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CAP after 2013: changes and impacts

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## 1. Historical development of the CAP

## Changes in goals of agricultural policy

- Treaty of Rome (1957):
  - to increase productivity;
  - to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural Community;
  - to stabilise markets;
  - to secure availability of supplies;
  - to provide consumers with food at reasonable prices.



- From 1992 onwards:
  - environmental issues
  - food safety, animal welfare
  - vitality of rural areas

### Introduction of CAP instruments

- 1962/68 Common Market Organisation
  - A system of import levies, public intervention and export subsidies – supporting internal market prices
- 1984/1988: Limitation of production
  - Quota for milk and sugar, compulsary set-aside
- 1992/1999: Coupled income support
  - Reduction of guaranteed prices
  - Compensatory payments, linked to areas (e.g. grains), animals (e.g. suckler cows)
- 1999/2000: Rural development Policy (Pillar 2)
- 2003/2008: Decoupling of income support
  - Single farm payment
  - Cross-compliance



## 2. The CAP towards 2020 – Legal propsals

## Where are we with the CAP reform process?

12 April - 11 June 2010

Public debate (EU citizens and organisations)

19-20 July 2010

Public conference

**18 November 2010** 

Commission Communication 'The CAP towards 2020'

23 November 2010 - 25 January 2011

Consultation on Impact assessment (stakeholders)

29 June 2011

Commission proposals on the EU budget 2014-2020

12 October 2011

#### Commission legal proposals on the CAP

The legal proposals are accompanied by an <u>impact assessment</u> that evaluates alternative scenarios for the evolution of the policy on the basis of extensive quantitative and qualitative analysis

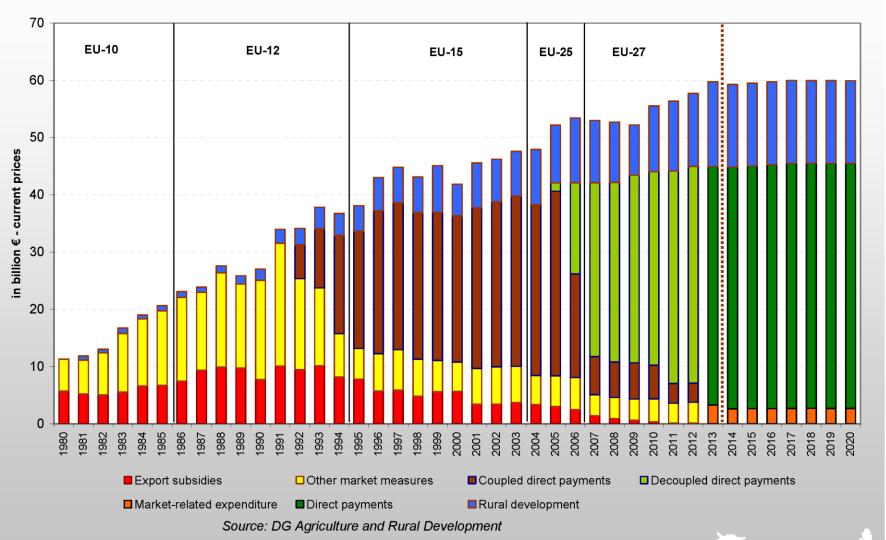
2011-2013

Debate in the European Parliament and the Council

Approval of Regulations and implementing acts



#### The path of CAP expenditure 1980-2020 (in current prices)





Notes:

2011 = Budget; 2012 = Draft Budget;

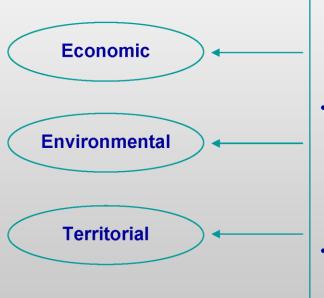
2013 = EAGF subceiling for direct payments and market-related expenditure + pillar 2 in commitments.

Rural development for 2013 includes UK voluntary modulation and Article 136 "unspent amounts". As these cease to exist end 2013, the corresponding amounts are put back to direct aids as from 2014.

