ENCOURAGING GENERATIONAL CHANGE IN AGRICULTURE — EXPERIENCES OF THE HUNGARIAN YOUNG FARMER SUPPORT SYSTEM

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The number of challenges faced by agriculture is very significant and diverse. In addition to the internal, economic and social impacts of each country, the effects of external factors (e.g. markets, inputs) require continuous adaptation and adjustment. Social factors are of great importance among the influencing factors. In particular, the processes affecting the identity of farmers.

In the European Union, including in Hungary, a significant effort has been launched to help the pressure on producers and to encourage the emergence of younger producers through generational renewal. Targeted support and indirect incentives are also available under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Many of these have been used in our country, and since they have been used for several years, it is also possible to summarise the experience. This examination is also important because the results of the 2022 period can be used to assess the environment of the measure to be announced under the CAP cycle 2023-2027.

The aim of this study is to summarise the conditions and effects of the normative support for young farmers available under direct payments. At the same time, a series of results and consequences that the aid scheme can provide in the environment is presented.