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ANALYSIS OF THE COMPETITIVENESS OF MERCOSUR'S KEY AGRI-FOOD SECTORS, COMPARISON OF POLICIES AND THE EX-ANTE IMPACTS OF EU-MERCOSUR TRADE LIBERALISATION

Context

- EU is the second largest economic trading partner of Latin America and most important of MERCOSUR and Chile.
- Ongoing free trade negotiations face the challenge of agricultural products because of their impact in domestic economies in economic and social terms.
- Ex ante impact can benefit the negotiation process by simulating complementation / overlapping between trade blocks.

Project goal

- This EUMercoPol proposal aims to generate solid scientific contributions supporting the formulation and implementation of Community policies. The proposal's three principal objectives are:
- Analysing the competitiveness of key agri-food sectors in the Mercosur region (Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia), vis-à-vis the EU commodity systems.
- Assessment agri-food policies in the context of production, consumption and trade environments, between the Mercosur and EU.
- Analysing the ex-ante impact of liberalized trade between the EU and Mercosur on markets, budgets, and key indicators of their agricultural sectors.

Direct results to be obtained

- Databases, working papers, briefs and scientific publications diffusing new results on the competitiveness of key agri-food sectors in Mercosur and EU
- Databases, papers, policy briefs, and publications on the agriculture policies in the Mercosur and EU.
- Databases, working papers, policy briefs and publications diffusing new information on the ex-ante impacts from EU-Mercosur trade liberalization, on EU and Mercosur priority parameters.
- New and expanded econometric trade and impact models, for further valorisation in EU policy research.

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