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I. INTRODUZIONE

1. Nella riunione del 21 febbraio 2007 il Gruppo "Questioni agrofinanziarie" (AGRIFIN) ha ascoltato la Commissione presentare i profili delle spese del FEAGA per il 2007 ed ha esaminato le informazioni da essa fornite sull'evoluzione delle spese del FEAGA al 31 gennaio 2007 (corrispondenti alle relazioni della Commissione sul sistema d'allarme nn. 1/2007, 2/2007 e 3/2007). I risultati dei lavori del Gruppo sono sintetizzati in appresso.

II. RISULTATI DEI LAVORI

A) Profili delle spese del FEAGA per il 2007

2. La rappresentante della Commissione ha presentato i profili delle spese del FEAGA per il 2007, basati su un documento di lavoro della Commissione che le delegazioni avevano ricevuto prima della riunione (vedasi l'allegato I), facendo presente che l'allegato di detto documento contiene i profili delle spese per ogni singolo articolo del bilancio.
3. La rappresentante della Commissione ha inoltre richiamato l'attenzione delle delegazioni sul fatto che per alcune linee di bilancio la Commissione ha deciso di non calcolare il profilo secondo il metodo di calcolo di base (che tiene conto delle spese degli ultimi tre anni). Le pertinenti linee di bilancio ed il metodo specifico di calcolo sono illustrati nel documento di lavoro della Commissione.

B) Spese del FEAGA al 31 gennaio

4. Il Gruppo ha quindi esaminato lo stato delle spese del FEAGA per il periodo compreso tra il 16 ottobre 2006 e il 31 gennaio 2007, in base ad una tabella distribuita dalla rappresentante della Commissione durante la riunione, che illustra l'utilizzo temporaneo di stanziamenti rispetto al livello dell'indicatore (vedasi l'allegato II).
5. Dalla tabella risulta che l'esecuzione degli stanziamenti della sezione Garanzia del FEAGA al 31 gennaio 2007 ammonta a 27.917,8 milioni di EUR (65,4 % degli stanziamenti disponibili). La ripartizione tra le tre principali linee di bilancio si configura come segue:
 - interventi sui mercati agricoli: 1.625,9 milioni di EUR (12,2 milioni di EUR ovvero 0,2 % al di sopra del bilancio);
 - aiuti diretti: 26.750,1 milioni di EUR (177,9 milioni di EUR ovvero 0,5 % al di sotto del bilancio);
 - altre spese (compreso lo sviluppo rurale): 28.363,7 milioni di EUR (280,7 milioni di EUR ovvero 0,7 % al di sotto del bilancio).

6. La rappresentante della Commissione ha sottolineato che l'esecuzione del bilancio generale ha evidenziato una sottoutilizzazione pari a 732,7 milioni di EUR, ovvero l'1,7 %, ma che è ancora presto per trarre conclusioni, in particolare in considerazione del margine di sicurezza del bilancio PAC. Ha poi brevemente commentato alcune linee di bilancio, come riportato in appresso.

Cereali (differenza pari a -168,8 milioni ovvero -32,7 %)

La sottoutilizzazione, principalmente dovuta ad una contrazione delle spese degli Stati membri per le restituzioni alle esportazioni, è una tendenza che probabilmente si confermerà e che porterà a risparmi molto significativi al termine dell'esercizio finanziario.

Restituzioni per prodotti non contemplati nell'allegato I (differenza pari a -19,3 milioni di EUR ovvero -6,4 %)

La sottoutilizzazione è dovuta al calo generale del livello dei tassi di restituzione alle esportazioni, nonché alla diminuzione dei quantitativi esportati di prodotti agricoli trasformati.

Latte e prodotti lattiero-caseari (differenza pari a 75 milioni di EUR ovvero +12,8 %)

La sovrautilizzazione è dovuta al fatto che l'indicatore non riflette la situazione reale (l'indicatore tiene ancora conto dell'effetto della riscossione dei pagamenti per i prelievi sul latte, mentre per l'esercizio 2007 tali pagamenti sono trattati come entrate con destinazione specifica).

Aiuti diretti (differenza pari a -177,9 milioni di EUR ovvero -0,5 %)

La sottoutilizzazione è dovuta alle difficoltà incontrate dai nuovi Stati membri e da alcuni dei vecchi Stati membri nell'attuare il sistema dei pagamenti disaccoppiati.

