Making the CAP fit - farming for nature

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• introduce new guide for farmland in protected areas
• key points of CAP reform
• using the opportunities for your protected area
Farming for Natura 2000

• new guidance based on Member States’ experience
• ‘how to’ information, ideas, reference, case studies
• securing funding for your priorities 2014-20
• designing and delivering CAP support
CAP reform

• Budget

• Pillar One income support payments

• Pillar Two Rural Development Programmes
Questions for your protected area?

- who is making the decisions that will affect payments to farmers in your area until 2020?
- when will it be too late to influence these decisions?

what is your vision of farmland conservation in 2020?

how do the farmers plan to earn a living from their land in 2020?

Healthy natural environment

Sustainable and productive farming system
From the farmer’s point of view

- maintain and restore habitats and species
- support the extensive farming system
- ensure that farming continues and land is not abandoned
- create capacity
- add value to produce
Ensure that farming continues

Basic Payment Scheme
• registered as farmland with entitlements
• GAEC standards and land ‘naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing and cultivation’
• effect of introducing flat rate

Optional for Member States
• Small Farmers Scheme
• top-up or Areas with Natural Constraints (LFA)
• ‘coupled’ payments for specific sectors
Support extensive farming systems

Pillar 1

• ‘coupled’ payments for specific sectors

Rural development Programmes 2014-20

• Areas with Natural Constraints (LFA)
• organic farming
• thematic sub-programmes
  – mountain farms
  – small farms

All optional for Member States!
Create capacity and add value

- farm advisory services
- knowledge transfer and information
- investment
- farm and business development
- young farmers (BPS top-up)
Land management for habitats and species

• Natura 2000 compensation (now in other protected areas with restrictions contributing to Article 10)
• agri-environment-climate (higher payments for groups)
• investment (environmental)
Checklist...............time is short!

- Key decisions by national/regional government
- farmers, land and businesses eligible for CAP support
- identify needs to 2020
- design a package of CAP support
- can the national framework deliver this?
- could you?
- argue your case!
Final draft available now, update after CAP Regulations published
Thank you!

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