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**STUDY  
ON SERVICES, ACTIONS AND  
PROGRAMS  
TO AGRICULTURAL POPULATIONS  
on the ground of activities of  
Member States of ENASP**

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# Introduction

## **ENASP** Member organisations:

1. in the frames of social protection are servicing matters connected with health, pensions, workplace accidents, occupational illnesses and family,
2. conduct many various services, programs and actions in order to make life of farmers and their families easier and their crucial issue is to answer to all needs of farmers' population.

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3. Services for farmers in trouble:
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  - b. farmers dealing with various problems,
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# Services for children age up to 15

## **SVB**

- \* health action for children (since 2001 about 7 924 children) Children from 8 to 15 years old participate in three weeks long health action designed to deal with dyslexia, orthopedic and respiratory problems, overweight and skin diseases;

# Services for children age up to 15

## **MSA**

- \* holidays for children from rural areas (more than 1 250 000 Euros; 12 937 children);
- \* access to facilities for young children by giving disposable incomes to families (around 29 million Euros);
- \* ‘Microcrèches’ (day small size nurseries) - program helps to create small size facilities for young children for less than 10 children (about 210 “microcrèches”);
- \* development of innovative solutions for young children (31 projects were validated in 2014);

# Services for children age up to 15

## **MELA**

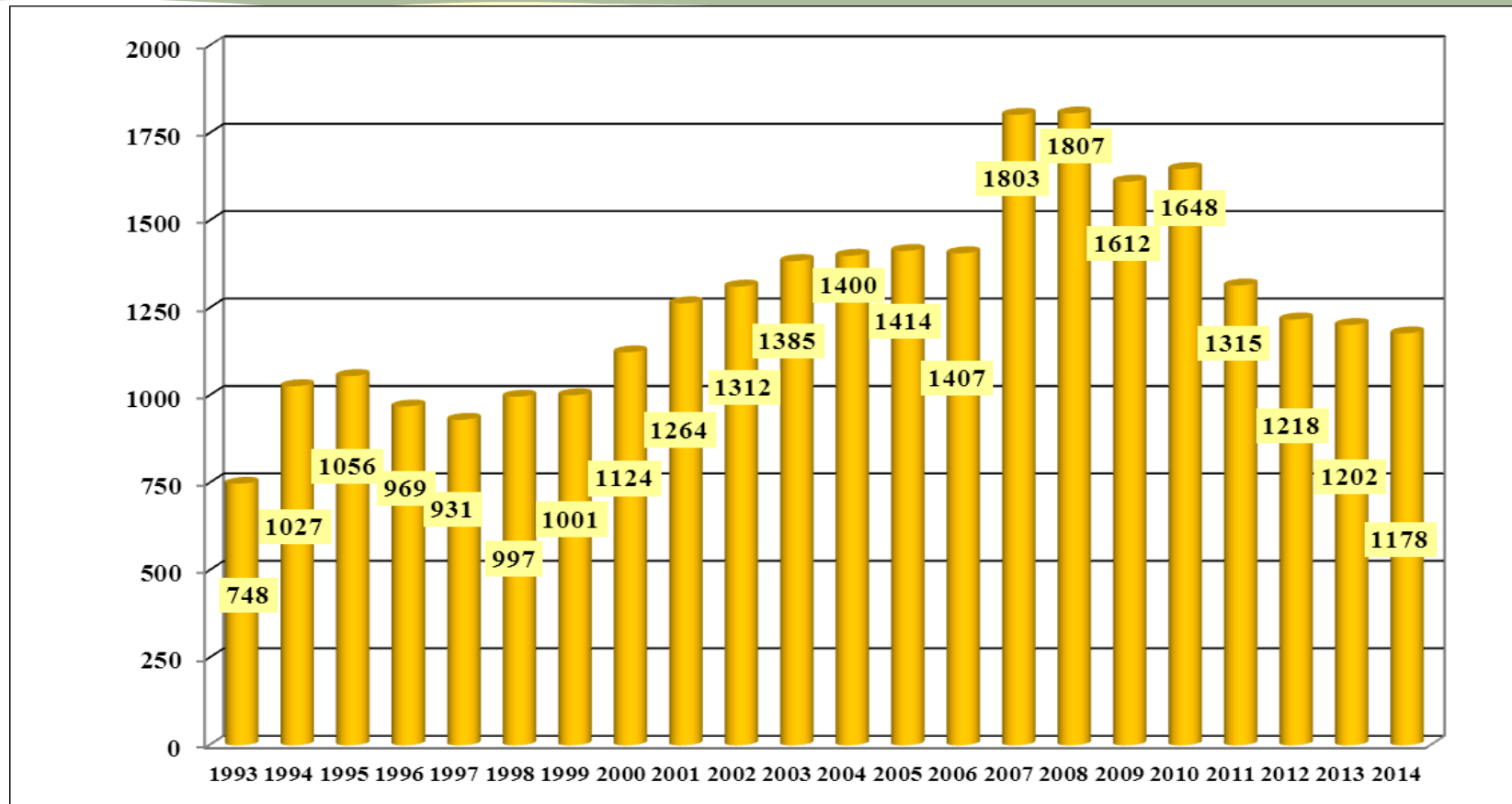
- \* replacement services in the case of temporary child care leave for a maximum of 7 days in order to care for a sick child under age 10; also for the duration of special care of a sick child under 16 years old whose parent takes part in the treatment or rehabilitation arranged for the child; also for the duration of maternity and paternity leave;
- \* In case of day-care of a child aged under 3, after ceasing parental allowance MELA enables parents to look after him/her for 100 days each year;

