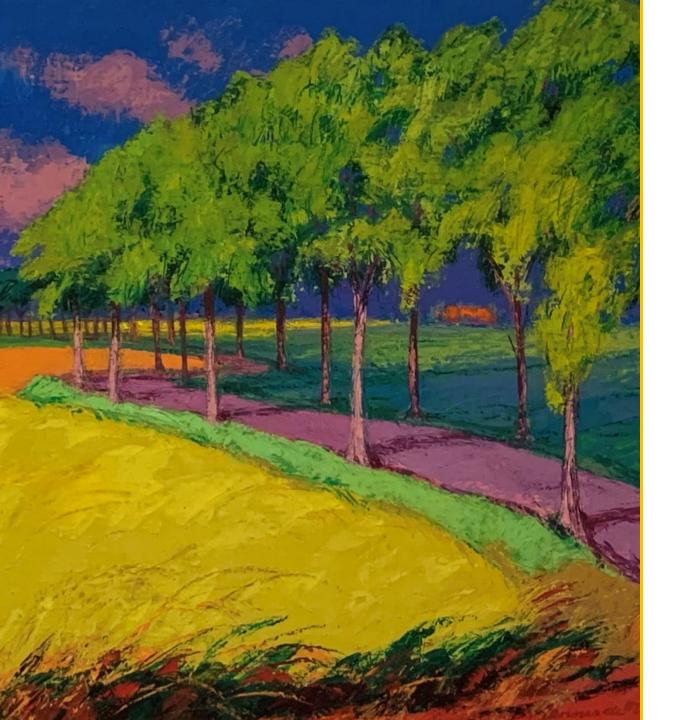
Food security, sustainability and the new Common Agricultural Policy

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Topics

- 1) EU market outlook 2032
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- 4) CAP Strategic Plans

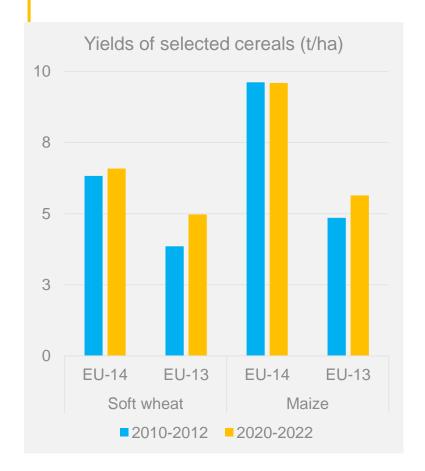


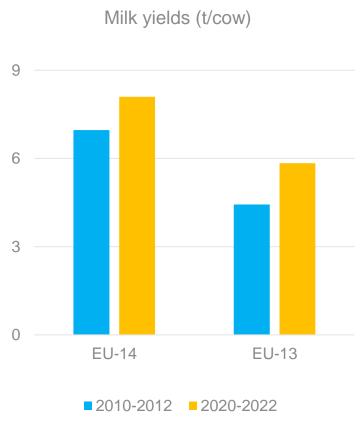


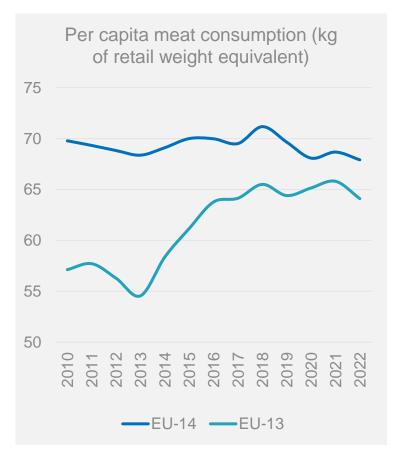
Medium-term outlook report 2022-2032



EU agriculture: past and present

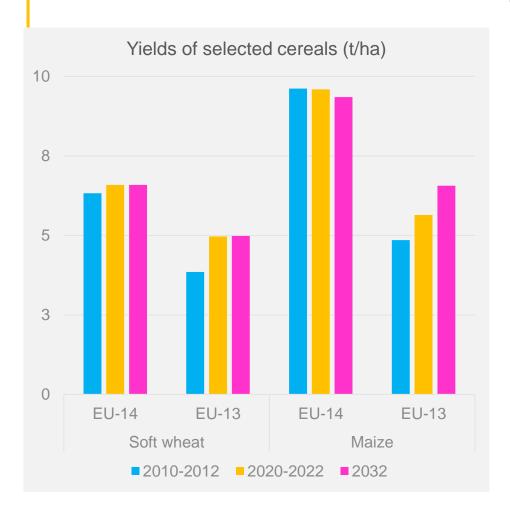








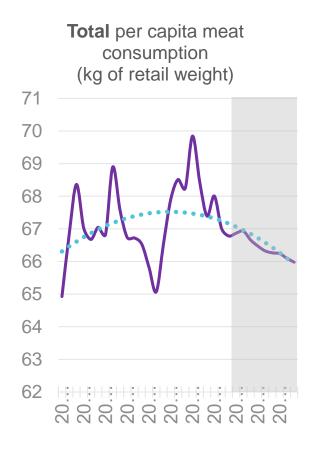
EU outlook for crop market

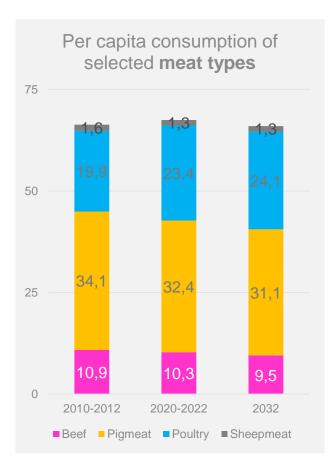


- Cereals yields to stagnate:
 - negative impacts of climate change
 - reduced use of agricultural inputs
 - move towards lower-yielding farming systems
 - innovations and improved practices to counteract dampening effects



EU outlook for meats



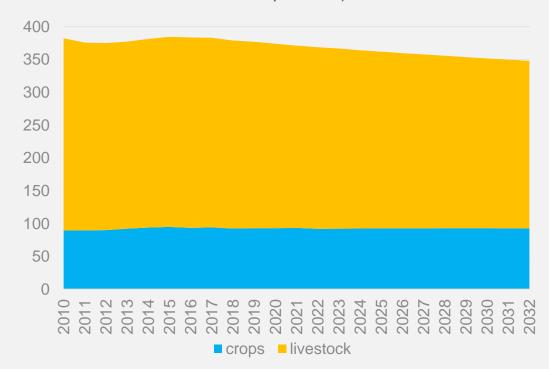


- Dietary changes reflected in meat consumption decline (in particular beef and pigmeat)
- Lower meat production in line with consumption trend and more sustainable production systems
- Exports of pigmeat to go down while other exports consolidate their net-trade position



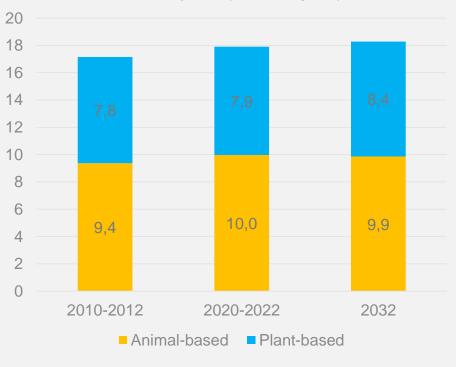
EVOLUTION OF GHG EMISSION

GHG emissions per type of production (million t of CO2 equivalent)



EVOLUTION OF PROTEIN SUPPLY

Distribution of protein in EU food consumption (million t/year)

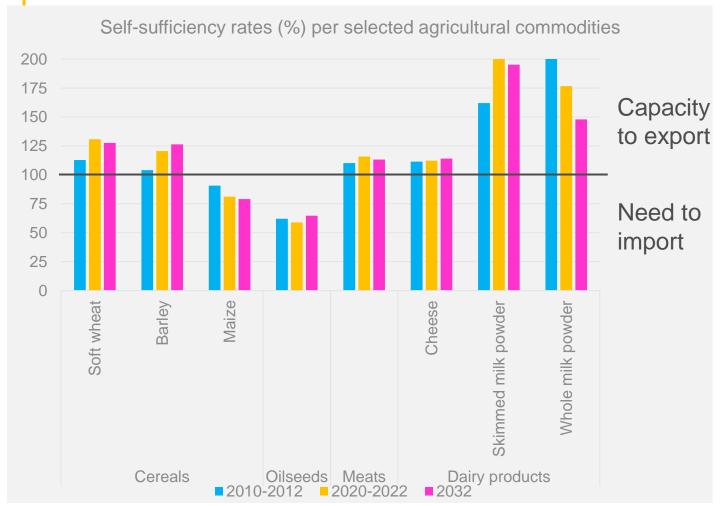






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What about food self-sufficiency?



- Sustained self-sufficiency in wheat and barley
- Increasing self-sufficiency in oilseeds
- Meat and dairy selfsufficiency sustained
- The EU will reinforce its positive net trade position
- Still capacity to export





