The Future of Food and Farming: *EU and the CAP*

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The objectives of the Communication at a glance

Strengthen the environmental and climate ambition...
  ➢ ... because it is urgent

Better target support ...
  ➢ ... because it is fairer

Rely more on knowledge, innovation and technology ...
  ➢ ... because it is modern

Rebalance the responsibilities between EU, MS and the farmer...
  ➢ ... because it could be simpler
What does the Communication aim to do?

Confirm agriculture's crucial role and contribution ...
  ➢ ... in food provision, environmental protection and jobs and growth creation

Consolidate and improve CAP framework ...
  ➢ ... through broad avenues of reflection about the future policy orientation

Prioritise simpler rules and more flexible approaches ...
  ➢ ... for the CAP to better deliver its results at EU, MS and farm level
THE CONTRIBUTION OF EU AGRICULTURE TODAY

- **Climate & Clean Energy and Environment**
- **Steward**: 48% of EU land
- **Bio & Circular Economy**
- 44 million jobs in the food chain
- Food security for 500 million consumers
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Why a Communication on Food and Farming?

Analysis and wide public consultation confirm major achievements of the CAP...

- Increasing EU competitiveness ...
  - ... and turning the EU into a net agro-food exporter

- Positively impacting jobs and growth ...
  - ... in rural areas and the food chain throughout the EU territory

- Providing relative income stability ...
  - ... within a very volatile income and price environment
EU net agro-food exporter

EU agricultural exports and imports 2005-15 (in billion €)

Source: COMEXT.
Why a Communication on Food and Farming (cntd)?

...but also shortcomings to be addressed

- Despite progress the environmental performance of EU agriculture ...
  - requires further improvement to meet ongoing and future challenges

- Productivity growth is mainly driven by the outflow of labour ...
  - and less by research, innovation or capital investment

- Questions on equity, safety net and simplicity of the CAP ...
  - are still hotly debated despite repeated efforts to address them
What has changed since the last reform?

Basic parameters that influenced decisions of the 2013 CAP reform differ today:

- **The world commodity, economic and price environment ...**
  - ... especially in terms of both the level (lower) and expectations for agricultural prices

- **The world trade environment ...**
  - ... especially the shift from multilateral to regional agreements

- **New climate change, environmental and broader sustainability priorities ...**
  - ... especially COP21 and commitments stemming from it
Commodity price changes in recent years

Climate linked loss events in dramatic increase

Natural catastrophes worldwide - number of events

Meteorological events: Tropical storm, extra-tropical storm, convective storm, local storm
Hydrological events: Flood, mass movement
Climatological events: Extreme temperature, drought, forest fire

Source: © 2017 Münchener Rückversicherungs-Gesellschaft, Geo Risks Research, NatCatSERVICE (January 2017)
Main issues for the future CAP debate: public money for private and/or public goods?

Source: DG AGRI.
Strengthening environment and climate action

EU sets wide objectives ...
- ... on air, water, soil and biodiversity

EU sets list of available types of intervention ...
- ... suitable for achieving CAP objectives

MS define the most pertinent schemes/operations ...
- ... based on EU-priorities and their specific needs

Farmers apply for schemes and comply with stringent criteria ...
- ... defined by MS to reflect environmental needs
Better targeting support

Farm income still lags behind income in the rest of the economy …
➢ …with Direct Payments providing an important income safety net in all regions

The current distribution of area-based payments reflects land distribution …
➢ … and is thus concentrated among a minority of farmers

To target direct payments more effectively alternative approaches can be explored …
➢ … such as compulsory capping, degressivity or redistributive payments

To follow the principle of equality among member states …
➢ … differences in CAP support between them should be reduced
## DISTRIBUTION OF EU DIRECT SUPPORT TO FARMERS

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Source: CATS control data, 2015
Distribution of EU direct support to farmers (%)
Rely more on knowledge, innovation and technology

A better link of what we know to what we grow ...
➢ ... would promote the use of smart agriculture

Anticipating future knowledge needs ...
➢ ... should promote research to address them in a wide array of farm-related issues

Exchange and transfer knowledge ...
➢ ... will spread and multiply the impact of innovative practices

Well performing Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems...
➢ ... are essential to bridge the knowledge gap among farmers
A new model of sharing responsibilities

Moving from one-size-fits-all to more tailored made solutions...

➢ ... will reduce EU requirements to what is necessary to ensure EU value is added

The Union would still set the basic policy parameters of the CAP...

➢ ... fulfilling the Treaty obligations and other EU agreed objectives (e.g., COP21, SDGs)

Member States should establish "CAP strategic plans" approved by the Commission...

➢ ... tailoring interventions to reflect local conditions and needs in line with EU-objectives

A shift from compliance to results and performance...

➢ ... would increase MS flexibility in their design of measures/compliance requirements
Focus on performance

A performance-based policy implies two distinct, but interconnected processes ...

➢ ... that of assessing the policy and that of assessing the policy implementation

A meaningful assessment of policy performance can rely on the manner by which...

➢ ... specific targets are achieved, especially with respect to specific objectives

Reliable policy assessment requires a selection of a set of indicators reflecting how ...

➢ ... the supported intervention contributes to achieving the specific objectives

Policy performance is assessed multi-annually based on a combination of methods ...

➢ ... while policy implementation requires closer monitoring at an annual basis
Other priorities

Promote growth and jobs in rural areas...
➢ ... to address structural weaknesses and promote bio-economy

Attract new farmers ...
➢ ... to address the generational renewal challenge

Improve risk management tools ...
➢ ... to better address price, income and production-related risks

Address broader EU concerns and the global CAP dimension ...
➢ ... from emerging health challenges, to food waste and trade issues
FUTURE OF FOOD AND FARMING

- Knowledge & Innovation
- Food Security
- Resilient Farming Sector
- Generational Renewal
- Thriving Rural Areas
- Climate Action
- Environmental Care
- Fair Income
Reports and data available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index_en.htm
https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/events/2016-outlook-conference_en
https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/statistics_en
https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-indicators_en
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