# Services for children age up to 15

## **KRUS**

- \* organizes rehabilitation stays for farmers' children (more than 28 000 children); 21 days during summer holidays organized in KRUS' Farmers Rehabilitation Centers for children suffering from respiratory problems, defects and diseases of the musculoskeletal system;
- \* provides a special training for children regarding health and safety on the farm (almost 28 000 children);

# Services for children age up to 15





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## **KRUS**

- \* organizes trainings on health and safety on the farm (100 000 school children per year);
- \* about 6700 children participate in 900 artistic contests and contests of knowledge per year;
- \* popularizes knowledge on health and safety on the farm among children by distribution of especially designed brochures, picture books or reflectors products;

# Services for children age up to 15

## **OGA**

- \* conducts a program which covers day nursery expenses (for 1 250 beneficiaries in 2014 and 2 000 in 2015);
- \* new allowances to promote institution of large family;

# Services for children above 15 years old

## **MSA**

- \* “*Mieux vivre en milieu rural*” (Better living in rural areas) - favouring the blooming and the autonomy of young people living in rural areas. The service supports the initiatives and projects of young people by providing them a technical and financial aid for completing their projects. The call for this proposal is therefore a tool to help young people to express themselves and develop their potential (groups of at least 3 young people aged from 13 to 22 living in rural areas);
- \* “*Pré Vert*” organised to heighten awareness of young people living in rural areas and to give them the sense of responsibility regarding their current and future citizenship;

