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Overview of Policy Instruments in the Agriculture Sector

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Overview

- Effort Sharing Legislation & sectoral GHG emissions
- Emissions profiles
- Agriculture: Sources of Emissions
- Policies and measures
- Mitigation potential
- Measurement, Verification and Reporting

•Effort Sharing Legislation set EU Member State commitments to meet GHG reduction commitments

- Effort Sharing Legislation applied to sectors not in the EU ETS.
  - Transport, buildings, agriculture, non-ETS industry and waste
  - Non-CO2 agriculture emissions included
  - ~60% of EU domestic emissions

- EU Targets (compared to 2005)
  - Reduce emission by 10% by 2020
  - Reduce Emissions by 30% by 2030

- Member States are responsible for policies and measures to limit emissions from the sectors

Contributory policies: Agriculture

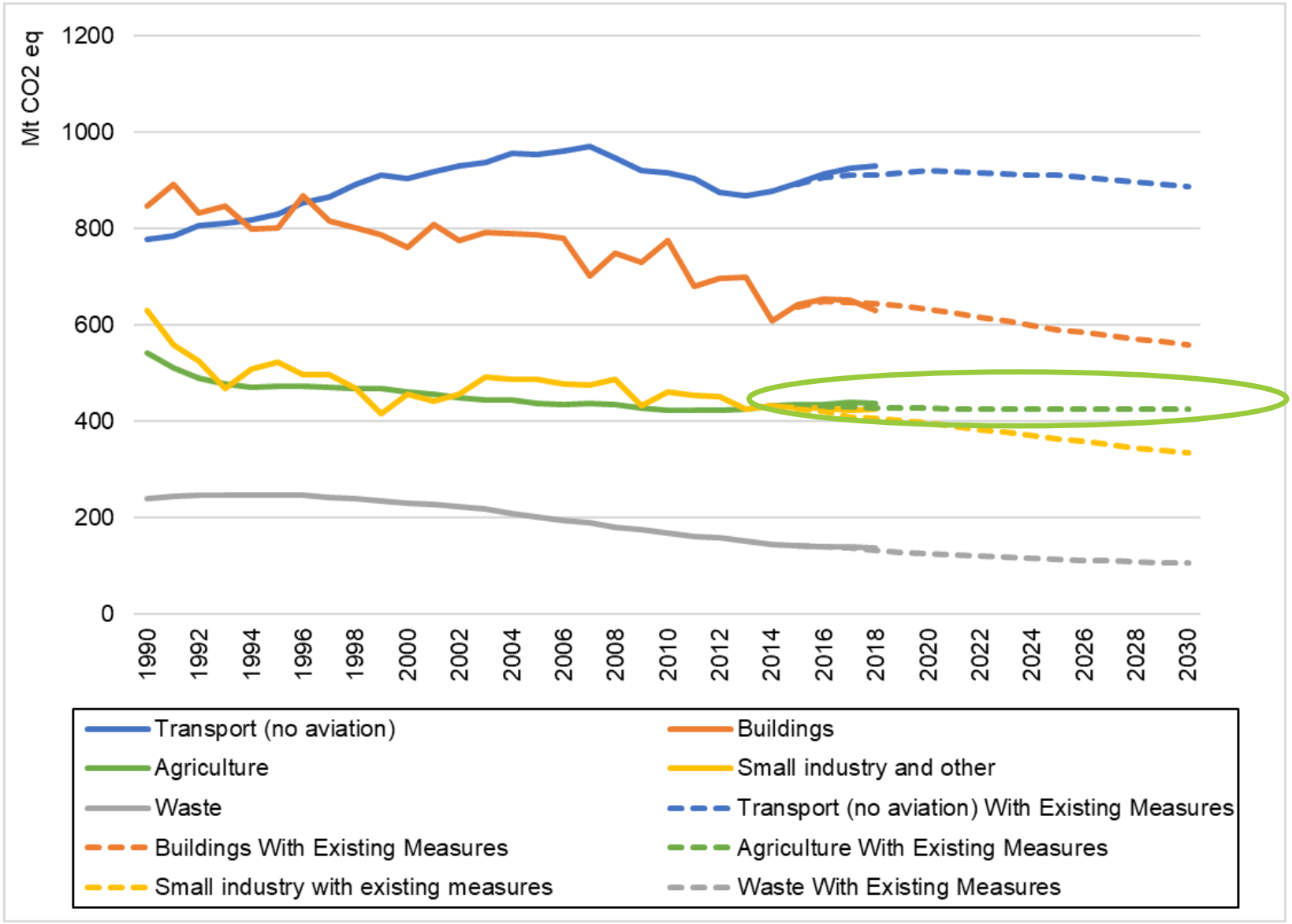
- 2030 emission reduction commitments range from 0 to -40%
  - Based on GDP per capita
  - Combined = EU-wide reduction targets

