COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY
post-2020

Environmental opportunities

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#FutureofCAP
IN A NUTSHELL: THE POST-2020 CAP AND THE ENVIRONMENT/CLIMATE

- CAP objectives: 3 out of 9 objectives (S04, 5 + 6) targeted for climate, natural resources (water, soil, air), biodiversity and landscape

- "Whole CAP" approach: conditionality details + environment-relevant Pillar I and Pillar II interventions all planned together in CAP strategic plans

- Links to non-CAP legislation on environment and climate: CAP plans to take account of analysis, objectives and targets from list of other legislation

- "No backsliding": legal obligation on MS to raise ambition on environment and climate compared to current period

- The new conditionality will combine and improve aspects of cross-compliance and "greening"

- Ring-fencing: MS to spend at least 30% of EAFRD (Pillar ii) budget on interventions directly targeted at environment and climate change (ANC unlikely to count at more than 50%)

- Better toolbox: including Pillar I "eco-schemes" – new instrument
Green Deal EU targets for agriculture
Defined in the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategy

- Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of chemical pesticides and reduce use by 50% of more hazardous pesticides by 2030
- Achieve at least 25% of the EU’s agricultural land under organic farming and a significant increase in organic aquaculture by 2030
- Reduce sales of antimicrobial s for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 50% by 2030
- Reduce nutrient losses by at least 50% while ensuring no deterioration in soil fertility; this will reduce use of fertilisers by at least 20% by 2030
- Bring back at least 10% of agricultural area under high-diversity landscape features by 2030
- Achieve 100% access to fast broadband internet in rural areas by 2025
Green Deal + links with CAP

- **Specific Targets:** To reduce pesticides, nutrients, antimicrobials and to increase organic farming, and agri area under high diversity landscape feature

- Recommendations to MS on their CAP plans reflect the new targets

- Approval process of CAP strategic plans in EC will be informed by contribution of MS towards these EU wide targets

- Further detail

CAP SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES ON THE ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE

1. SO 4: Contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as sustainable energy

2. SO 5: Foster sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources such as water, soil and air

3. SO 6: Contribute to the protection of biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services and preserve habitats and landscapes
"WHOLE CAP" APPROACH

- **1 CAP strategic plan** per MS covering (inter alia):
  - Proposed implementation of conditionality
  - Direct payments
  - Support for rural development

- **All elements** must work together to achieve CAP objectives

- **Regional elements** possible in plans

- **Competent authorities for environment & climate** to be "effectively involved" (Art. 94)**
**LISTS TO NON-CAP LEGISLATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE + AMBITION**

- **List** of legislation concerned in Annex XI of CAP Plan Regulation

- **12 items** listed – including Habitats and Birds Directive CAP plans must take account of these in:
  - **SWOT analysis** (see Art. 103)
  - **assessment of needs** (Art. 96) (**NB here is the PAF**)
  - **intervention strategy** (Art. 97) – showing how CAP plan will **help** to achieve targets from the legislation in question

**Art. 92: MS to show greater ambition** (in CAP plans) with regard to environment & climate in comparison with current period
CONDITIONALITY: BALANCED AMBITION

CLIMATE CHANGE (mitigation and adaptation)
- GAEC 1: Maintenance of permanent grassland
- GAEC 2: Protection of wetland & peatland
- GAEC 3: Ban on burning arable stubble

WATER
- GAEC 4: Establishment of buffer strips along water courses
- GAEC 5: Use of Farm Sustainability Tool for Nutrients

SOIL (protection and quality)
- GAEC 6: Tillage management and slope consideration
- GAEC 7: No bare soil in most sensitive period(s)
- GAEC 8: Crop rotation (instead of crop diversification)

BIODIVERSITY & LANDSCAPE
- GAEC 9: Share of arable land devoted to non-productive areas
- GAEC 10: Ban on converting permanent grassland in Natura 2000

+ 2 new SMRs on WFD + SUD (pesticides)
PILLAR I "ECO-SCHEMES" (ART. 28)

- **New way** of using Pillar I funding for dedicated schemes for the environment & climate
- **MS must include them in** CAP plans; but voluntary for farmers
- **MS have flexibility over content** – but normal rules apply about double funding etc.
- In **WTO terms**, payments can be considered as:
  - environmental top-ups to decoupled direct payments;
  - [other] environmental payments – premia based on costs incurred, income foregone
- **Annual** rather than multi-annual
MAIN types of AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (indicative)

1. PRACTICES ESTABLISHED IN EU POLICIES
   - Organic farming: conversion and maintenance
   - Integrated Pest Management practices (Directive SUD)

2. OTHER types of PRACTICES
   - Agro-ecology
   - Husbandry and animal welfare plans
   - Agro-forestry
   - Landscape features
   - High nature value (HNV) farming
   - Precision farming
   - Nutrient management
   - Protecting water resources
   - Practices beneficial for soil
   - Practices related to GHG emissions
Full range of relevant Pillar II support retained:

- Payments for **management commitments** (Existing M10, Future Article 65-including agri-environment-climate, forestry, agroforestry commitments)
- Payments to compensate for **constraints** (Existing M12, Future Article 67 Water Framework Directive, Natura Directives – also natural constraints*) –
- Support for non-productive investments, knowledge transfer, innovation, co-operation

Current measures gathered into **fewer "intervention types"**

"**Negative list" for investment support** (unsustainable irrigation & forestry)

- Fewer detailed provisions in EU rules but principles retained + checked in CAP SP approval process
THE NEW GREEN ARCHITECTURE

Current architecture

- Farm advisory services
- Knowledge transfer
- Innovation
- Cooperation

Level of requirement

New architecture

- Climate/Env. measures in Pillar II (AECM, Forestry measures, investment measures...)
- Greening (3 detailed obligations on crop diversification, permanent grassland and EFA)
- Cross-compliance (on Climate/Env, 7 GAEC standards (water, soil, carbon stock, landscape) and requirements from Nitrates Directive and Natura 2000 Directives)

Mandatory for farmers

- Voluntary for farmers

- New, enhanced conditionality (on Climate/Env, 14 practices built upon EU minima (climate change, water, soil, biodiversity and landscape) and requirements from Nitrates Directive, Water Framework Directive and Natura 2000 Directives)

- Eco-schemes in Pillar I

- Climate/Env. Measures in Pillar II (AECM, Forestry measures, investment measures...)

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THANK YOU!

Further information is available at:

