	Available	Unavailable
Spain	Unavailable	Available	Available	Unavailable

Stoctake of erosion risk measures

- Funding for measures are available (mainly CAP)
- Primarily annual schemes
- Not target to an erosion risk area
- Voluntary adoption by farmers

Legend	Available	Unavailable
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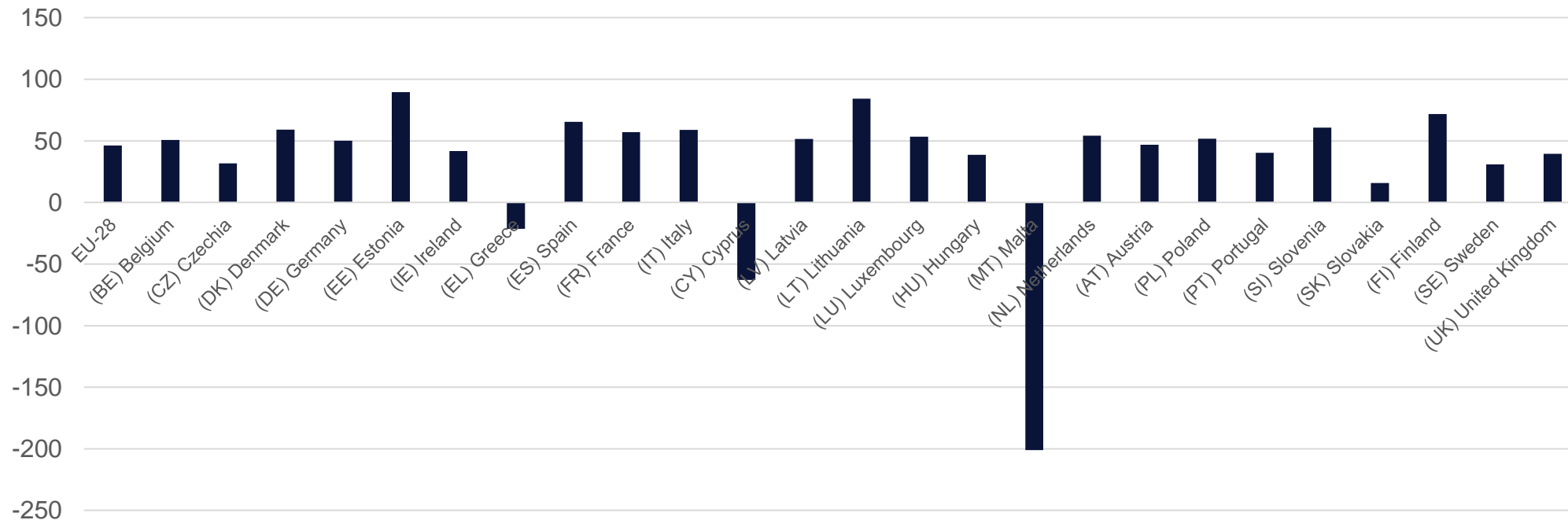


4) NEW ACTORS ENTERS THE SCENE

- CONTRACTUALIZATION OF FIELDWORK

Changes: 45% increase across EU28, farmers not the only work their land

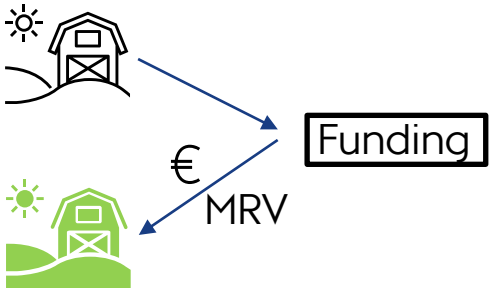
Development in contract work 2004-2020 (€/farm)



5) IS SSM ATTRACTIVE FOR INVESTORS?

C sequestration can be come a business model for farmers, other ESS appear less attractice

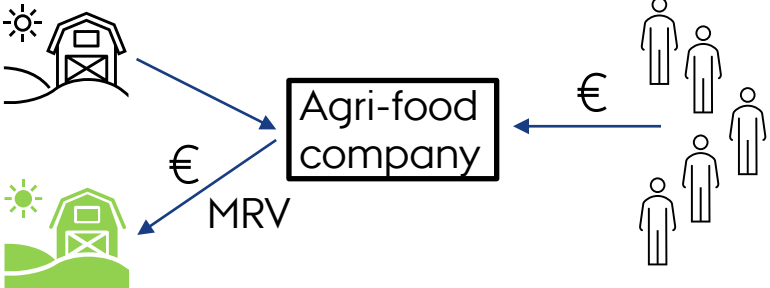
Farm payments



Examples



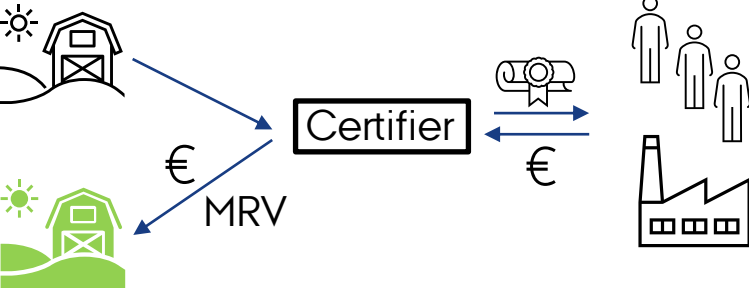
Corporate supply chain



Examples



Voluntary carbon markets



Examples



CONCLUDING REMARKS

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- SSM presuppose a systemic change of the production system
 - **Social**
 - It is increasingly becoming challenging for individual farmers to respond to systemic challenges due to a distribution of responsibility
 - **Policies**
 - Overall EU policies are great, but implementation could improve (CAP and domestic regulation)
 - Land policy is continuously fragment across policy silos and involve tradeoffs
 - Relies on voluntary initiatives and less on regulation





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