Changes in Austria’s agricultural structures since the accession to the EU in 1995

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Agricultural Policy - EU

- **MacSharry Reform** (start of producer support, direct payments, environmental and diversification payments)

- **Agenda 2000** (2 pillar structure, economic, social environmental and ecological objectives, more direct payments)

- **Reform 2003** (market orientation, sustainability, rural development, competitiveness)

- **Health Check 2008** (shortening of direct payments, climate change, bioenergy, water management as additional topics)

- **Reform 2014-2020** (holistic approach, focus on education, information transfer, innovation)
Agricultural Policy - Austria

CAP implementation in Austria in specific years

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Agricultural Policy – Objectives

“Consistent” System of Objectives (41!)

- Europe 2020 objectives
  - Common Strategic Framework
  - CAP
  - Rural Development Priorities
  - Focus areas
  - Measures
Agricultural Policy – Conflicts

Examples of Conflicts, Polarities, “Challenges”

Social aspects <-> Economic Efficiency <-> Ecological objectives

Small farms <-> Big farms

Competitiveness <-> Direct Payments, Support of Small Farms

Liberalisation (Market radical) <-> Regulation (Eco-social)

Structure-preserving Measures <-> Structure-changing Measures

Targeted Specific Measures (growth poles or problem poles) <-> Broad all-around Subsidies (cumulative effects)
Average yearly rates of change
Agricultural Structures - Austria

Average yearly rates of change

Enterprises with Heads

- Cattle
- Pigs
- Poultry
- Sheep

1981-1995*
1999-2013**
Regional Conditions

Agricultural Production Zones

1. High Alps
2. Pre-Alps
3. Eastern Alpine Borderland
4. Wood and Millregion
5. Carinthian Basin
6. Alpine Foothills
7. Southeastern Hills and Plains
8. Northeastern Hills and Plains

Map by Wagner, 2014
Regional Conditions

Agricultural Enterprises

Number of agricultural enterprises 2013, by agricultural production zones, without alpine farming areas

- max 24,587
- min 4,207
- average yearly rate of change of the number of enterprises, period 1999 - 2013 (abs, %)

average agricultural area per enterprise, 2013, hectares

Legend:
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Development of Agricultural Areas

Agricultural utilized area 2013, by agricultural production zones

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Regional Conditions

Development of Organic Farming Areas

Organic farming areas (without alpine farming areas 2013, hectare, by agricultural production zones)

- Organic arable land
- Other arable land
- Organic grassland
- Other grassland

Average yearly rate of change of organic grassland/ arable land, period 1998–2013, hectare

1 High Alps
2 Pre-Alps
3 Eastern Alpine Borderland
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Source: BMLFUW, INVEKOS; BMLFUW, 2007, 2013
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Conclusions

• Segregation of farm structures
• Segregation of land use
• Spreading of new competitive cultures and husbandry
• Increase of organic farming in favoured areas
• Structure-preservating measures in less favoured areas
• Concentration processes in specific sectors