CONTEXT PROFILE





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INNOVATION Farming in Partnership



MAIN DOMAIN OF THE INNOVATION Workload reduction



AGROCLIMATIC AREA Atlantic north



CLIMATE Moderate rainfall



MANAGEMENT Pasture dairy

SOIL TYPE

Loam



TECHNICAL Computer-based











FINANCE/INVESTMENT

MARKET Local-rural

SOCIAL Full-time farmer



CONTEXT PROFILE IRELAND

Case Study: IE_10	Agroclimatic Zone								
Item (Key Innovation Elements)	Alpine	Atlantic Central	Atlantic North	Atlantic South	Boreal	Continental North	Continental South	Mediterranean North	Mediterranean South
Formal partnership of young farmers with a family member to allow their involvement at an early stage	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++



Generic information/not relevant



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Implementation Gaps

- How to deal with other heirs
- Extend the agreement among YFs who are not related with the farm owner (newcomers)

Research Gaps

- Motivation and beliefs of YF to sign these agreements.
- How to deal with conflicts among generations of farmers?
- How to deal with difficult access to land to YFs?
- We are missing the number of YF that could be interested to run a farm at European level



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Suggestions to Adapt

• This kind of partnership could be implemented in CAP and in Member States

COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

INVESTMENT COSTS

Total initial investment costs at start up:

- Initial authorisation costs (e.g. sanitary, veterinary, etc.)
- Initial advisory costs
- Initial buildings and machineries
- Initial certification costs
- Initial working capital (personal qualification, marketing and promotion, etc.)

ON-GOING COSTS

On-going advisory costs	not applicable/not known
On-going certification costs	not applicable/not known
On-going buildings and machinery costs	not applicable/not known
On-going working capital	not applicable/not known

BENEFITS RELATIVE TO ORIGINAL SYSTEM

• Economic

Reduction in energy consumption (electricity; fuel consumption)

Reduction in input use (fertilizers; pesticides; feed) etc.

Payback period

Product value added

Additional farm income through agroecological/agri-environmental payment schemes

• Environmental

Animal feed self-sufficiency increase

Biodiversity increase

Improved nitrogen cycling

Soil regeneration

Animal health and welfare improvement

• Social

Workload reduction

Engagement of young generation



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Literature

English

Some updated results can be found on the website of the ongoing project focused on the topic: Interreg project 'Down to earth'

- https://www.interregeurope.eu/down-to-earth/news-and-events/news/access-barriers-to-young-farmers-expertreport#:~:text=Land%20access%20and%20high%20land%20prices%20competition%20make,often%20exceeds%20the%20financial%20resources%20of%20aspiring%2 Ofarmers.
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