III. CONCLUSIONI

7. Al termine dei lavori, su iniziativa della presidenza, il Gruppo ha convenuto di sottoporre i risultati dei suoi lavori al Coreper, tra i punti "I" dell'ordine del giorno.

**WORKING PAPER
ON
THE EXPENDITURE PROFILES FOR 2007**

1. Introduction

The Commission is required, under Article 20 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy, to implement an 'early warning system' covering each chapter of EAGF expenditure. This expenditure is as a rule being monitored for each article. To that end, the Commission presents monthly reports to Parliament and the Council comparing actual expenditure with the forecast expenditure profiles.

The profiles are established by the Commission for each article of the budget as soon as budget data are available. They are based, where appropriate, on average monthly expenditure over the three preceding years.

2. Calculation method - Basic rule

The approach adopted involves establishing profiles by article on the basis of data for each item, as follows (see Annex):

- a) Expenditure over the three preceding financial years is adjusted as required to the budgetary nomenclature for the coming year.
- b) For each closed financial year, a profile in terms of accumulated percentages is calculated at the lowest budgetary level (item or itemless article).
- c) The historical profile for each budget heading is the weighted arithmetic mean of the percentage values for the corresponding months of each financial year.
- d) Multiplying the percentage obtained by the appropriation amount for that heading for the year concerned gives, for each item, the amount of expenditure that can be considered normal at a given date.
- e) The indicator at the next level up is obtained by adding together the amounts at the constituent levels (chapter = sum of amounts under each article).

The percentage for these amounts in relation to the budget for each article gives the profile for that article. The profile therefore incorporates the weighting of expenditure at the lower level (items).

Profiles should also reflect any payment deadlines that are set under the rules.

3. Exceptions to the basic rule

As a rule, profiles are calculated as described under point 2. However, a different approach has to be adopted in certain cases, in particular the following:

- a) Where historical data for a given budget heading include factors of a strictly one-off nature the appropriate adjustments are to be made.
- b) Where, for a given budget heading, the data for one or two years are considered to be more representative than the historical profile, calculations are to be based on the data for that year or years only.
- c) Where special circumstances (such as a new heading, or changes in the rules or in payment deadlines) mean that the historical data do not reflect the foreseeable pattern of expenditure under a budget heading, a theoretical profile is to be established on the basis of working hypotheses that take account of the new situation.

The above exceptions have been made for the budget heading detailed below.

CHAPTER 05 01 – ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE

05 01 04 01 – European Agriculture Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Non-operational technical assistance

The profile has been calculated on the basis of the data for the years 2004 to 2006, taking into account that direct payments can be paid until 31 December.

CHAPTER 05 02 – INTERVENTION ON AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

05 02 10 02 – Promotion measures - Direct payments by the European Community The profile has been calculated on the basis of the data for the years 2004 to 2006, taking into account that direct payments can be paid until 31 December.

05 02 15 07 – Exceptional market-support measures for the poultrymeat and eggs sector

The profile has been calculated by distributing the expenditure evenly over the first five months of the year.

CHAPTER 05 03 - DIRECT AIDS

05 03 01 01 – Single payment scheme

05 03 01 02 – Single area payment scheme

05 03 02 – Other direct aids

05 03 03 00 – Additional amounts of aid

Many Member States apply the single payment scheme for the first time. Moreover, in respect of 2006, the Member States were authorized to pay to the farmer, from 16 October 2006, an advance that should not exceed 50% for certain direct payments. For these reasons and in order to be as close as possible to the real rhythm of expenditure, the profile has been calculated taking into account the Member States' forecasts.

05 03 01 03 – Separate sugar payment

This is a new measure. The profile has been calculated taking into account the Member States' forecasts.

CHAPTER 05 07 – AUDIT OF AGRICULTURAL EXPENDITURE

05 07 01 02 – Monitoring and preventive measures - direct payments by the European Community

The profile is based on the data for the years 2004 to 2006, taking into accounts the decisions already taken or launched.

CHAPTER 05 08 – POLICY STRATEGY AND COORDINATION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY AREA

05 08 01 00 – Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)

The profile has been calculated on the basis of the planning of the commitments established by measure.

