

In agriculture: New discoveries, new challenges, new demands

- *The socio-economic impact of ARCs*

In 2001, CEETTAR led a research initiative involving a sample of enterprises in 10 Member States. The objective of this initiative was to determine the economic and social impact of enterprises (ARCs) in the European Union. CEETTAR went on to evaluate the results of the survey and arrived at the following conclusions:

Agricultural employment in Europe has changed fundamentally over the last 25 years.

The research produced concrete and concordant data, which has evolved constantly over the last 5 years, on the type of work conducted by ARCs in the agricultural and rural sector and particularly concerning clients, both in the form of agricultural enterprises and in the environment sector.

To a major extent, new employment opportunities have been created in the specialised ARC sector, which have partially or fully replaced the traditional tasks and specific activities of agricultural production.

New demands.

New demands have arisen within a relatively new sector, which was essentially unknown a quarter of a century ago. ARCs are confronted with major unknown factors, particularly the organisation and actual structure of the sector or services in the different Member States and their representation at the various levels of consultation