# CAPTIVATE
Assessment-Training-Extension

# PROJECT NEWSLETTER

2/3 December 2021 Hungary

## Kick off meeting

The Kick-Off meeting of the new CAPTIVATE (CAP Transfer of Information Via Assessment, Training & Extension) project, supported by the Erasmus+ programme (KA220-VET - Cooperation partnerships in vocational education and training) was held in Budapest, Hungary, hosted by ÖMKi (project coordinator), between 2-3 December 2021.

The agenda of the Kick-Off meeting aimed to ensure that Partners get to know each other well, they overview the project's objectives, get introduced by the leading partner of each planned Project Result (PR), discuss the management and financial issues, and agree on launching the steps related to the first two PRs.

The meeting was physically attended by every project partner, having an open, collaborative, and creative atmosphere, possibly also enhanced by several good opportunities of socializing with each other.

We are looking forward to working with our project partners and participants in the next three years!

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## Report on eco-farm assessment tools

As part of activities targeting Result 2 in our project (task A: Survey of the methodological background and critical review of the existing assessments tools), we are aiming at the development of our own Eco-Farm Assessment & Decision Tool (EAD Tool). The survey, which was recently completed, gives an overview of the methodological background of selected farm assessment tools, CAP measures, farm data and information systems, implemented at the national levels.

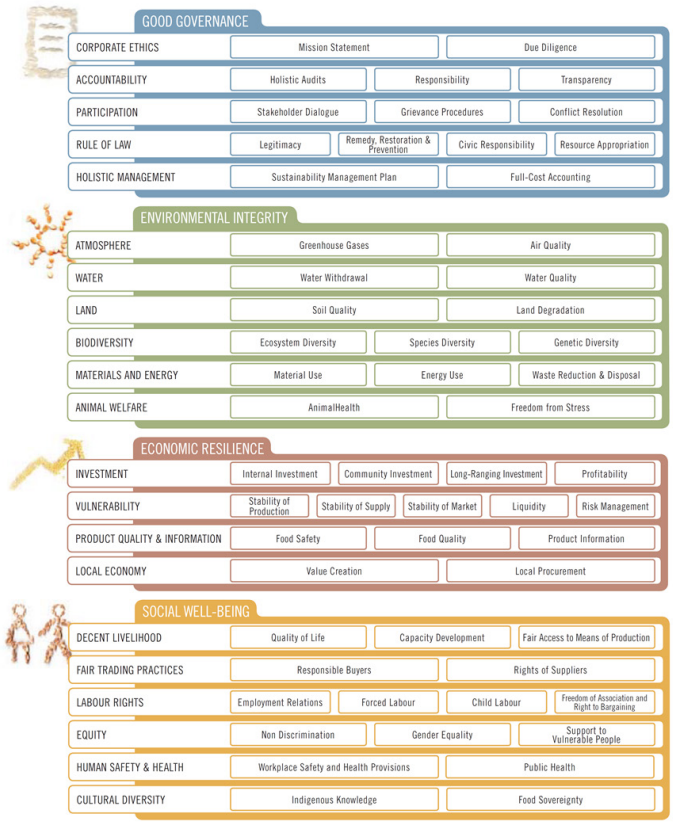
Following the project plan, the report aims at recapping the academic knowledge about SAT for farm level evaluations and contextualizing different assessment approaches with the requirements for the CAPTIVATE project in order to provide a firm basis for a CAP-specific, production-oriented tool. Reviewing and evaluating different assessment approaches provides the required insights for developing an eco-farm assessment tool with special focus on the new CAP.

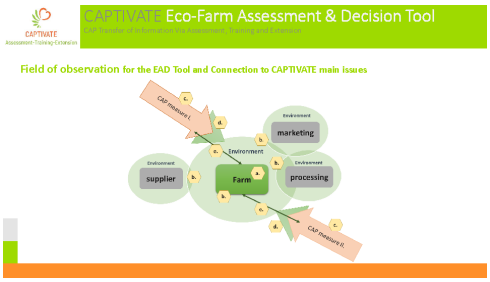
This report aspires to answer the following questions:

- What are the main characteristics of selected sustainability assessment methods and tools?
- Which type of SAT is most suitable for CAPTIVATE context?
- Which types of indicators are most suitable for the CAPTIVATE project?

This review report is mainly based on desk research evaluating the latest and most relevant peer reviewed scientific literature related to "sustainability assessment". Also, different reports and law texts were reviewed to portrait the relevant policy measures and the corresponding evaluation approaches.

