

COMMON AGRICULTURAL

POLICY

post-2020

The environment & **climate**: a few essentials

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

- CAP objectives: environment and climate strongly present
- "Whole CAP" approach: conditionality details + environment-relevant Pillar I and Pillar II interventions all planned together in CAP 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 budget on interventions <u>directly</u> targeted at environment and climate change (ANC payments no longer included)
- Better toolbox: including Pillar I "eco-schemes" new instrument



CAP SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES ON THE ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE

- 1. Contribute to **climate change** mitigation and adaptation, as well as sustainable energy
- 2. Foster sustainable development and efficient management of **natural resources** such as water, soil and air
- Contribute to the protection of biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services and preserve habitats and landscapes



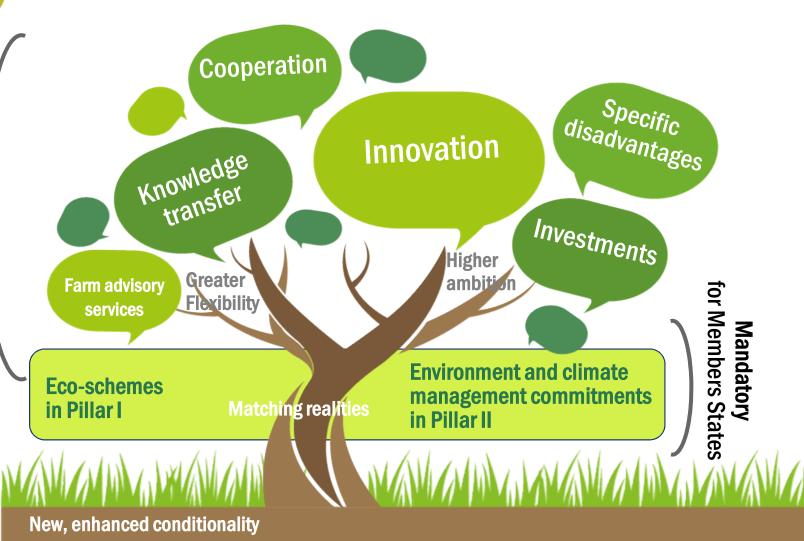
PILLAR I "ECO-SCHEMES" (ART. 28)

- 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



Voluntary for farmers

THE NEW GREEN ARCHITECTURE



Mandatory for farmers

(on climate/environment, various practices built on EU standards (related to climate change, water, soil, biodiversity and landscapes) and requirements from Nitrates Directive, Water Framework Directive and Natura 2000 Directives)