

Absorption of the European Union Funds by Farmers of the Western Kujawy on the Example of the Kcynia Commune

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Abstract: *The presented study was aimed at confirming whether the inhabitants of the Kcynia commune are willing to use the European Union aid programs. The economic character of the commune was typically agricultural, the inhabitants of rural areas were mostly engaged in plant and animal production, as well as plant and animal production.*

• Introduction

The research aimed to determine the level of interest as well as the use of funds allocated to specific programs. Farmers' opinions formed the basis for an attempt to determine which programmes farmers use most often.

• Material and method

The survey was conducted among 97 adult respondents. The size of the sample was 1.84% of the inhabitants of the Kcynia commune. The sample size was 1200, which was taken as the number of individual farms. For an error of 8% with a significance level of $\alpha=0.10$ and a value of 1.64.

In order to obtain the information necessary for the research, the Report on the state of the municipality of Kcynia for 2021 was used. 97 respondents from the Kcynia commune, where 12875 people live, took part in the survey. There are 1200 farms in the municipality. The respondents were individual farmers who operated in the municipality.

• Results and discussions

The most common form of aid applied for by farmers was "area payments" of 96.8% of respondents (89 people). "Payments to areas with disadvantaged properties" came second with 68.5% of respondents (63 people). "Farm restructuring" was a form of support that was used among 27.2% of respondents (25 people). The subsidy for running a farm by a young farmer was popular with 20.7% of respondents (19 people). The use of "agri-environmental payments" was declared by 16.3% of respondents (15 people). The last place of the available answers is the greening payment, which accounted for 4.3% (4 people). Seven people indicated other forms of assistance obtained

• Conclusions

The conducted research showed that the inhabitants of the Kcynia commune in the vast majority used European Union programs. Most people using the programmes have experienced an increase in their material status after obtaining funds from European Union programmes. Farmers were the most willing to use area payments, slightly less often they used payments for disadvantaged areas.