### SAFA themes and sub-themes (FAO)



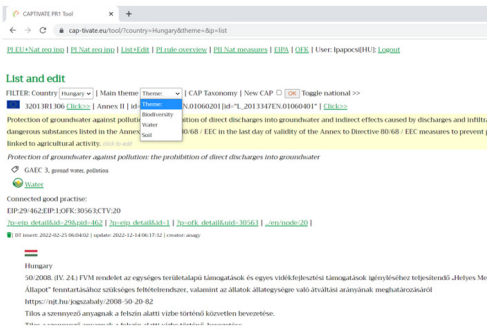




## Web-based tool for the CAPTIVATE knowledge base development

In the first year of the project implementation, partner organizations carry out the professional preparatory, research and content development tasks, during which a detailed study and development plan is prepared for the sustainability assessment tool, as well as specific, tailor-made web application is developed to link requirements of the Common Agricultural Policy with good farming practice guidelines.

The actual rules of the CAP, to be implemented by farmers in the field, are mostly contained in the national regulations, but these are closely connected and referenced to the EU level legislation (which is also the common entry point in our E+ project platform), and the relationships can often get too complex to represent them all in a plain spreadsheet, therefore we decided to create a web-based tool as simple as possible, where our experts can add and describe rules, regulations, farming practices, and connect them in a meaningful manner.

By now, our web-based tool allows the representation of EU and national level legislation relationships and to connect them with farming practice descriptions.



## 57th Croatian and 17th international Symposium on Agriculture

**IPS Konzalting participated on the 57th Croatian and 17th international Symposium on Agriculture in Vodice on June 21, 2022**

At the event, IPS presented  presented innovative EU scientific research projects in which IPS participates as a partner, one of which is CAPTIVATE. IPS held an oral presentation on the topic "Common agricultural policy - comparison of current and new programming period" with an emphasis on green architecture. Since the CAPTIVATE project aims to acquaint farmers with conditions, eco-schemes and regulations in the field of rural development and encourage them to apply measures aimed at protecting the environment and reducing the negative impact on the climate in accordance with the new CAP, the objectives and activities of the CAPTIVATE project were presented.

## 2nd partnership meeting was held in Nitra, Slovakia

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**Project partners gathered in Agroinstitut, Nitra, SK on 14 and 15 June 2022, to discuss and further develop the first main outputs, including the CAP eco practice knowledge base and sustainable eco farm assessment tool.**

Main aims of the meeting were: Monitoring the project and evaluating the progress; Approval of the quality assurance plan and the dissemination plan; Summary and evaluation of the results achieved in PR1/A1 and PR2/A2; Preparation of PR1/A2, PR2/A2 and PR3 activities, detailed discussion of tasks by each partner and the consortium as a whole; Overview of dissemination activities so far and agreeing on the dissemination schedule, project publications calendar; Reviewing the state of the financial and administrative records.

The objective of the first day was the short overview of final remarks and approving of the dissemination and QA plan documents.; demonstrating and practicing the usage of the web tool prepared for representing and connecting CAP requirements (at EU and national level) with farming practices; status of content created for PR1 according to the target countries; overview of the knowledge base development and sustainability assessment methodology; accompanying activities: project management, quality management, dissemination, evaluation. The aim of the second day was to continue the discussion of PR2, SAT tool related plans as needed from previous day; starting the design of PR3, SAT tool, platform development, e-learning module; overview and planning of dissemination and any other topic arisen to be discussed during the 2 days.

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# CAP TRANSFER OF INFORMATION VIA ASSESSMENT, TRAINING AND EXTENSION

## Project Aims

The main aim of the project is to develop a farmer-centred assessment and training system by connecting the EU's new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) requirements with proven, innovative, sustainable eco-management practices, in favour of better implementation of the various measures, increased uptake of support, improved efficiency in production and protection of the natural environment. Our objective is that farmers better understand conditionality, eco-scheme and rural development regulations and their linked undertakings, they choose (supported by a farm assessment tool) and participate in the certain schemes with more responsibility and awareness, carrying out the measures more consciously and effectively.

## PLANNED PROJECT RESULTS

1. CAP Eco-Practice Knowledge Base
2. Eco-Farm Assessment Tool
3. Knowledge Management Platform (IT modules)
4. Learning (OER) modules
5. Methodology and Implementation Guidelines

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FiBL-AT, Austria

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