

## **ASPECTS REGARDING SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION OF CROSS-COMPLIANCE IN SINGLE PAYMENTS FOR FARMERS**

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### **Abstract**

The aim of the paper is to analyse cross-compliance as a component of the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) which conditions the provision of financial support from European and national funds to farmers, so that they comply with basic rules related to the environment, climate change, good agricultural conditions, public health, animal and plant health, animal welfare. The paper also examines the rules of cross-compliance as well as the application of administrative sanctions to reduce payments or exclusion from payment, for one or more years, in case of non-compliance with the rules of cross-compliance. Cross-compliance rules aimed at cultivating the farmer and the land he manages and applies to the entire agricultural area of the farm, including land ineligible for payment or not used for production purposes. An analysis of the evolution of the common agricultural policy (CAP) highlights the continuity and evolving nature of the European agricultural and rural development policy based on specific objectives, implementation mechanisms and defined financial instruments. Any farmer applying direct payments on agricultural land, agri-environment payments, LFA support payments for the first afforestation of agricultural areas, wine support and other schemes and support measures from EU funds and the national budget must comply with cross-compliance rules. Failure results in the exclusion of payment or payments in relation to the extent, severity, persistence, repetition and deliberate nature of the failure. Moreover, the allocation of all payments in the European financial package for direct payments to farmers in 2014-2020 will continue to be linked to compliance with cross-compliance rules in accordance with regulations.

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