05 08 02 00 – Surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings

05 08 03 00 – Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys

05 08 06 00 – Enhancing public awareness of the common agricultural policy

The profile has been calculated on the basis of the data for the years 2004 to 2006, taking into account that direct payments can be paid until December 31.

CHAPTER 11 02 – FISHERIES MARKETS

11 02 01 01 – Intervention in fishery products

11 02 03 01 – Fisheries programme for the outermost regions

Regulation 1290/05 has foreseen that the EAGF shall finance in a centralised manner expenditure related to fisheries markets. As a consequence, a profile must be established, and this has been calculated on the basis of the planning of the commitments.

CHAPTER 17 01 – ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION POLICY AREA

17 01 04 01 – Plant-health measures - Expenditure on administrative management 17 01 04 05 – Feed and food safety and related activities - Expenditure on administrative management

As these are direct payments, the profile has been calculated (taking into account past experience) on the basis of the forecast expenditure for 2007.

CHAPTER 17 03 –PUBLIC HEALTH

17 03 02 00 – Community tobacco fund – Direct payments by the European Union As these are direct payments, the profile has been calculated (taking into account past experience) on the basis of the forecast expenditure for 2007.

CHAPTER 17 04 – FOOD SAFETY, ANIMAL HEALTH, ANIMAL WELFARE AND PLANT HEALTH

17 04 01 – Animal disease eradication and monitoring programmes and monitoring of the physical condition of animals that could pose a public-health risk linked to an external factor - New measures

17 04 02 – Other measures in the veterinary, animal welfare and public health field - New measures

17 04 03 – Emergency fund for veterinary complaints _____ and _____ other _____ animal contaminations which are a risk to public health - New measures

17 04 04 – Plant health measures - New measures

17 04 07 – Feed and food safety and related activities - New measures

As these are direct payments, the profile has been calculated (taking into account past experience) on the basis of the forecast expenditure for 2007.

Appendix 1 - Profile 2007 - Initial Budget Allocation - Cumulated Percentages

BUDGET ITEMS	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Expenditure (A)												
05 01	0.0	0.0	1.5	10.6	19.7	22.7	34.9	43.9	48.5	56.1	62.1	77.3
Total 05 01 Administrative expenditure of policy area Agriculture	0.0	0.0	1.5	10.6	19.7	22.7	34.9	43.9	48.5	56.1	62.1	77.3
05 02												
05 02 01	18.9	28.3	27.6	34.0	42.1	45.5	51.1	54.3	64.8	72.0	81.2	100.0
05 02 02	28.1	46.6	87.3	103.7	106.8	113.8	116.5	105.4	91.3	73.7	76.2	100.0
05 02 03	11.9	20.5	29.2	38.6	48.5	56.2	64.8	73.1	81.3	88.5	96.2	100.0
05 02 04	1.2	3.3	4.6	8.5	31.4	49.5	58.8	72.0	80.3	85.4	98.5	100.0
05 02 05	-5.5	13.9	25.4	31.9	39.4	48.9	53.6	44.4	17.1	18.1	88.2	100.0
05 02 06	49.5	74.4	78.9	82.5	84.5	85.4	86.7	87.8	92.6	96.5	98.1	100.0
05 02 07	8.2	8.6	8.1	29.3	31.4	31.5	31.8	61.8	61.4	62.1	65.3	100.0
05 02 08	14.6	34.5	38.0	42.1	46.3	49.8	54.4	74.3	80.7	85.9	93.3	100.0
05 02 09	8.4	17.5	23.5	32.4	45.6	56.1	67.5	82.2	87.4	91.1	95.7	100.0
05 02 10	7.0	15.2	18.6	26.2	38.4	48.3	57.6	67.2	73.5	81.3	92.9	97.4
05 02 11	11.7	22.9	30.9	36.6	42.8	49.2	61.4	67.4	75.3	85.8	93.8	100.0
05 02 12	12.3	21.0	28.0	36.6	47.2	55.3	63.6	72.4	80.6	88.0	96.9	100.0
05 02 13	13.3	23.9	34.5	44.1	53.0	59.7	66.6	74.1	81.1	88.8	95.4	100.0
05 02 14												
05 02 15	13.0	24.5	35.5	46.9	58.7	63.6	67.5	73.2	77.9	84.0	91.3	100.0
05 02 16												
Total 05 02 Interventions in agricultural markets	11.1	23.3	28.7	35.8	45.4	52.8	60.6	72.0	76.9	82.4	93.3	100.0
05 03												
05 03 01	13.0	70.2	75.8	86.7	91.6	94.6	97.2	99.5	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
05 03 02	10.8	58.9	64.3	71.1	78.6	87.8	93.6	99.0	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.0
05 03 03	0.0	9.3	9.7	15.4	22.9	23.4	27.9	34.0	37.7	42.5	99.8	100.0
05 03 04												
Total 05 03 Direct aids	12.4	67.5	73.0	83.1	88.5	92.5	95.7	98.6	99.0	99.2	100.0	100.0
05 04												
05 07	-3.5	-3.5	-3.8	-4.1	-4.4	5.0	4.7	65.4	86.8	86.5	94.1	100.6
05 08	0.0	0.0	5.5	11.1	48.3	54.4	60.0	65.6	71.1	76.6	82.1	88.5
11 02	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
17 01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.8	69.2	69.2	69.2	69.2	76.9	84.6
17 03	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
17 04	0.0	0.0	33.9	70.2	76.6	80.2	80.9	80.9	84.3	84.3	90.5	92.1
Total other expenditure	2.9	2.9	51.9	104.4	121.0	119.7	125.9	80.8	69.1	70.4	74.1	72.3
Total Expenditure (excluding clearance)	12.1	61.1	66.8	76.7	82.6	87.1	90.9	94.8	95.9	96.8	98.9	99.9
Total Expenditure (including clearance)	12.2	61.4	67.1	77.0	83.0	87.4	91.2	95.0	95.9	96.9	99.0	99.9
Revenue (B)												
6 7 0 1												
6 7 0 2												