# Services for children above 15 years old

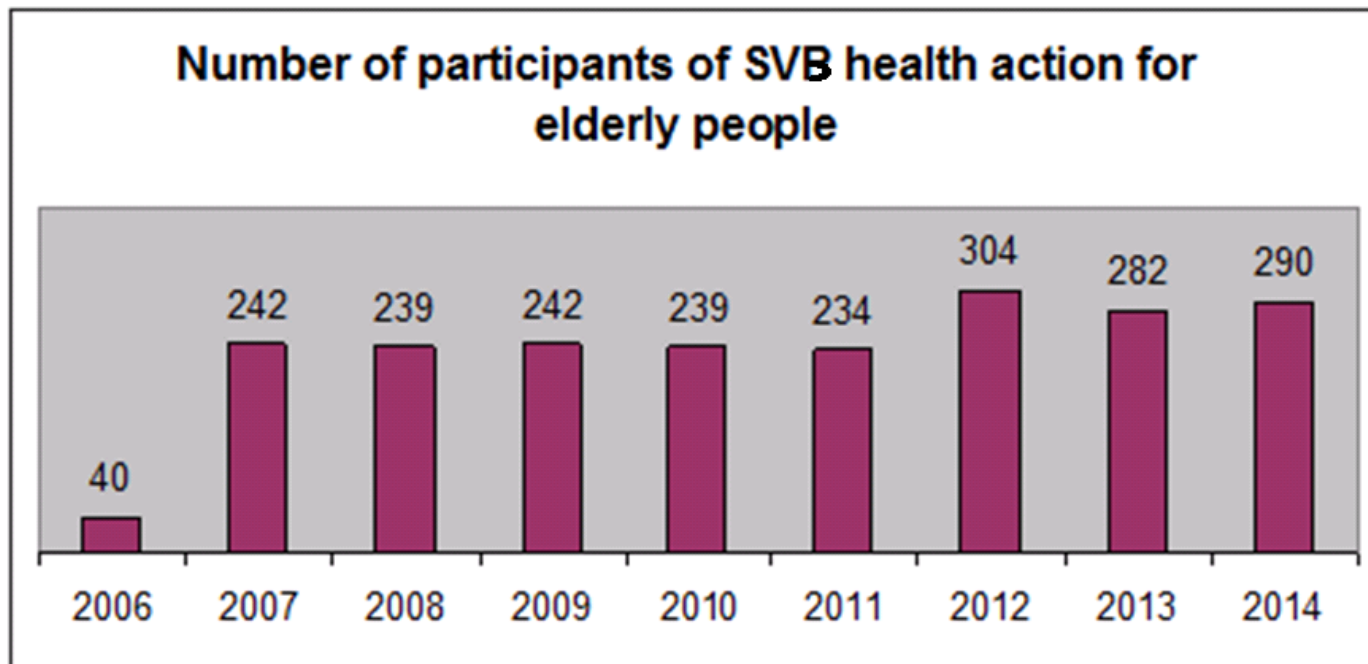
## **KRUS**

- \* conducts a special trainings and meetings for students of agricultural schools (approx. 5 000 per year). The future farmers are taught about accident threats on the farm;
- \* each year young students people take part in about 150 contests on knowledge about health and safety in agriculture (approx. 6 500);

# Services for elderly people

## SVB

- \* a three-week health action for elderly farmers in need of relaxation to preserve mental and physical healthiness. (in 2014 approx. 2 112 farmers);



# Services for elderly people

## **MSA**

- \* specific financial assistance to elderly people (in 2014 - 1.22 million €), persons who face momentarily a difficult situation such as a health problem or a housing problem;
- \* providing accompaniment at home for elderly people (more than 50 million € each year);
- \* PEPS: “Programme Education Promotion Santé” (Health Education Promotion Program) - memory workshops to improve elderly persons' different kind of memories (visual, space memory, memory of names etc.); 10 sessions + an assessment session (in 2015, 587 groups -12 to 15 participants);

# Services for elderly people

## **MSA**

- \* “*Ateliers du Bien Vieillir*” (Healthy ageing workshops) - health prevention programme comprising 7 workshops providing knowledge and support to cope with issues such as sleeping problems, the use of medicines, nutrition, balance/equilibrium, oral hygiene or physical activities;
- \* “*Charte territoriale des solidarités avec les Aînés*” (Territorial charter of solidarity with elderly people)- to fight against isolation and develop services in favour of elderly people living in rural ageing areas (five spheres of activity: Support and solidarity of proximity, Appreciation of the commitments and experience of elderly people, Ageing prevention, Development or preservation of the offer of services, Development of a health protection offer);

