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EIP Practice abstract

Short title:

Description from DoA: Summary of main dimensions of the framework and of the contractual solutions identified in non-technical language.

Short summary for practitioners (in English):

An operational framework supporting the design of contractual solutions for the voluntary provision of agri-environmental-climate public goods (AECPGs) entails the representation of four interconnected dimensions: i) context variables related to the farming/forest system; ii) contractual features; iii) contract's performance variables; iv) processes description. Context variables include a wide variety of aspects such as farm structure, social/cultural context and environmental priorities. They affect the feasibility and the impact of contract solutions. Contractual features include characteristics such as: a) object of contract (e.g. AECPG addressed); b) actors/parties involved; c) reference parameter for payment; d) other payment characteristics; e) role of cooperation among farmers/actors; f) connection with private goods; g) tenure-related prescriptions; h) length of contract; i) information to land managers; k) monitoring and sanctions; l) enforcement; m) adaptability. Contract features may be used to classify different contract types, e.g. result-based or collective. However, experience shows that in practice tailored mixes of contract parameters, rather than rigid categories, are required. Key parameters for performance evaluation are: effectiveness; longevity; acceptance; targeting; flexibility; equity/fairness; compatibility; profitability; social/cultural capital; feasibility; trust. Processes (e.g. incentive distribution) describe the connection among points i), ii) and iii) and how they contribute to the final contract performance.

The framework will serve as a basis for the design of successful contracts, supported by practical examples from real-life implementation.

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