



Reformist context, veto players and symbolic wins: the case of CAP 2023-2027

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Abstract

During the last 30 years, EU has gradually reformed CAP to make it more economically, environmentally and socially sustainable. The reforms were made possible through a combination of favourable change in the policy contexts and in the decision-making settings that shifted preferences and powers of the key players. This seminar engages with the legislative process on the CAP post 2023 (2017-2021). In order to determine role of contexts and decision-making settings it explores preference formation in relevant changing contexts, intra- and inter-institutional (triilogue) agreements. It finds that post-Brexit EU public finances and the European green deal acted as pro-reform contexts by weakening preferences and powers related to the status quo. However, a more reformist outcome was constrained by a veto setting in related negotiations on the EU's multiyear budget which directly and indirectly (through package deals) impacted substantive issues. Secondly, the Agricultural and Fishery Council and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural development of European parliament used their co-decision powers to relax many of the reformist proposals by the European Commission. The findings imply that a more substantial reform is possible by de-linking negotiations over multiyear budget and CAP, and raising awareness of the debates in the Parliament as a pivotal player.

Biography



Prof. Dr. Emil Erjavec (head of Governing Board of University of Ljubljana Slovenia, UL) is Full professor of Agricultural Policy and Economics at the Biotechnical Faculty, and President of the University Ljubljana Managerial Board (responsible for management and financial issues of the university).

Between 2002-2018 he was lecturer at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) in Vienna. He is former dean (2018-2020) and vicedean (2010-2014, 2016-2018, 2020-2021) of Biotechnical Faculty University of Ljubljana. For the period 2016-2018, he was the Chairman of Council for agriculture and rural development of the Republic of Slovenia.

His research expertise covers various aspects of agricultural economics, and he has published over 70 research papers pertaining to national and European agricultural policy, transition and EU integration studies, agricultural sector modelling and political economy analysis.

He has assumed numerous coordinating positions in national and international research efforts (e.g. as national coordinator of various EU FP and Horizon projects AGMEMOD, AGRIPOLICY, REAPBALK, CAPRI-RD, AGRICISTRAD, SHERPA). In the years 1998-2004, he participated in the talks preceding EU accession as a member of Slovenia's core negotiations team responsible for agriculture. Since 2003, he has been engaged as counsellor in negotiations related to the European Union's periodic financial perspectives and CAP reforms. He has also been invited to share his knowledge and experience as policy and rural development analyst to the FAO, OECD, European Commission and European Parliament. Between 2008 and 2014, he was a Board member of the European Association of Agricultural Economics (EAAE) and between 2008 and 2013 he was president of the Slovenian Association of Agricultural Economics.