

# Wetland projects geospatial aid application: *Illustration of difficulty in coordination between different support schemes*

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## Motivation

- General challenge: resources on correcting very small areas, the effort is much higher than the amount of support it concerns!
- Farmers hesitate to go into wetland projects due to the high level of complexity and risk of non-compliance
- Support for organic production – significant delay in payments to farmers

## 1. Challenges with multiannual contracts

- 3-year update cyclus of land parcels vs. 5 or 20 year contracts in PII
- Multiannual contracts vs. small yearly changes (up and down) in eligible area
  - Due to dynamic wet areas, changes in field-border vegetation, width of hedges, land parcel changes etc.

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## 2. Basic payment for extensive areas and areas near water:

- Areas dynamic – eligible areas are not predictable by time of application
- Many areas not subject to pro rata as they are categorized as arable land
- Many small land parcel changes

## 3. Specifically for wetland projects

- Complexity is enormous – often 3 types of EU-support for the same area
- Rules for article 32 (basic payment) create invisible boundaries in maps
- farmer need each year to predict how wet will the wetland become this year?
- First year of new wetland project – precise mapping impossible – spend many resources in adjusting maps the following years

# 1. Before wetland project



# 2. After wetland project



Article 32  
 Not article 32  
 No basic payment

# 3. Article 32 layers



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## Suggestions to improve the situation:

- Longer update cycle for land parcels with areas within multiannual contracts
- Make it possible to adjust multiannual contracts both ways (up and down)
- Allow pro rata on extensive areas which are under multiannual contracts
- Make it simple to use article 32 in project areas
- Higher triviality limits in general