- EU Green Deal –
  - Climate Target Plan – reductions for EU of 55% by 2030 and Net Neutral by 2050
  - - Agriculture, Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry – new integrated approach relevant targets
  - Farm to Fork Strategy
  - Sustainable Agriculture - CAP

Emissions Profile

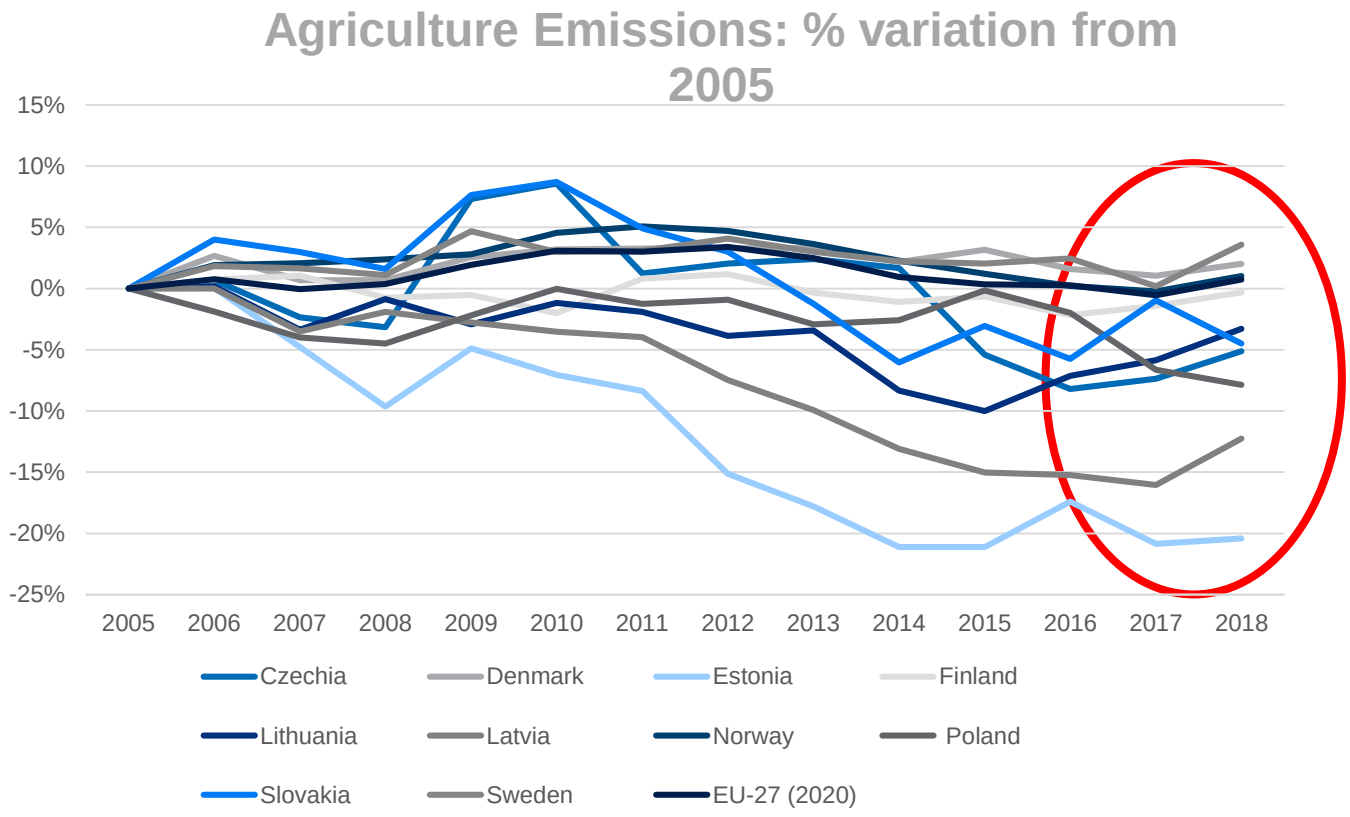
Country	Change in ESR Agriculture (2005 - 2018)	ESR Target Emissions Reduction (2005 - 2030)
EU 27 (+UK)	- 1%	-30%
Slovakia	- 4%	-12%
Lithuania	-3%	-9%
Latvia	-12%	-6%
Estonia	- 20%	-13%
Denmark	2%	-39%
Finland	0%	-39%
Czechia	-5%	-14%
Sweden	4%	-40%
Poland	-8%	-7%