**PROVISIONAL CONSUMPTION OF THE APPROPRIATIONS
AGAINST ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS of EAGF**
Situation to the 31/01/2007
In EUR million

		Original appropriations Budget (*) EUR mio	Consumption from November to January EUR mio	Utilisation %	Consumption profile (**) as at January % EUR mio		Gap between implementation and indicator % EUR mio	
		A	B	C= (B*100)/A	D	E= (D*A)/100	F=C-D	G=B-E
Expenditure (A)								
05 01	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY AREA	8.5	0.6	7.1 %	1.5 %	0.1	5.6 %	0.5
Total 05 01 Administrative expenditure of policy area Agriculture		8.5	0.6	7.1 %	1.5 %	0.1	5.6 %	0.5
05 02 01	INTERVENTIONS IN AGRICULTURAL MARKETS							
05 02 02	Cereals	516.0	-26.2	-5.1 %	27.6 %	142.6	-32.7 %	-168.8
05 02 03	Rice	-2.0	0.7	-33.1 %	87.3 %	-1.7	-120.4 %	2.4
05 02 04	Refunds on non-Annex 1 products	299.0	68.0	22.7 %	29.2 %	87.2	-6.4 %	-19.3
05 02 05	Sugar	278.0	40.2	14.5 %	4.6 %	12.7	9.9 %	27.5
05 02 06	Olive oil	323.0	187.0	57.9 %	25.4 %	82.1	32.5 %	105.0
05 02 07	Textile plants	50.0	26.3	52.6 %	78.9 %	39.5	-26.3 %	-13.2
05 02 08	Fruit and vegetables	22.0	2.6	11.8 %	8.1 %	1.8	3.8 %	0.8
05 02 09	Products of the wine-growing sector	1,319.8	478.3	36.2 %	38.0 %	501.1	-1.7 %	-22.9
05 02 10	Promotion	1,487.0	410.4	27.6 %	23.5 %	349.6	4.1 %	60.9
05 02 11	Other plant products/measures	45.3	9.2	20.2 %	18.6 %	8.4	1.7 %	0.7
05 02 12	Beef and veal	379.0	90.6	23.9 %	30.9 %	117.2	-7.0 %	-26.6
05 02 13	Sheepmeat and goatmeat	587.0	239.1	40.7 %	28.0 %	164.1	12.8 %	75.0
05 02 14	Pigmeat, eggs and poultry, bee-keeping and other animal products	117.0	40.3	34.5 %	34.5 %	40.3	-0.0 %	-0.0
05 02 15	Sugar Restructuring Fund (estimation of 757 Mio EUR credits coming from revenue)***	p.m.	0.0	0.0 %				
Total 05 02 Interventions in agricultural markets		5,615.2	1,625.9	29.0 %	28.7 %	1,613.6	0.2 %	12.2
05 03 01	DIRECT AIDS							
05 03 02	Decoupled direct aids (estimation of 638 Mio EUR credits coming from revenue)***	30,196.0	22,829.2	75.6 %	75.8 %	22,886.6	-0.2 %	-57.4
05 03 03	Other direct aids	6,214.5	3,894.0	62.7 %	64.3 %	3,995.9	-1.6 %	-102.0
05 03 04	Additional amounts of aid	468.0	40.1	8.6 %	9.7 %	45.4	-1.1 %	-5.3
Total 05 03 Direct aids		36,878.5	26,750.1	72.5 %	73.0 %	26,928.0	-0.5 %	-177.9
OTHER EXPENDITURE								
