



28th Annual Conference of the Austrian Society
of Agricultural Economics (ÖGA)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Methods for an evidence-based agricultural policy

*Experiences, demand and new
developments*

27th-28th September 2018

at the University of Natural Resources and Life
Sciences (BOKU), Vienna



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The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is evolving to meet societal expectations, adapt to changing agricultural systems and respect budgetary constraints. Social scientists and economists are expected to contribute to the design of the CAP by providing scientific evidence on the effects and outcome of current and future policies. The periodical ex-ante, mid-term and ex-post evaluation studies create, at least in theory, opportunities for a dialogue between economics, social sciences and policy. Evaluation studies draw on qualitative and quantitative analyses that make use of a wide range of methodological approaches (e.g. simulation models, econometric analyses, descriptive case studies). However, questions emerge from the current evaluation practice: Do scientific evaluations cover all socially relevant issues of the CAP? Have these methods been helpful for evidence-based decision support? Which new methodological advances may help to find answers to important questions? Which additional insights could be gained from using economic experiments?

In the plenary session, the keynote speakers will elaborate on these questions and offer different perspectives on the role of scientific advice in agricultural policy-making. The contributed paper sessions, poster sessions and workshops, however, are also open to other topics. Therefore, this call addresses persons in the fields of agricultural economics, geography, history and law as well as rural sociology and development to present their recent work to an international audience of scientists and practitioners. We explicitly welcome early-career researchers to present their current work. Representatives of e.g. public administration, policy, education, agricultural extension services and research are encouraged to organise workshops in order to extensively discuss questions of practical or scientific relevance with experts and stakeholders. Submissions of short papers (2 pages) or workshop outlines (1 page) for the ÖGA conference are welcome by 22nd April 2018 in German or English.

In 2018, the ÖGA also hosts two more events: the workshop of the REECAP (Research network on Economic Experiments for the CAP) and the preconference 'Evaluation of Gender Equality in Rural Development Programmes' the day before the ÖGA conference (for details see www.reecap.org and <http://oega.boku.ac.at>).

1. Conference schedule

Wednesday, 26 th September 2018	
All day	REECAP workshop on economic experiments in the context of the CAP (English)
All day	Preconference 'Evaluation of Gender Equality in Rural Development Programmes' (German)
Thursday, 27 th September 2018	
Morning	ÖGA-REECAP joint plenary session on the general topic (English)
Noon	Lunch
Afternoon	ÖGA-REECAP contributed paper sessions, poster sessions and workshops (German and English)
Evening	Evening reception and ceremony of the ÖGA Award (German)
Friday, 28 th September 2018	
Morning	ÖGA contributed paper and poster sessions (German and English)
Afternoon	Field trip (German)

ÖGA-participants are invited to attend the REECAP workshop or the preconference and vice-versa (please specify on the ÖGA registration form).

2. Possible topics and submission guidelines

Suggestions for topics of contributed papers and workshops beyond the general conference theme:

- Rural sociology
- Agricultural, resource and environmental economics
- Business economics, development and strategies
- Organic agriculture
- Renewable energies
- Gender issues
- Rural areas, multi-functionality and ecosystems services
- Markets, marketing, consumption
- Agricultural policy and law

Other topics related to agricultural, food and rural studies are welcome. Submission guidelines for short papers and workshop outlines are available on <http://oega.boku.ac.at>.

Contributions for the REECAP workshop and to the preconference 'Evaluation of Gender Equality in Rural Development Programmes' should be prepared and submitted according to the respective calls (see <http://oega.boku.ac.at> for links to the calls).

3. Review process and publication of contributions

The programme committee will review the short papers and workshop outlines submitted for the ÖGA conference. The authors of the accepted submissions will be invited to give a paper presentation, a poster presentation or to organise a workshop at the conference. Accepted short papers and workshop outlines will be published in the conference proceedings. In addition, full manuscripts (max. 4,000 words) can be submitted to the peer-reviewed and SCOPUS-listed Austrian Journal of Agricultural Economics and Rural Studies by 7th October 2018 (see <http://oega.boku.ac.at> for the template).

4. Conference languages and Best Presentation Awards

Presentations of the plenary sessions are given in English. Short papers and workshop outlines are welcome in English or German. Depending on the number of submitted papers, at least one of the contributed paper sessions throughout the conference will be held in English. Speakers are requested to use the same language as in the short paper or workshop outline. The audience will vote on the best presentations, which will be awarded the *Best Presentation Award*.

5. Conference fee and registration

Conference participants are asked to register by **15th August 2018** (see <http://oega.boku.ac.at> for registration form). Likewise, the conference fee of **€90** should be transferred to the ÖGA's bank account (IBAN: AT81 1200 0251 1113 6100; BIC: BKAUATWW) by **15th August 2018**. This includes participation, lunch and refreshment breaks at the ÖGA conference, the preconference 'Evaluation of Gender Equality in Rural Development Programmes', the REECAP workshop as well as the evening reception on Thursday. This fee does *not* include costs for accommodation and the field trip.

6. Important dates in 2018

Date	Description
22 nd April	Deadline for submitting short papers and workshop outlines
6 th June	Notification of acceptance of submissions
15 th Aug.	Deadline for registration Deadline for transferring the conference fee of €90
26 th -27 th Sept.	REECAP workshop at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria
26 th Sept.	Preconference 'Evaluation of Gender Equality in Rural Development Programms' at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria
27 th -28 th Sept.	ÖGA Annual Conference at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria
7 th Oct.	Deadline for submitting manuscripts to the Austrian Journal of Agricultural Economics and Rural Studies.

7. Organising committee

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8. Contact and venue

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