# Services for elderly people

## **MSA**

- \* program Marpa “*Maison d’accueil rurale pour personnes âgées*” (Housing for old people in rural areas) - to organize small housing structures for less than 25 residents, designed for fragile non-dependent elderly people;



# Services for elderly people

## **SVLFG**

- \* program “Stable and fit through life – prevention of falls” organizing prevention courses based on a scientifically proofed model (Ulmer Model); the main aim is to reduce falls and hip fractures;

# Services for elderly people

## **MELA**

- \* early retirement scheme, compensation before old age pension (farmer at the age of 59 or more can get a pension after selling his farm to a successor not older than 40 years old);

## **OGA**

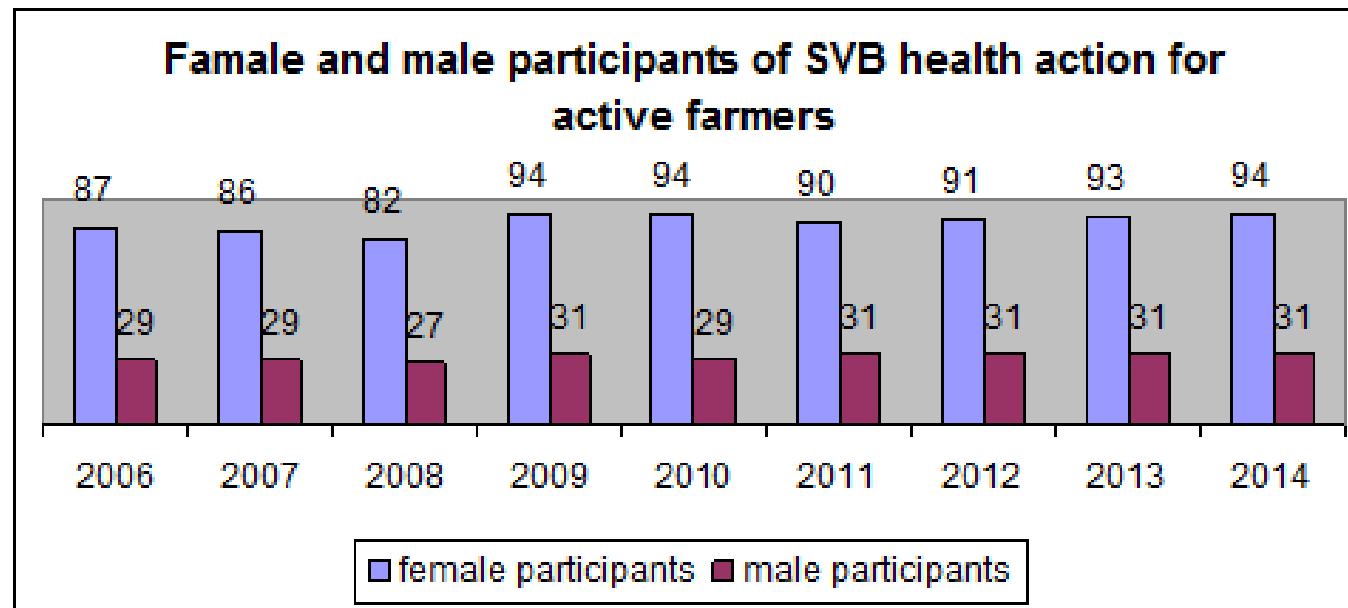
- \* implemented a health tourism program for the pensioners (till 2014 about 15,000 pensioners);

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers endangered by diseases

### SVB

- \* two-week health action for active farmers whose mental healthiness is at risk due to wearing life situations (1278 women and 339 men till 2014; total number of participants – 1617);

