

The German Information System on Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FIS-ELF) - Tasks and Future Perspectives -

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Abstract

The specialised information system for the sectors food, agriculture and forestry in Germany has its origin in the 50s and 60s. After many years of negotiations, the committee representing the ministries for agriculture of the various Federal States of Germany together with the Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry decided to set up a central administration system to become effective from January 1, 1984.

The specialised information system, known in Germany as the „FIS-ELF-Verbund“ (a partnership between the IT system administration and the government sectors for food, agriculture and forestry) is an important tool for the information and service sectors approaching the next millennium for information, communication and co-ordination among the government, scientific research institutions, the economy and society at large. Its international and European orientation will be further enhanced