Effort Sharing Sector Emissions 1990 – 2018 (EU27 + UK), projections to 2030



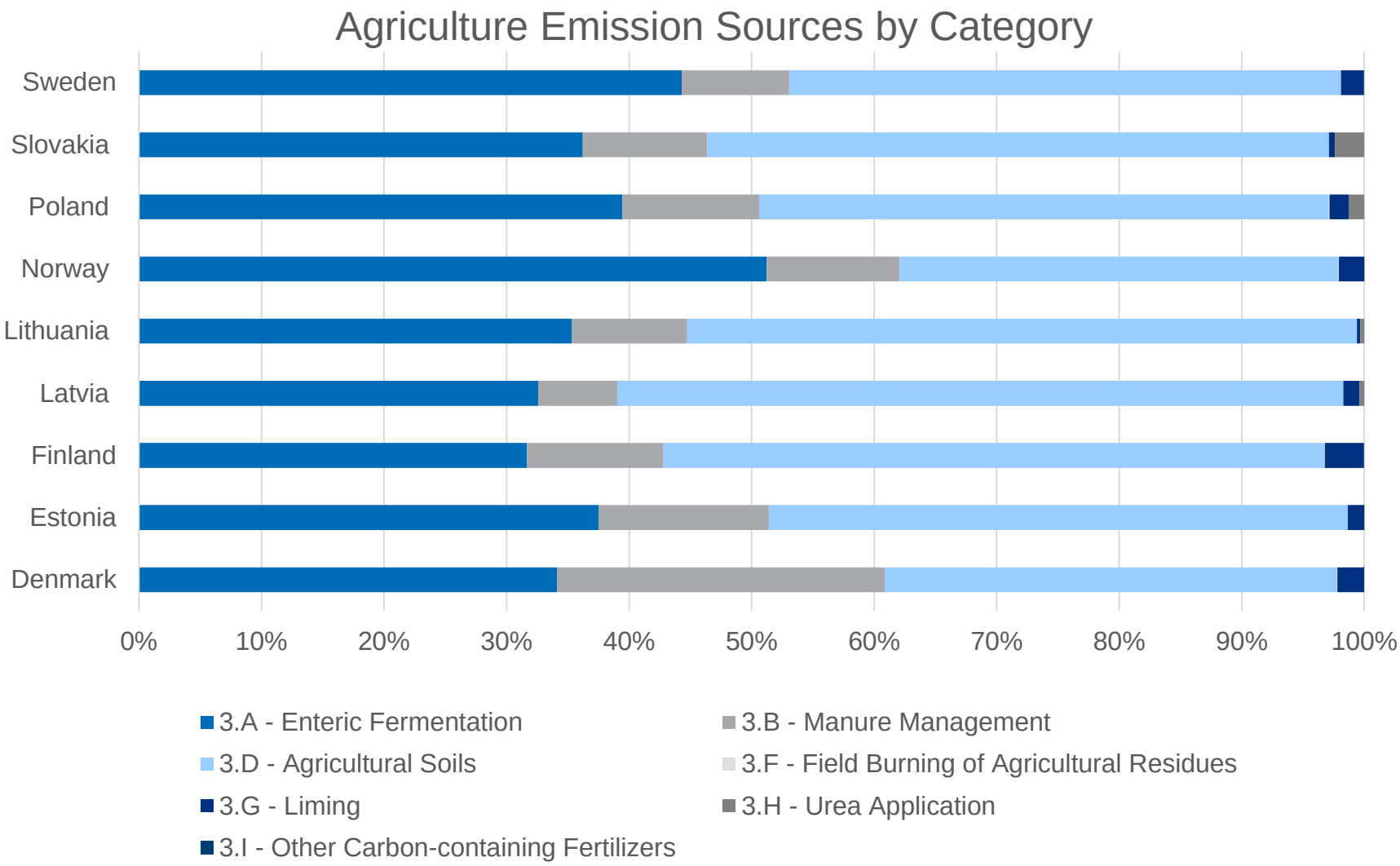
Source: https://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/daviz/ghg-emission-trends-and-projections-4#tab-dashboard-01