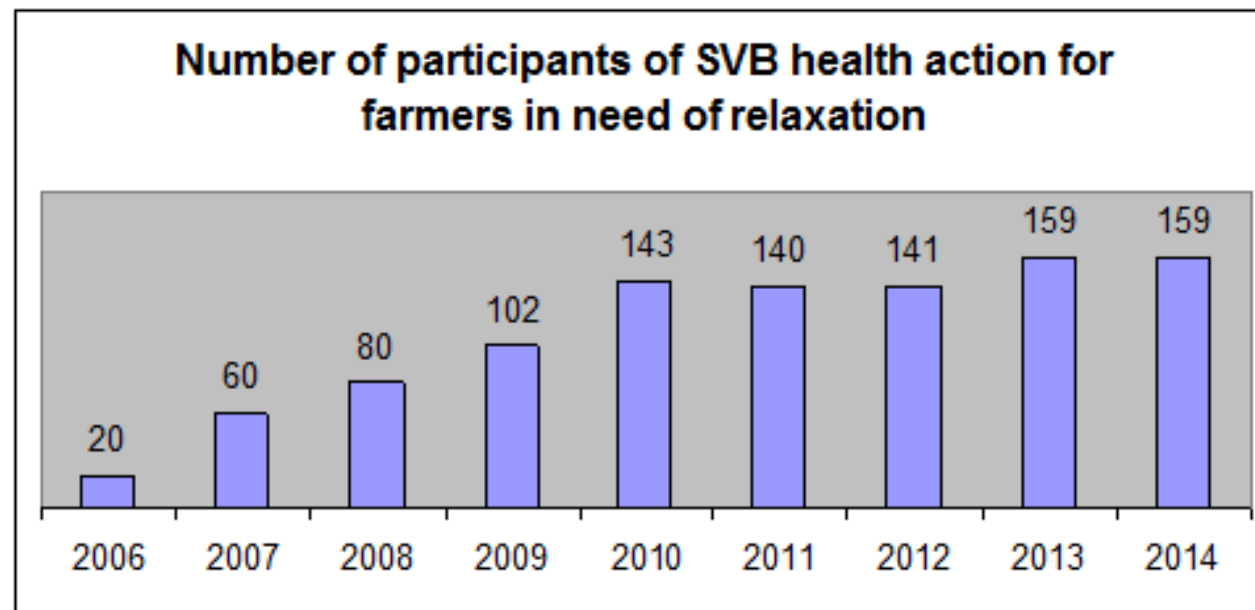


# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers endangered by diseases

### SVB

- \* two-week health action for farmers in need of relaxation which are in line with the transfer of the farming business; to help farmers to withdraw from professional life and to ease their start of retirement;



# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers endangered by diseases

### **SVB**

- \* two-week long program for carers at home receiving nursing allowance (in 2014 - 2721 farmers). They were trained on how to do daily care work correctly (*“Hilfe bei alltäglichen Pflegearbeiten”*) and how to deal with the patient mental and physical healthiness preservation (*“Hilfe im Umgang mit der Pflegeperson für die eigene Gesundheit”*);

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers endangered by diseases

### **MELA**

- \* early intervention model which promotes farmers' ability to continue work by preventing burn out and depression. MELA organised a special training for persons visiting the farms where they learn how to recognize early symptoms of depression, how to speak about the situation with the farmer and finally how do develop a rescue plan for endangered farmers. The trained visitors compile a plan of preventive actions which can foreclose burnout and mental disorder among farmers;

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers endangered by diseases

### **MELA**

- \* conducted promoting preventative actions concerning farmer's health and wellbeing. The aim is to improve the working conditions on a farm;
- \* granting 20% discount on MATA occupational accident insurance fee; only for farmer who is a member of OHS;
- \* annual training sessions for occupational health nurses (free of charge);

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers endangered by diseases

### **MELA**

- \* promoting safety at work through the distribution of "personal protective equipment" widely around Finland. The packages containing e.g. breathing -/hand -/hearing -/eye protection are divided into 125 occupational health care units around Finland;
- \* encourages farmers to join the occupational health service by promoting OHS benefits during various events;



