Sen4CAP

Final User Workshop

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Subject: Extension of the Sen4CAP study

Dear Mr Aschbacher,

Both ESA and the European Commission have an interest in promoting and supporting the use of Earth Observation (EO) and related capacities in the context of Agriculture. EU legislation offers Member States (MS) the choice to opt for Checks by Monitoring (CBM) as an EO-based alternative to traditional on-the-spot controls since 2018. As such, we have taken great interest in the ESA-funded Sen4CAP study that, in cooperation with DG AGRI, GROW and JRC, aims to provide EU and national stakeholders of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) with validated algorithms, products and best practices relevant to the implementation of CBM.

We do appreciate that since 2017 the Sen4-CAP project execution has considered many of the European Commission’s suggestions made through the steering committee and showed willingness to adapt to the ongoing policy developments. Recently, a major milestone was achieved with the release of the open-source Sen4CAP Earth Observation processing system (beta version). We understand that for the remainder of the current CAP period, further actions are needed to ensure the successful implementation of CBM within the framework of the CAP, taking into account experiences gathered from Sen4CAP and other pilot projects.

For this reason, we propose to extend the Sen4CAP project for an additional period of 3 years, commencing on 1 January 2020. This extension would allow for the full implementation of CBM in the EU, ensuring the delivery of robust data products and the effective application of the new policy tools.

We look forward to continuing our close cooperation with ESA and the European Commission to further strengthen the implementation of CBM within the framework of the CAP.

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**Did your Member State use alternative control methods during claim year 2020?**

If yes, which ones?

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**Quality:** - DG JRC has developed a multi-tiered CbM QA methodology

**Policy:** - DG AGRI will present the AMS during the CDP of 24\textsuperscript{th} March
Thank you