

COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

post-2020

Environmental opportunities

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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



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Green Deal EU targets for agriculture

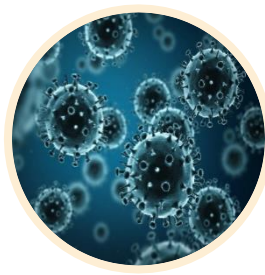
Defined in the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategy



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 **antimicrobials** 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, anti-microbials 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

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/food-farming-fisheries/sustainability_and_natural_resources/documents/analysis-of-links-between-cap-and-green-deal_en.pdf



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)**



LINKS 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

Previously
greening

GAEC 2: Protection of wetland & peatland

New

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]

**Rejected
by
Council
and EP**

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)

Previously
greening



BIODIVERSITY
& LANDSCAPE

GAEC 9: Share of arable land devoted to non-productive areas

Previously
greening

GAEC 10: Ban on converting permanent grassland in Natura 2000

Previously
greening

+ 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)



CLIMATE CHANGE
ACTION



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PRESERVE
LANDSCAPES &
BIODIVERSITY



ANIMAL
WELFARE &
AMR

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



PILLAR II

- **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



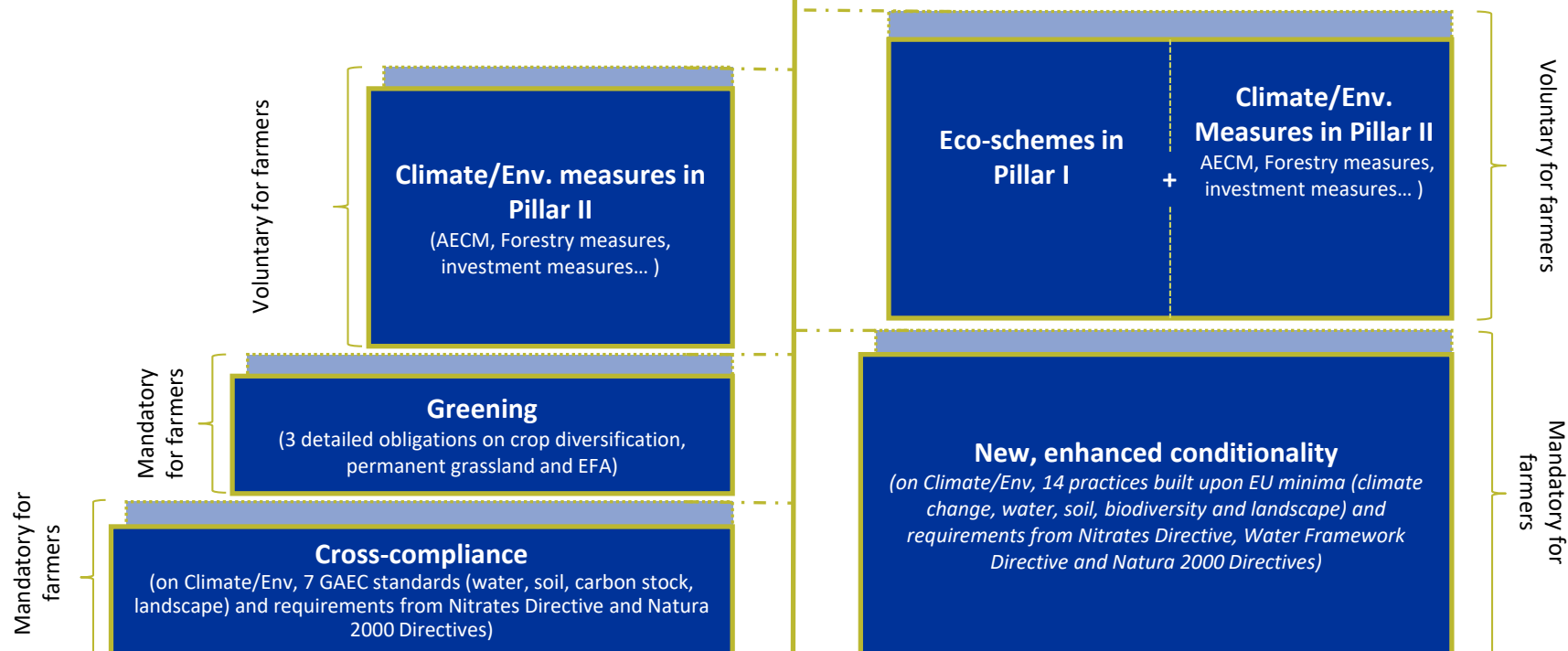
THE NEW GREEN ARCHITECTURE



Current architecture

Level of
requirement

New architecture



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THANK YOU!

Further information is available at:

- https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/key-policies/common-agricultural-policy/future-common-agricultural-policy_en
- [cap-post-2020-environ-benefits-simplification_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)
- https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/key-policies/common-agricultural-policy/future-cap/key-policy-objectives-future-cap_en