# Services for farmers in trouble

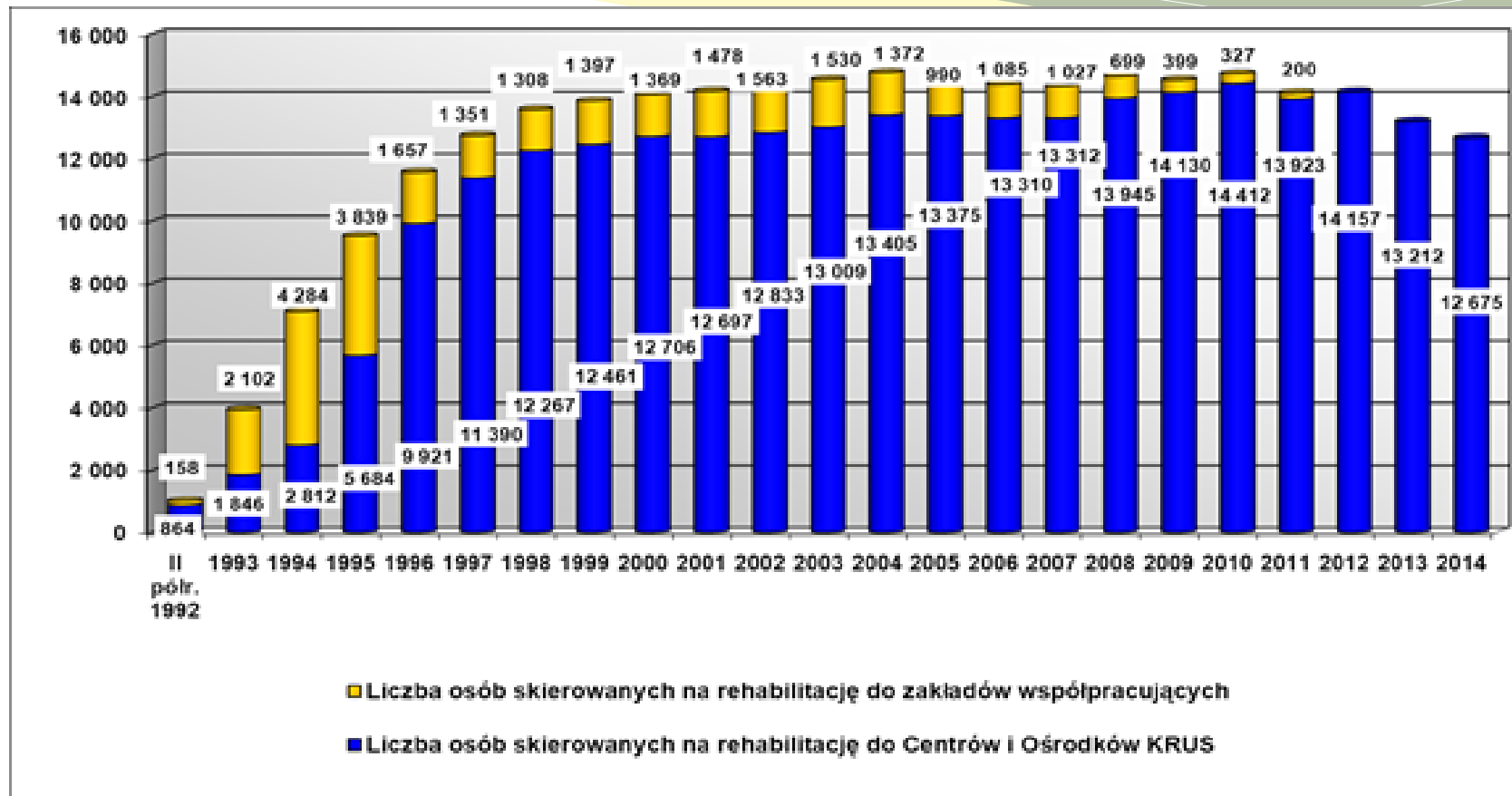
## Services for Farmers endangered by diseases