## What are the challenges for agriculture...

**Commission Communication 'The CAP towards 2020'** 

**Challenges** 



#### Economic challenges

- Food security
- Price variability
- Economic crisis

#### Environmental challenges

- GHG emissions
- Soil depletion
- Water/air quality
- Habitats and biodiversity

#### Territorial challenges

- Vitality of rural areas
- Diversity of EU agriculture

# Cross compliance Streamlined – Climate change

## New design of direct payments (2)

#### **Degressivity and Capping**

(all layers except Green Payment)

#### **Coupled support**

- Wide range of sectors
- Up to 5% or 10% of DP envelope, to be decided by MS

#### Natural constraint support

- For areas with natural constraints
- Up to 5% of the DP envelope

#### **Young Farmer Scheme**

- · Up to 2% of DP envelope
- < 40 years</li>

- For 5 years
- · Commencing activity

#### 'Green' Payment

- Crop diversification
- · Permanent grassland
- · Ecological focus area
- · 30% of the DP envelope

#### **Basic Payment Scheme**

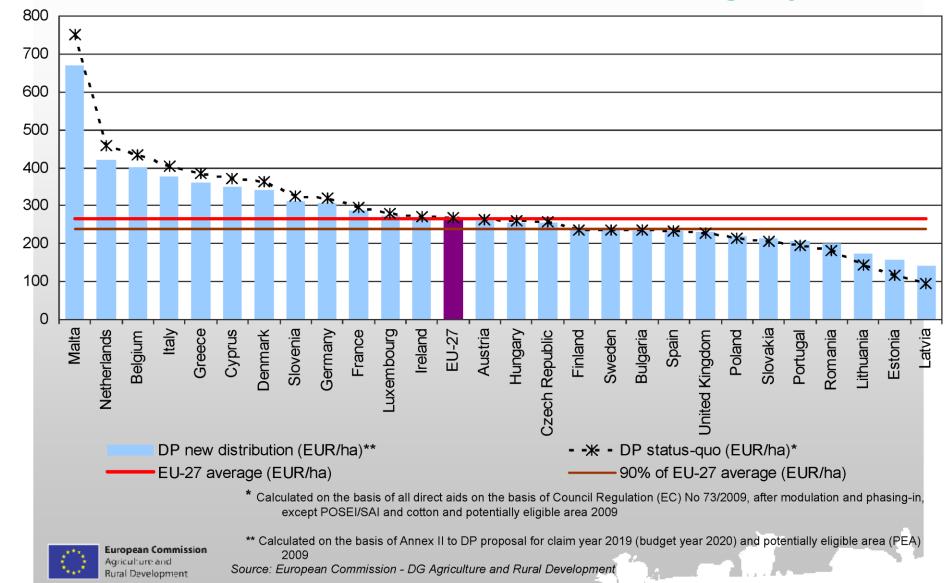
- National or regional flat rate per eligible hectare
- Regions and criteria to be chosen by MS
- New entitlements in 2014
- · Definition of agricultural activity
- · Definition of active farmer

#### **Small Farmer Scheme**

- Simplification of claims and controls
- Lump sum payment to be determined by MS under conditions
- Entrance in 2014
- Up to 10% of the DP envelope



