

Greening the Common Agricultural Policy: a behavioral perspective and lab-in-the-field experiment in Germany

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