



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 directly 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
3. 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

THE NEW GREEN ARCHITECTURE