## Redistribution of DP - Closing one third of the gap between current level and 90% of EU average by 2020

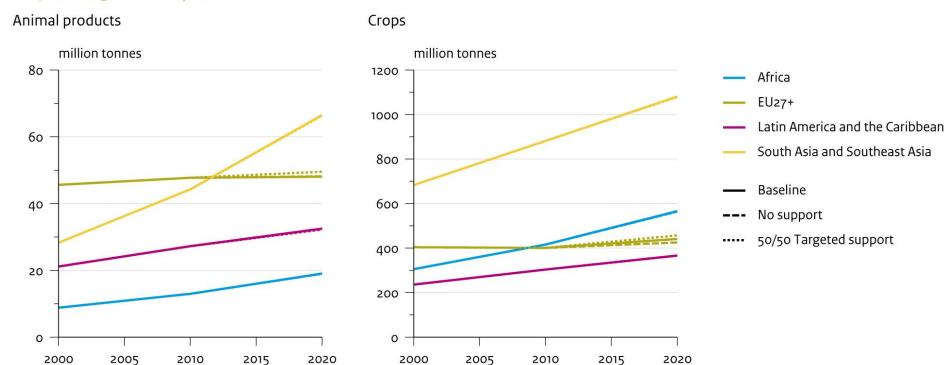


## 3. Impacts on farm incomes and environment

Note: results presented are general directions, not precise predictions

## Effects of autonomous growth dwarf those of CAP reform

#### **Projected agricultural production**



Source: Helming et al., 2010

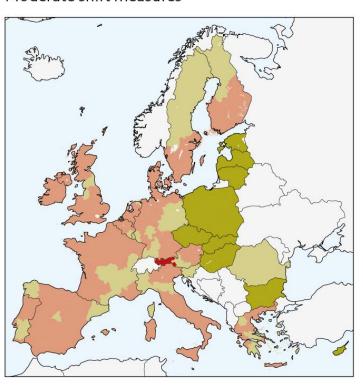
## CAP proposal: no decrease in average EU farm income ...

- Production decreases, due to ecological focus areas and (possibly) extensification of grassland use:
  - cereals -4%, grass -2%
- Prices increase
  - cereals +5%, milk +1%
  - uncertain price impact
- On balance no decrease in average farm income

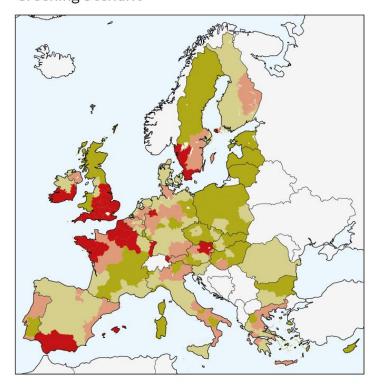
## ... but, possible income shifts EU15→EU12, int→extensive

#### Changes agricultural income EU27, 2020

Moderate shift measures



#### **Greening Scenario**



Decrease (%)

More than 5

0 – 5

Increase (%)

More than 5

0-5

## Farm income impacts in the Netherlands

- 8% less Pillar 1 support, 30% paid under greening conditions
  - increases pressure on enlargement of farms
    - > abolishment of milk quota system
  - stimulus to seek for multifunctional activities
- Intensive dairy, veal producers and starch potato growers lose most

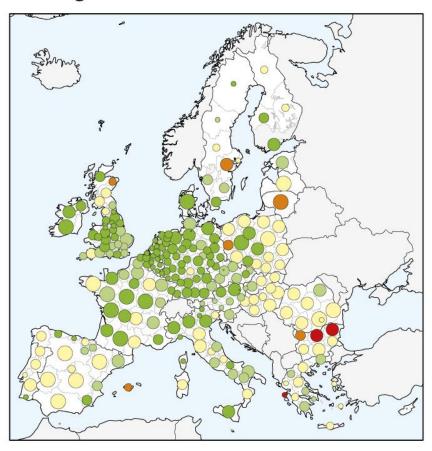
## EU environmental impacts

- Substantially reducing the ongoing farmland biodiversity loss, without fully halting the loss
- Emission of greenhouse gases decreases only slightly

## Largest biodiversity gain in NW-Europe

#### Relative species richness on agricultural land, Greening Scenario, 2020

Total agricultural land



Area (km²) in 2005

- · 0 500
- o 500 2000
- 0 2000 5000
- O 5000 10000
- O 10000 20000
- More than 20000

Change in relative species richness (pp) compared to Baseline Scenario

- More than 2
- 0 1-2
- -1 − -2
- Less than -2

## 5. Policy options for improvement

## Reflection on policy options

- Linking economic and sustainable growth
  - integrating greening conditions in cross-compliance Pillar 1
  - restrict Pillar 2 subsidies to farmers who invest in sustainable practices
- Towards targeted payment of public goods
  - increase effectiveness of greening of the Pillar 1
  - shift Pillar 1 money to rural development (Pillar 2)
- Confidence in local participants
  - regional cooperation to implement greening Pillar 1
  - achieving (locally varying) multiple objectives
  - simplify accounting procedures rural development