

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS



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## National Institute of Agricultural Economics

INEA is an Italian public research institute under the surveillance of the Ministry of Agriculture (MiPAAF), with legal status and autonomous administration. Established in 1928, the Institute has been included among the public scientific research bodies of outstanding relevance (1975) and is a component of the National Statistic System (SISTAN – from 1990). INEA's operational structure embodies 20 Regional branches made of Agricultural Economics Observatories and Farm Accounting Offices.

INEA activities focus on the fields of structural, social and economic features of agriculture and agro-industry sector, including forestry and fisheries, performing:

- Research
- Data collection
- Analysis and forecasts
- Provision of the above to policy makers and the civil society
- Programme monitoring
- Support to the Public Authority for the implementation of agricultural and rural policies at regional, national and EU levels

## Main research programmes

### 1) FADN

- production of primary economic data on farming activities, comparable at EU level, through the planning, management and monitoring of farms' sample surveys (about 18.000 agricultural holdings out of a European sample of 60.000). Provision of data on farming activities to ISTAT for national accounting purposes;

- FADN-related projects and institutional activities on (i) farm structures and income, (ii) production units' standard output and gross margins, and (iii) farms' and food processing companies' social responsibility.

### 2) Agricultural market and trade policies

- production of analyses on international and EU agricultural policies, with a special focus on impact assessments of CAP on Italian agriculture sectors, aiming at supporting national policy-making and the participation of national authorities in the decision-making process at the EU level, as well as supporting national and regional assessment and implementation of policies (*Observatory on agricultural policies of the EU*);

- areas of current or emerging research themes are:

- (i) prospective studies on future CAP and international reforms (budget review, Europe 2020, Doha round negotiations, etc.)
- (ii) analysis of agricultural policies with a 'public good' perspective (multifunctionality, environmental issues, employment issues)



- (iii) risk management and safety nets for agricultural incomes (insurances, mutual funds, public-private approaches)
- (iv) monitoring of national and regional public expenditure on agricultural policies and projects on public expenditure and fiscal federalism (*Observatory on public expenditure in agriculture*)
- (v) value chain analysis for specific agrifood products (governance within the value chain, role of institutions, economics of innovation, price analysis, forms of coordination and producer organizations)

### **3) Structural and rural policies**

- production of analyses on rural systems and territorial dynamics (classification of rural areas, analysis of their institutional, economic, social and environmental characteristics, development opportunities, public intervention needs);
- production of analyses and support to rural development and cohesion policies (policy functioning and effects, programming, delivery and governance of policy mechanisms);
- production of methodologies and tools for territorial analysis and policy implementation (monitoring and evaluation tools and procedures, statistical information processing, applications of specific rural development projects, services for rural development).

*(Observatory on structural policies of the EU and National rural network – component of ENRD)*

### **4) Environment and natural resources in agriculture**

- research on water needs and management in agriculture, also supporting MiPAAF and regional administrations on decisions of investment on water infrastructures. A purposely developed information system (SIGRIAN) allows a continuous stocktaking on water sources, related infrastructures and reclamation consortia.
- Other areas of current or emerging research themes are:
  - (i) Climate change (impacts on Italian agriculture, adjustment policies, reduction of GHG)
  - (ii) Natural disaster in agriculture
  - (iii) Desertification issues at national and international levels
  - (iv) Organic agriculture
  - (v) Bio-energy (including technical support to the Global Bio-Energy Partnership)
  - (vi) Biodiversity

Co-operation with major international institutions and research institutes

EU Commission (FADN, rural development, water management)

EU Parliament (CAP issues)

OCSE (country reviews, committee on agricultural markets and trade, environment, rural development)

FAO (agricultural trade policy, food security, rural development, climate change, bio-energy)

Mediterranean Countries (protocols on water management)

IEEP (environmental issues, public goods)

CEPS (agricultural trade policy)

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#### GENERAL MANAGEMENT

The Institute has two Main Offices and 20 regional branches

#### OFFICE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES AND RESEARCH

- Service 1 Accounting surveys and microeconomic studies
- Service 2 Microeconomics and Trend Studies
- Service 3 Structural and Territorial Studies and Agricultural Development Services
- Service 4 Research on the Environment and the Use of Natural Resources in Agriculture
- Service 5 Library, publishing and IT network