05 04	Rural development (050401 and 05040302)	p.m.	-14.1	0.0 %				
05 07	AUDIT OF AGRICULTURAL EXPENDITURE	-172.0	-0.0	0.0 %	-3.8 %	6.6	3.8 %	-6.6
	Accounting clearance of previous years' accounts (05070106 and 05070108)	-178.0	0.0	0.0 %	-3.4 %	6.1	3.4 %	-6.1
	(3) Conformity clearance of previous years' accounts (05070107 and 05070109)	p.m.	0.0	0.0 %				
	Audit of agricultural expenditure, other lines (05070101, 05070102, 05070105)	6.0	-0.0	-0.3 %	8.3 %	0.5	-8.6 %	-0.5
05 08	(1) POLICY STRATEGY AND COORDINATION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY AREA	41.2	0.0	0.0 %	5.5 %	2.3	-5.5 %	-2.3
11 02	(2) FISHERIES MARKETS	30.5	0.0	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0	0.0 %	0.0
17 01	(1) (2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF POLICY AREA HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION	1.3	0.4	30.8 %	0.0 %	0.0	30.8 %	0.4
	17010401, 17010404 and 17010405: Plant health meas. - Pilot study - Feed and food safety							
17 03	(1) (2) PUBLIC HEALTH	13.5	0.0	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0	0.0 %	0.0
17 04	17 03 02 Community tobacco fund - direct payments by the EU	295.0	0.9	0.3 %	33.9 %	99.9	-33.6 %	-99.0
	(1) (2) FOOD SAFETY, ANIMAL HEALTH, ANIMAL WELFARE AND PLANT HEALTH							
	170401 to 170407 Veterinary, animal welfare, public health, plant health, feed and food							
Total other expenditure		209.5	-12.8	-6.1 %	51.9 %	108.8	-58.1 %	-121.6
Total Expenditure (excluding clearance)		42,889.7	28,363.7	66.1 %	66.8 %	28,644.4	-0.7 %	-280.7
Total Expenditure (including clearance)		42,711.7	28,363.7	66.4 %	67.1 %	28,650.5	-0.7 %	-286.8
Revenue (B)								
6 7 0 1	Conformity clearance of previous years' accounts - EAGF (estimation : 568 Mio EUR)	p.m.	68.7					
6 7 0 2	Irregularities - EAGF (estimation : 70 Mio EUR)	p.m.	26.5					
6 7 0 3	Superlevy from milk producers (estimation : 349 Mio EUR)	p.m.	350.8					
6 8 0 1	Temporary restructuring amounts - Assigned revenue (estimation : 1259 Mio EUR)	p.m.	0.0					
Total Revenue		p.m.	445.9					
Expenditure and revenue (A-B)								
Total Expenditure and revenue (excluding clearance)		42,889.7	27,986.5	65.3 %	66.8 %	28,644.4	-1.5 %	-658.0
Total Expenditure and revenue (including clearance)		42,711.7	27,917.8	65.4 %	67.1 %	28,650.5	-1.7 %	-732.7