### **KRUS**

- \* rehabilitation stays for farmers. KRUS assists by referral for rehabilitation to Farmers' Rehabilitation Centers the insured persons and persons entitled to insurance benefits with total inability to work on a farm, but predictive for recovery as a result of treatment and rehabilitation as well as persons endangered by total inability to work on a farm (about 13 000 farmers per year; 1993 – 2014: almost 295 000 persons);

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers endangered by diseases



# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers dealing with various problems

### **MSA**

- \* created structures for inclusion through economic activities named Laser; farmers can benefit from workshops, intermediary associations, temporary employment integration agency which can help them to define a vocational insertion project (more than 30 million Euro);
- \* accompanying measures for the agricultural recipients of RSA (“*Revenu de Solidarité Active*”, Active Solidarity Income) which is an allowance ensuring a minimum revenue to people having very little or even no revenue at all;

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers dealing with various problems

### **SVLFG**

- \* Psychosocial Network (PSN) for the farmers who have suffered from traumatic events (two-days long training for the persons who intend to be psychological emergency helpers during a special workshop “Emergency care - conversation techniques and help after traumatic events”);

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers dealing with various problems

### **MELA**

- \* a stand-in scheme for farmers in case of sickness, accidents, disability or professional education; farmers can gain a replacement services in case of sickness and disability for 7 days at the most without a doctor's certificate and 300 days at the most with a doctor's sick leave;
- \* In case of permanent disability pension or death of the farmer, the scheme admits replacement on the farm for maximum of 60 days;
- \* On the occasion of education of the farmer the assistance is valid for 15 days;

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers dealing with various problems

### **KRUS**

- \* courses on health and safety on the farm (1993 – 2014: 68 000 trainings for 2 200 000 persons);
- \* various trainings and demonstrations on health and safety on the farm. Experts teach farmers how to use personal protective equipment, work wear, ladders, chain saws and sprayers and also other agricultural machines (every year 1400 trainings for 70 000 persons);
- \* informative stands during agricultural fairs and other events for rural population (approx. 800 every year);

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers dealing with various problems

### **KRUS**

- \* KRUS' experts review all possible threats and provide an individual instruction for the farmer who had an accident and his family. KRUS also organizes a competition for farmers which topic is the best implementation of preventive recommendation;

# Services for farmers in trouble

## Services for Farmers dealing with various problems

### **OGA**

- \* organized Training Courses for 40 000 persons in 2015 and 10 000 persons in 2014. The groups of trainees are composed of new farmers aged from 20 to 40 years old;



# Services for disabled people from rural areas

## **MSA**

- \* funds set up pluridisciplinary and crossdisciplinary cells within their various services (Health and Social Actions, Medical services, Benefits or Health and Security at Work). The main task is to study, accompany and support people who have suffered from a life accident or from an occupational injury in order to help them keep their job or undergo vocational retraining;
- \* special services which design and develop actions (e.g. trainings) for prepare disabled persons to retirement;

# Services for disabled people from rural areas

## **MSA**

- \* ESAT (“*Etablissements et Services et d’Aide par le Travail*”) - help disabled people return to work or have a professional activity in a protected environment if they do not have enough autonomy to subsist in a normal working environment;
- \* help to create firms which offer apprenticeship and trainings in agriculture;
- \* opened a call for proposals in order to set up housing solutions for ageing disabled people (create small living units with all needed facilities and innovative solutions - 12 projects with an innovative character emerged);

# Services for families from rural areas

## **SVB**

- \* special health action for mothers. During sixteen days young mothers are taught how to deal with infants having acute stress situations, e.g. educational problems (129 young mothers till 2014);
- \* similar service for nine farmers who take care of a disabled child at home and who receive a nursing allowance at home (in 2014);

