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Improving the Quality of EU Farm Registers

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Introduction

- Ongoing demand for agricultural surveys in the EU
- No EU Regulation on farm registers is in force
- Farm registers are not harmonised
- Administrative data needs to be exploited further
- Guidelines needed



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Presentation

- Eurostat questionnaire on national farm registers
- Current development projects funded by the Commission
- Common basic structure
- Exploiting links to administrative sources
- Manual of recommendations



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Eurostat questionnaire on national farm registers

- In use in 21 Member States
- Under development in 3 Member States
- For sample selection, administration and analysis
- Coverage is not consistent



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Eurostat questionnaire on national farm registers: thresholds

<u>Agricultural land</u>	<u>Cow(s)</u>	<u>Pig(s)</u>
1 ha	1	2
2 ha	8	8
2 ha	50	250
0.1 ha	1	5
0.15 ha	1	1

----- no threshold -----



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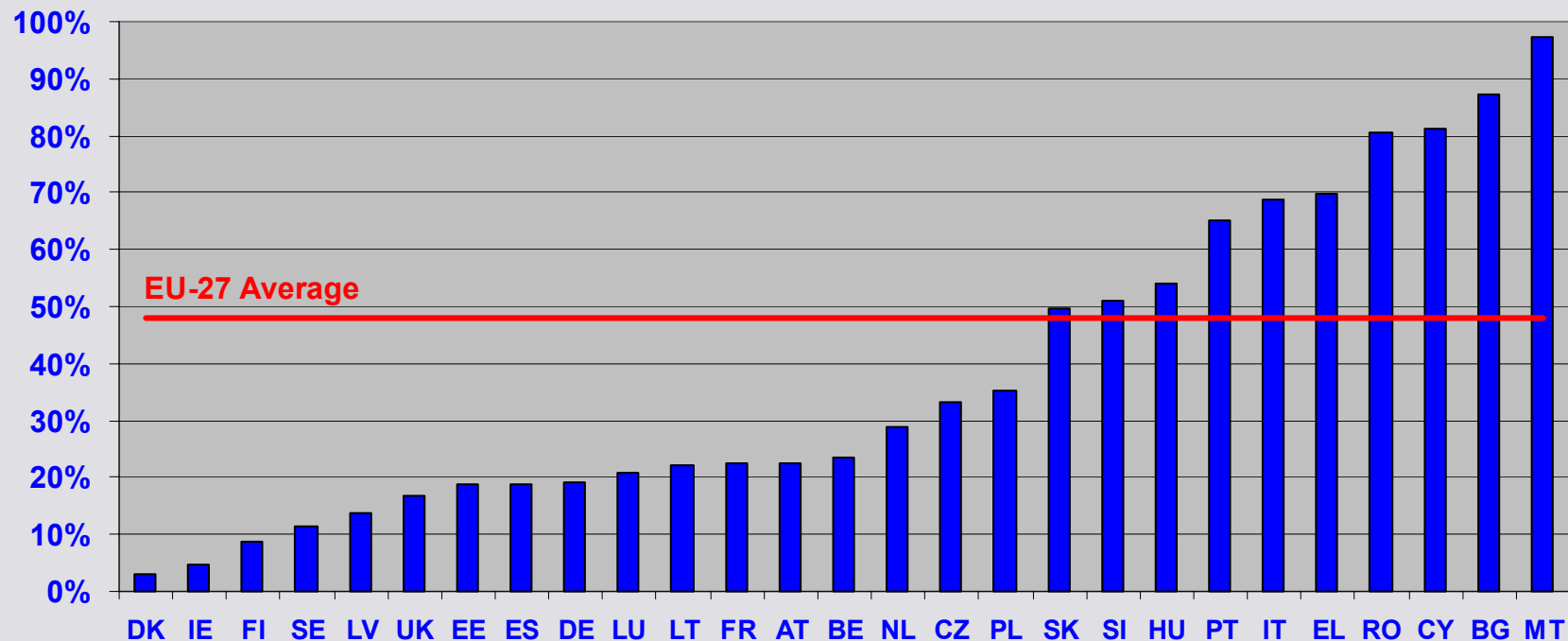
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Proportion of farms below 5 hectares

(with an economic size of at least €1200)

