



# -Water governance economic instrument-Insurance



## **DESCRIPTION OF THE INSTRUMENT**

**Insurance** involves paying a premium to ensure protection in case of a loss. Insurance is a widely used tool for **mitigating financial losses** that may result from unexpected events. In this system, the policyholder or insured individual pays a premium to the insurer in exchange for potential monetary compensation in case of a loss. By doing so, the insurer takes on and **spreads the risks** from multiple policyholders, making them easier to evaluate and handle. While **crop insurance** may not be a direct economic tool for water management, it could significantly address the motivations behind the **over-pumping** of aquifers during drought.

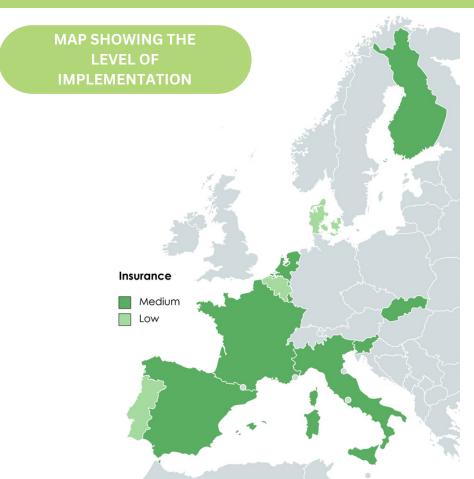
#### **CONTRIBUTION TO GOVERNANCE**

• Management of water-related risks

#### **BARRIERS OR CHALLENGES FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

- Willingness and ability to pay
- If subsidized: Budgetary constraints
- Infringement of polluter-pays principle

More information on the economic instrument



### **PATHWAYS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

- Assessement of willingness to pay and risk
- Target subsidies



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