# Services for families from rural areas

## **MSA**

- \* aid service to families: helping persons or families facing a difficult situation momentarily (i.e. it can concern a transportation problem, hearing aids, tooth prosthesis, funeral, technical aids and adaptation of housing and other various sorts of aids in line with the social situation previously assessed by a social worker);
- \* developed a special holiday program for French families; a financial support as well as an accompaniment in the definition and the implementation of their holiday's projects (in 2014: 1 332 persons, 425 000 €);

# Services for families from rural areas

## **MSA**

- \* family mediation service; support and listen families living in rural areas and having personal problems (1 million € dedicated in 2015);
- \* REAAP (“Réseaux d’écoute, d’appui et d’accompagnement à la parentalité”), a special network dedicated to listen, support and accompany parents;

# Services for families from rural areas

## **SVLFG**

- \* special seminars for persons who hand over their enterprises (agricultural entrepreneurs and family workers aged 55 or older). SVLFG can provide health programs for farmers helping them with better coping with stress and the seminar “Transferring a business – a matter of health” for entrepreneurs who want to hand over their business as well as a week for recovery and training for nursing relatives;
- \* week long training combined with recreation for informal caregivers (nursing relatives) so that these persons can stay in a good state, both physically and mentally healthy;

# Services for families from rural areas

## **OGA**

- \* special Monetary Awards and Prize Program for families with many children (in 2014 about 450 mothers, in 2015 raised to 1.500);

# Other services for rural population

## **MELA**

- \* the Farmers' Holiday and Stand-in Scheme for animal breeders (annual holiday lasting 26 days, free of charge). The service is provided by 45 municipalities and MELA's role is to control and guide the activity;



# Other services for rural population

## KRUS

- \* Nationwide Safe Farm Competition - to promote the principles of health and life protection as well as to improve conditions which affect health and safety, order and esthetic on a farm. The laureates of the Competition receive multiple prizes and the first prize is an agricultural tractor financed by the President of KRUS (more than 1000 farms participated in);
- \* the Safety Mark and the fair distinction called “Product Increasing Labor Safety on a Farm” for producers of safe equipment and protective garment for farmers;
- \* KRUS’ experts assess if the construction of agricultural machines or other equipment could cause an accident; eliminate defective technical means from the market;

# Other services for rural population

## **KRUS**

- \* conducts recourse proceedings, in case of accidents caused by defective products, KRUS demands reimbursement of post – accident benefits paid out to farmers from social insurance;
- \* Calendar of Preventive Events on the KRUS' website – a special application which informs farmers and their families about preventive actions like trainings, demonstrations and competitions;
- \* more than 1 300 contests and quizzes of knowledge on health and safety on the farm every year (nearly 24 000 farmers and persons associated with the rural environment participate annually);

# Other services for rural population

## **OGA**

- \* Social Tourism Program for pensioners and members of OGA and dependent members of their families (85 000 people could already gain from the program herein):
  - \* 115 000 could attend a 6-day holiday (5 nights);
  - \* 15 000 pensioners obtain possibility of a 6-day holiday (5 nights) including up to 4 visits in spa centers in Greece in the framework of subsidized Thermal Water Tourism Programs;

# Other services for rural population

## OGA

- \* Free Books Program; to simplify the access of farmers to literature closely related to their professional activities, e.g. farming, stock breeding, apiculture etc;

- \* 49 000 beneficiaries an Excursion program;

3 day excursion	2 day excursion	1 day excursion
5 000 persons	7 000 persons	38 000 persons

- \* Free Theater Tickets Program (2014 – 2015: 186 000 beneficiaries).

# Conclusions

- \* various activities undertaken for the benefit of farmers and their families;
- \* financial support and actions taken by 6 institutions to support target groups;
- \* activities worth promoting as a good practice;
- \* improving the quality of life for farmers and their families.

Thank you very much!!!