Percentage



Source: Farm Structure Survey 2005

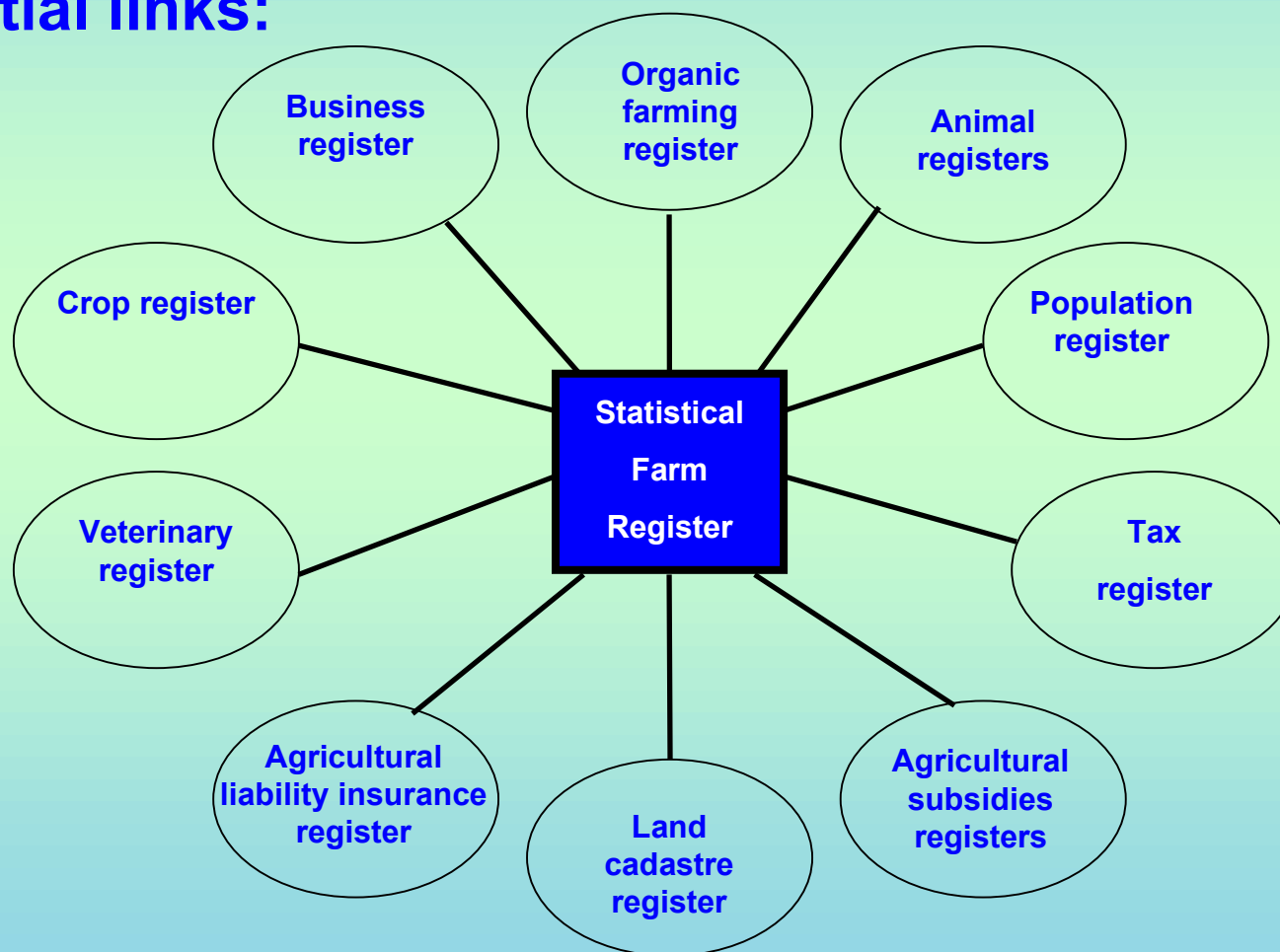


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Potential links:





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Current development projects (1)

- TAPAS Programme 2005 and 2006
- Linking, extending, improving, analysing
- 14 Member States receiving grants totalling €1.8 million



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Current development projects (2)

	<u>Member States</u>
• Developing links and update procedures	7
• Improving links with the Business Register	4
• Developing a new Farm Register	1
• Extending the coverage of the Farm Register	2
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Current development projects (3)