Emissions Profile

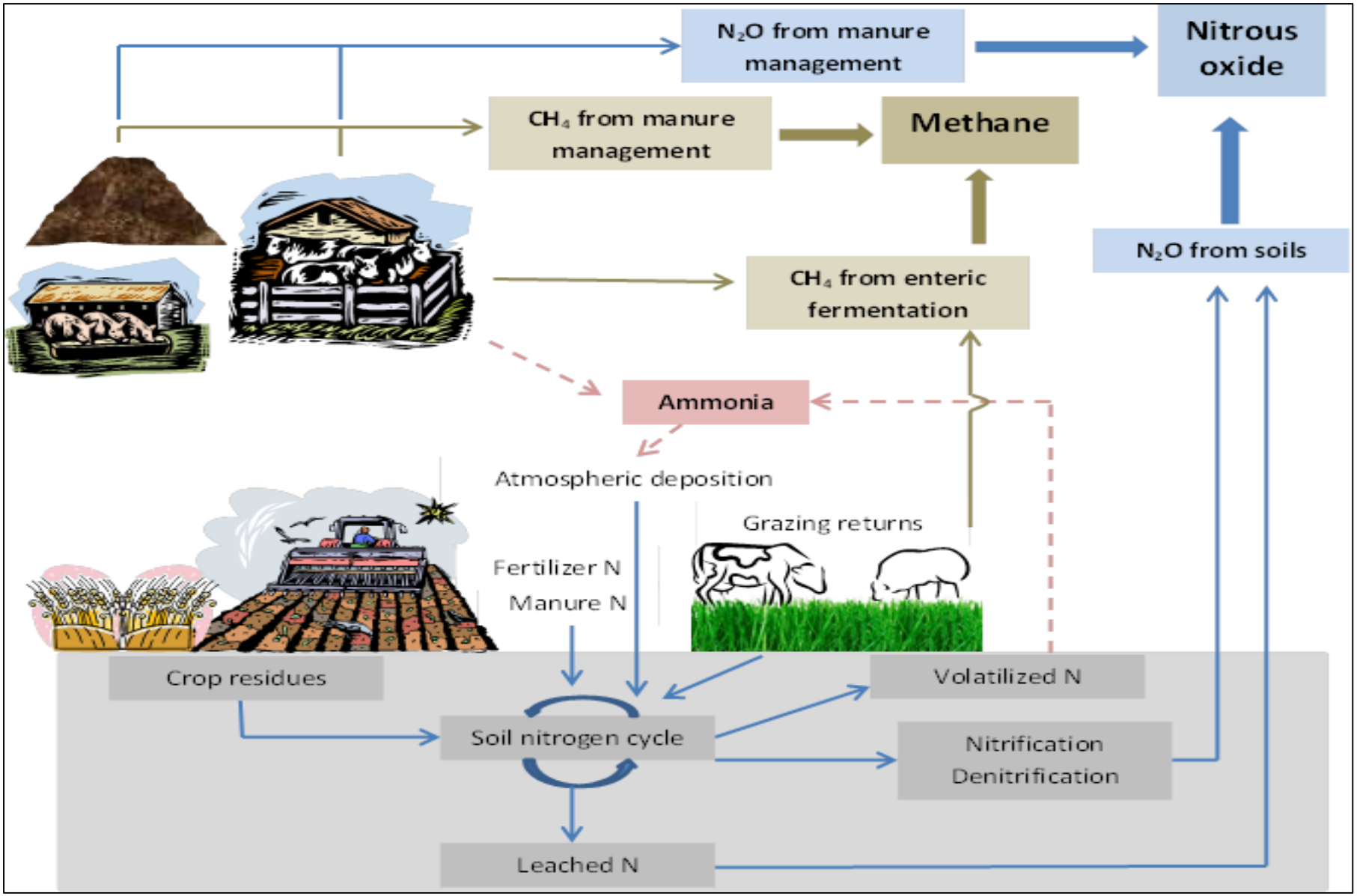


- Some emission reductions since 2011/12
- Variable success across member states.
- Some indications of recent increases?

Targeting: Emissions Profile



Agriculture Emissions Sources



Examples of agriculture mitigation actions

Group	Agriculture mitigation actions
Livestock Production	• Livestock disease management • Use of sexed semen • Breeding lower methane emissions in ruminants • Feed additives for ruminant diets • Optimised feeding strategies for livestock
Nutrient and Soil management	• Use of nitrification inhibitors • Improved nitrogen efficiency • Biological N fixation in rotations
Tools	• Nutrient management plans • Carbon Calculators
Crop Production	• Reduced Tillage • Zero Tillage • Leaving crop residues on the soil surface • Use cover/catch crops

Understanding Mitigation effect: Measurement

Understanding the likely impact mitigation actions on inventories

1. Have a detectable impact on the emissions reported in the inventory and the impact can be specifically attributed to the implementation of the mitigation action:

   Measurable and Effective

2. Have an impact on the emissions reported in the inventory but the effect cannot be specifically attributed to the implementation of the mitigation action:

   Difficult to measure/variable effectiveness

3. Have implied impact on the emissions shown in the inventory due to improvements in emissions intensity of production :

   Effect is dependent on other factors

4. No direct impact on inventories but may have a positive effect on influencing farmer behaviour

   No direct effect on the inventory

Today's Presentations

- GHG Agriculture Emissions in Latvia: Effective measures to reduce the main sources of emissions.

  - Inga Grinfelde, Latvia University of Agriculture, Latvia

- Focusing on Finland's implementation of the biogas policy challenges, and lesson learnt.

  – *Veli-Pekka Reskola, Senior Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland.*

- Estonia's polices and measures for the agriculture sector and future plans.

  – *Martti Mandel,*

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