

Implementation of results-based schemes: Lessons from the Shannon Callows

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“Pilot results-based agri-environment measures in Ireland and Navarra (Spain)”

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How can we design agri-environment schemes to pay farmers for the quality of the biodiversity on their farmland



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Outline

- From design to delivery: Implementation steps
- Advisory, Advisory, Advisory
- Empowering farmers
- Lessons learned and recommendations





Steps for implementation

- Scheme is designed...
- Selling the scheme to individual farmers
- Supporting farmers in scheme delivery
- Listening and adapting to all stakeholders
- Review implementation (and on to monitoring and evaluation...)





Good Advice:

Supporting farmers with good advice is probably the single most crucial element in the successful roll-out of the scheme

- Experts needed to develop effective advisory system:
 - Agricultural advisors
 - Specialist ecologists
- All participants (farmers, advisors and ecologists) need training!
- Need to support farmers on a one-to-one basis
- Listen to feedback to tailor advice effectively





Reflections and lessons learned

- Cannot overstate the need for good advisory supports
- Need cross-checks and controls at all levels within advisory supports to ensure best advice is being delivered
- Need to engage with all stakeholders to identify best pathways for delivery of scheme
- Keep advice relevant and local – individual if possible.





Thank you! ¡Gracias! Eskerrik asko! 😊



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