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In Tandem for Cohesion? Synergies and Conflicts between Regional and Agricultural Policies of the European Union

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CRESCENZI, R., DE FILIPPIS, F. et PIERANGELI, F. En tandem en faveur de la cohésion? Les synergies et les conflits entre les politiques régionale et agricole de l'Union européenne, *Regional Studies*. L'article analyse l'affectation budgétaire au titre des politiques régionale, rurale et agricole de l'Union européenne afin d'évaluer leur coordination sur le plan territorial et les synergies visant à promouvoir la cohésion. On emploie une analyse de régression pour dévoiler le lien entre les fonds et le désavantage territorial pour la période allant de 1994 jusqu'à 2013. L'analyse laisse voir que la coordination et la compatibilité avec la cohésion territoriale ne se sont pas toujours améliorées en réponse aux grandes réformes politiques. La 'vocation' territoriale des dépenses communautaires globales est faiblement liée à son affectation entre les différentes politiques, mais elle dépend avant tout de l'adéquation des mécanismes de distribution 'adaptés au milieu'.

CRESCENZI, R., DE FILIPPIS, F. und PIERANGELI, F. Im Tandem für die Kohäsion? Synergien und Konflikte zwischen der Regional- und Agrarpolitik der Europäischen Union, *Regional Studies*. In diesem Beitrag werden die finanziellen Zuweisungen der Regionalpolitik, der Politik für die Landwirtschaft und der sozialen Politik analysiert. Die Ergebnisse zeigen, dass die Synergien zwischen den drei Politiken zwar zunehmend, die Konflikte jedoch abnehmen. Die Verteilung der Mittel auf die Regionen hängt ab von den Mechanismen der Finanzierung.

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partir de un análisis de regresión explicamos el vínculo entre los fondos y la desventaja territorial para el periodo entre 1994 y 2013. Este análisis indica que tanto la coordinación como la compatibilidad con la cohesión territorial no siempre han mejorado ante importantes reformas políticas. La ‘vocación’ territorial del gasto comunitario en general tiene un vínculo débil con su distribución entre las diferentes políticas, pero depende fundamentalmente de los mecanismos adecuados de asignación ‘según el lugar’.

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Notes

1. In this document the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) was given the objective to deliver 'a territorially and environmentally balanced EU agriculture within an open economic environment' (EUROPEAN COMMISSION, [2010b](#), p. 4). The recently approved CAP reform remains a compromise between the 'traditional' sectoral focus of this policy and its 'new' rationale based on the support for public goods generated by agricultural activities (e.g. environmental or land protection) (EUROPEAN COMMISSION, [2013b](#)). Notwithstanding the hybrid nature of its objectives, the CAP 2014–20 has further reinforced its territorial and environmental scope.
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8. Data are available from the rural development plans (RDPs) of the EU-15

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9. See http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rur/countries/index_en.htm.

10. The Cohesion Fund has not been included in the databank as its resources are allocated at the national level.

11. The imbalance in the UK's contribution position led to the Fontainebleau Agreement (1984) and the determination of a permanent rebate of its contribution towards the Community budget.

12. This is especially true for Austria and Finland, which in 2005 accounted for 72% and 100% respectively of the utilized agricultural area (UAA) (IEEP, [2006](#)).

13. The choice of a fixed-effects approach is justified on both conceptual and empirical grounds. From the conceptual point of view, the regions included in the dataset cannot be considered as a 'random sample' of the EU regions (WOOLDRIDGE, [2002](#), p. 251; MUNDLAK, [1978](#)). In addition, the individual components cannot be considered as uncorrelated with the explanatory variables as assumed in a random-effects approach.

From the empirical point of view, the time dimension of the dataset is too short for estimation by random effects. In the case of the EU regions, the time dimension is low (only 12 years), indicating the presence of strong time effects. This has been confirmed by the augmented Dickey-Fuller test, which indicates non-stationarity of the time series.

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17. The estimations are computed by means of the user-written STATA command 'xsmle' developed by HUGHES et al. (2012) on the basis of Paul Elhorst's and Michael Pffermayr's Matlab code.
18. Including: amounts paid to producers of cereals, oilseeds and protein (COP) crops and energy crops payments; amount of premiums received by COP producers obliged them to set aside part of their land – such land may, however, be used for certain non-food crops; and all other farm subsidies on field, horticultural and permanent crops.
19. Including: any subsidies on dairy products; all farm subsidies received for cattle other than dairy cows in production; any subsidies on sheep/goat milk products; and all other farm subsidies on other livestock or livestock products.
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