

ENASP represents...

Six Member States, more than 15,3 million beneficiaries and €47 billion financial benefits per year. It covers the whole spectrum of social protection for rural populations. Its members are deeply involved into sanitarian and social action. They regularly launch local or national projects in favour of social inclusion or rural development.



A social platform for EU rural populations

All these elements found the representativeness of ENASP. This network is here to defend and strengthen the values and principles of agricultural social protection based on solidarity and territorial cohesion. It represents the interests of agricultural social protection at the European level, in synergy with its members' own initiatives. Acting as a forum for consultation with European authorities, it also works as a place for exchanging information and good practices between its members and all its partners in the field of social protection.



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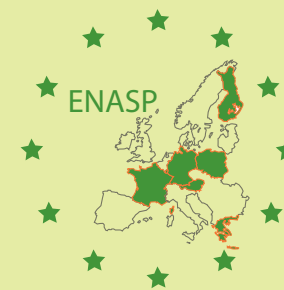
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The social protection for rural populations of Europe

In Europe, rural populations have specific needs : the nature of the economic activities, agriculture's restructurings, the central place of agricultural families... Six countries (Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Greece and Poland) have chosen to give them autonomous social protection systems in order to answer these needs. They deal with the whole spectrum of social security: health, pensions, workplace accidents and occupational illnesses, family and/or services. In order to be as close as possible to people, their action is based on a dense territorial network. Mixing

proximity and coherence, national orientations and local context, these systems have demonstrated their adaptability and experience. Their ambition is to constantly adapt their missions to rural mutations, staying true to their values : equity, quality, social justice, autonomy, social democracy and defence of agricultural employment.

Moreover the Single Market and various Treaties are making, and will continue to make, the European Union an indispensable level for coordination with regard to social issues. These latest advances are bringing about

the implementation of trans-national cooperation between the different social protection schemes. Simultaneously, the Common Agricultural Policy and the community cohesion policy mean that specific farming and rural factors must be raised to the European level, to defend their requirements and values. The combination of these tendencies has therefore led the six autonomous agricultural social protection systems of the EU to join their forces within ENASP.

The network also welcomes observer members (Montenegro) and observer experts (Luxembourg). ■



Agricultural social protection systems in the EU



Germany



■ **People covered** : independent farmers & their families, employed workers in the field of agriculture (only for employment injuries & occupational illnesses) & their families

■ **Total number of beneficiaries** : 3,500,000 (employment injuries and occupational illnesses), 650,000 (Pensions) and 850,000 (Health)

■ **Risks covered** : employment injuries & occupational illnesses, pensions, health

■ **Other information** : insurance for all risks are under one roof which respects the principle of solidarity. State's support is vital



France



■ **People covered** : independent farmers & their families, labour provider & their families, employed workers in the field of agriculture & their families

■ **Total number of beneficiaries** : 6,000,000

■ **Risks covered** : health, pensions, employment injuries & occupational illnesses, family

■ **Other information** : beyond agricultural populations, MSA is very involved into the life of the whole rural areas, through its sanitarian and social action and its large offer of services



Austria



■ **People covered** : independent farmers & their families

■ **Total number of beneficiaries** : 387,000 (2008)

■ **Risks covered** : employment injuries & occupational illnesses, pensions, health

■ **Other information** : social security in Austria is characterised by the solidarity principle. SVB covers these three branches for all those self-employed in agriculture and forestry (and their families)



Finland



■ **People covered** : independent farmers & their families, artists and researchers working through grants or scholarships.

■ **Total number of beneficiaries** : 162,000

■ **Risks covered** : pensions, employment injuries & occupational illnesses, family

■ **Other information** : the high number of beneficiaries in relation to the insured means in practice that the State must participate in the costs of the pension system with a significant contribution. MELA is also the administrative institution for the holiday replacement system for farmers



Poland



■ **People covered** : independent farmers & their families

■ **Total number of beneficiaries** : 1,440,000

■ **Risks covered** : pensions, health, family, social programs, prevention

■ **Other information** : The Agricultural Social Insurance Fund is an institution established to realize tasks connected with full servicing of farmers' social insurance



Greece



■ **People covered** : independent farmers & their families, employed workers in the field of agriculture & their families, and many other categories of rural population

■ **Total number of beneficiaries** : 2,030,000

■ **Risks covered** : pensions, health, family, social programs

■ **Other information** : OGA applies the existing in Greece successive insurance legislation, i.e. periods to OGA's main insurance branch are taken into account by the other social security schemes of the country and vice-versa. OGA also applies EU regulations on the coordination of social security systems and bilateral agreements with 10 other countries

