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Objectives

AgFoodTRAdE research project focuses on "New Issues in Agricultural, Food and Bioenergy Trade".

The purpose is to build on existing knowledge, data, and modelling instruments to address issues of interest for international trade and trade negotiations.

The project intends to provide information, expertise, and operational instruments to policymakers involved in trade negotiations, and agricultural policy design.

Methods

The program of work includes the development of indicators and methodologies; three large scale models; databases on trade and tariffs; the evaluation of trade agreements and policy reforms using welfare analysis, with a particular emphasis on case studies in Europe as well as in developing countries.

Program of work

The project builds on past research in international trade analysis and modelling to assess the consequences of trade negotiations and public policies on agricultural production, markets and trade. The program of work emphasizes such as:

- the impact of demand from energy markets which affect agriculture;**
- the demographic changes, which in some developing and transition countries modify the demand for food;**
- the concentration of firms in many global markets, which could modify the expected size and distribution of gains from trade liberalization among stakeholders;**
- the impact of trade liberalization on price volatility, and potential remedies;**
- the growing importance of sanitary and technical measures and their potential impact on food security, health issues, and trade.**