- Projects completed so far have achieved their objectives
- Special arrangements between institutions
- TAPAS projects to be completed by 2008
- PHARE projects in Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania



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Common basic structure

- Statistical unit
- Identification codes and links
- Common set of agricultural characteristics
- Guidelines for Member States

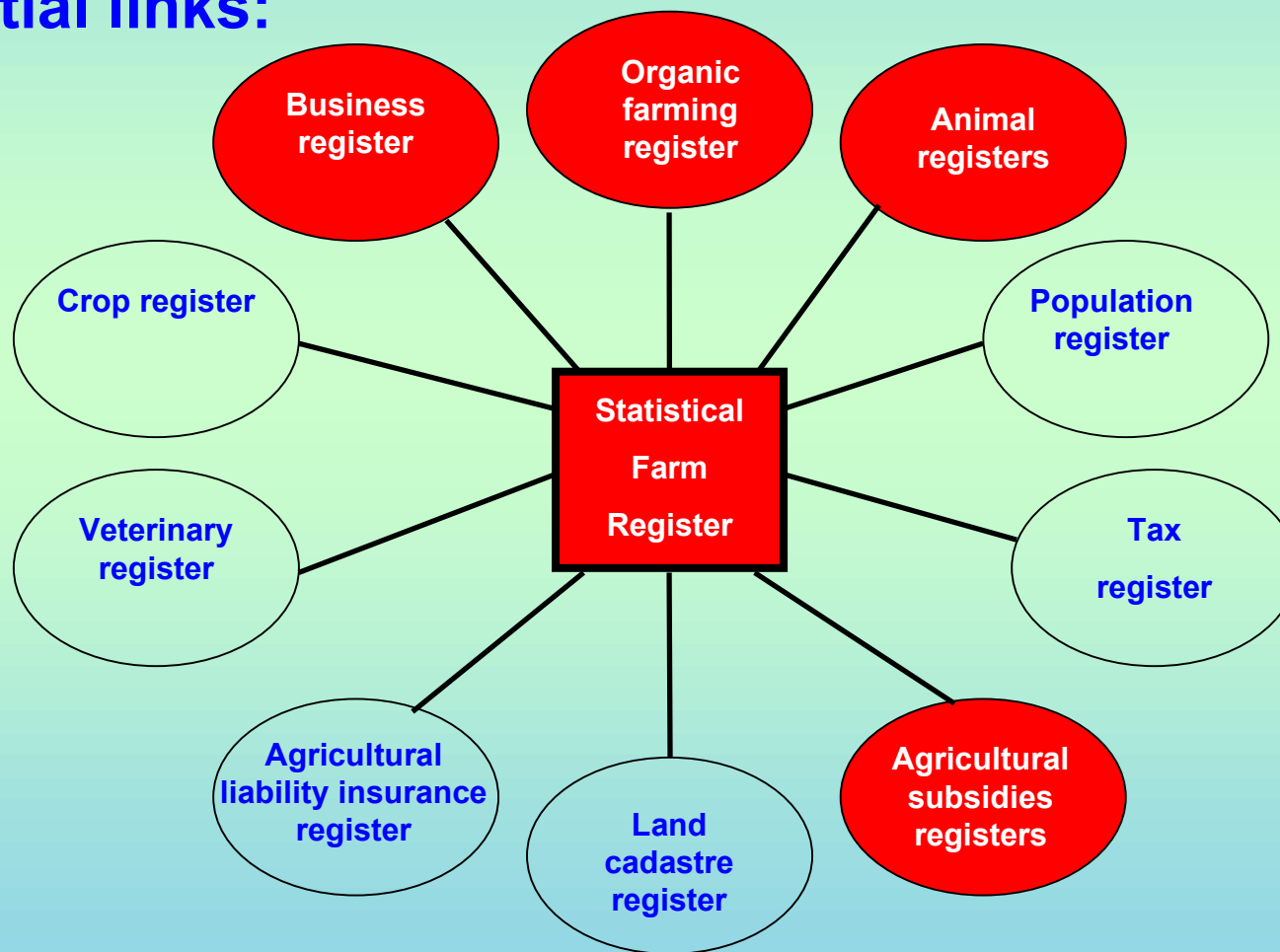


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Next steps

- Development projects continue in 2007 and 2008
- Eurostat will draft initial Guidelines for Farm Registers
- Consultation with Member States to start in 2007

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION