



# Views of Finland on the green architecture and state of play of the debates

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# General views of Finland (1/3)

- Finland supports more **ambitious** coherence between agricultural policy and environmental policy.
- It is important for the CAP of the future to be able to respond to **topical challenges**.
- Therefore, **strong financing** for CAP is needed.



## General views of Finland (2/3)

- Due to different natural conditions in the EU, enough **flexibility** for Member States is important.
- **Simplification** is needed **for conditionality** so that administrative burden to farmers and Member States could be reduced.



## General views of Finland (3/3)

- Our opinion is that **the eco-scheme** could be **voluntary** for Member States.
  - Due to the need for **simplification**, it should be possible to have only two levels of environmental and climate measures (conditionality and Pillar II measures) instead of three levels.
  - If a part of direct payments is paid via the eco-scheme, a smaller basic income payment will be paid to all farmers. This is problematic due to the **weak profitability** of agricultural production.
- **Significant results through Pillar II** environmental measures have been achieved in Finland. Problematic that especially Pillar II budget is proposed to be cut.



# Finnish Presidency

## 1 July – 31 December, 2019 (1/2)

- Good progress has been made during spring 2019. We support the Romanian Presidency's objective for Partial General Approach.
- The plans of the Finnish Presidency depend on the results achieved during the Romanian Presidency (PGA or Progress Report).
- The aim of the Finnish Presidency is to conclude the MFF-negotiations in autumn as instructed by the December 2018 European Council.



# Finnish Presidency

## 1 July – 31 December, 2019 (2/2)

- The following meetings have been reserved for July to continue the work:
  - Working Party on Horizontal Agricultural Questions 4-5 July
  - Working Party Agrifin 18 July
  - Special Committee on Agriculture 1 and 8 July
  - "Agriculture and Fisheries Council" 15-16 July





Questions? Thank you!

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