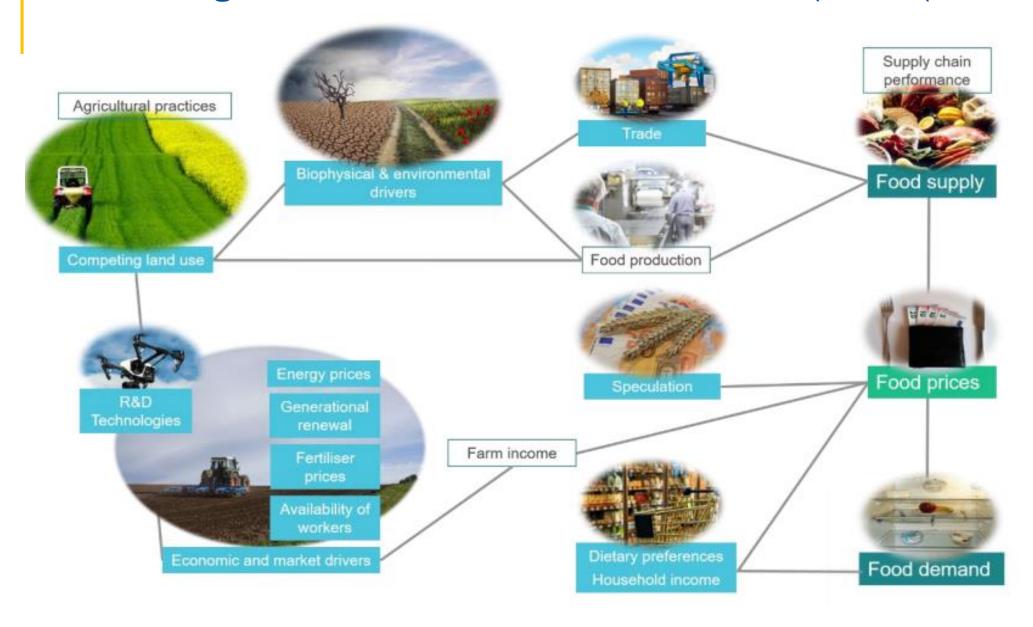




Conceptual framework on the Drivers of food security (SWD (2023) 4 final)

DRIVERS	BIOPHYSICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL	TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	ECONOMIC & MARKET	FOOD VALUE CHAIN	POLITICAL & INSTITUTIONAL	SOCIO- CULTURAL	DEMOGRAPHIC DRIVERS
Macro	Climate change Environmental pollution Soil health Pests and diseases Biodiversity		Trade Speculation	Competing land and crop uses	Governance and legislative framework Conflict	(Demographic trends
Food supply chain		Research, innovation, technology Intensity of production	Prices of energy inputs Fertilizers Pesticides Availability of work Agri- and consume food prices Farm income Access to finance			Generational renewal	FOOD SYSTEM
Individuals & households	FOOD ENVIRO	NMENT	Consumer food prices Household income			Food waste Food choices	

Interlinkages between the different drivers (SWD (2023, 4 final)



Drivers of Food Security: general assessment

- The availability of food is not at stake in Europe today, but the affordability of food is a growing concern for an increasing number of low-income households.
- Availability, access (affordability), utilisation, and stability cannot be taken for granted in the short or the long term, and some of these drivers may become risks for food security and expose vulnerabilities in our food system, if not properly addressed.
- Current pressures on production costs and producers' income in a context of a growing decline of the farming population need to be taken into account to guarantee production capacity.



Consistency in policy required...

- The ability to ensure food security in the long term requires consistent policy interventions that reinforce sustainability and resilience of the food system.
- Access (affordability): special attention needs to be paid to low income households that are not able to access diverse, healthy, and nutritious food due to the expected persistence of high levels of food prices and high energy prices
- Concentrations of power upstream and downstream have reduced efficiency and fairness of food supply chains, with primary producers and consumers bearing the costs.
- A well-functioning food system that also integrates in the value chain environmental/health externalities will require action in particular by empowering consumers.

International dimension

- Although mainly oriented towards the export of high value-added food products, the EU also plays a major role in supplying staple food, such as wheat, to import-dependent third countries, in particular developing countries.
- In an increasingly interconnected world, there is a need to ensure effective multilateralism, support diversification, increase market transparency, and avoid trade-restrictive policy measures.
- Leading by example, using its **internal market and its global trade relations and partnerships to leverage global standards**, the EU can promote ambitious food systems strategies through partnerships across the world.



Legislative initiative on a framework law for a sustainable food system.

Proposal scheduled for September 2023



Farm to Fork Strategy Key initiatives

Actions to ensure sustainable food production

Actions to stimulate sustainable practices by food industry and food service

Actions to promote shift towards healthy,

sustainable

diets

Proposal for a sustainable food labelling framework

Review of the **EU promotion** programme

Review of the **EU school scheme**

Proposal for a harmonised mandatory front-of-pack nutrition labelling

Legislation and targets on food waste

- EU code & monitoring framework for responsible business and marketing conduct in the food supply chain
- Strengthen the legislative framework on geographical indications
- Enhance coordination to tackle **Food Fraud**

Revise **EU marketing standards** 2023











Revision of Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive

Recommendations to Member States on sustainability

in Common Agricultural Policy national Strategic Plans

Action plan for **integrated nutrient management**

2023 2023

Revision of existing animal welfare legislation

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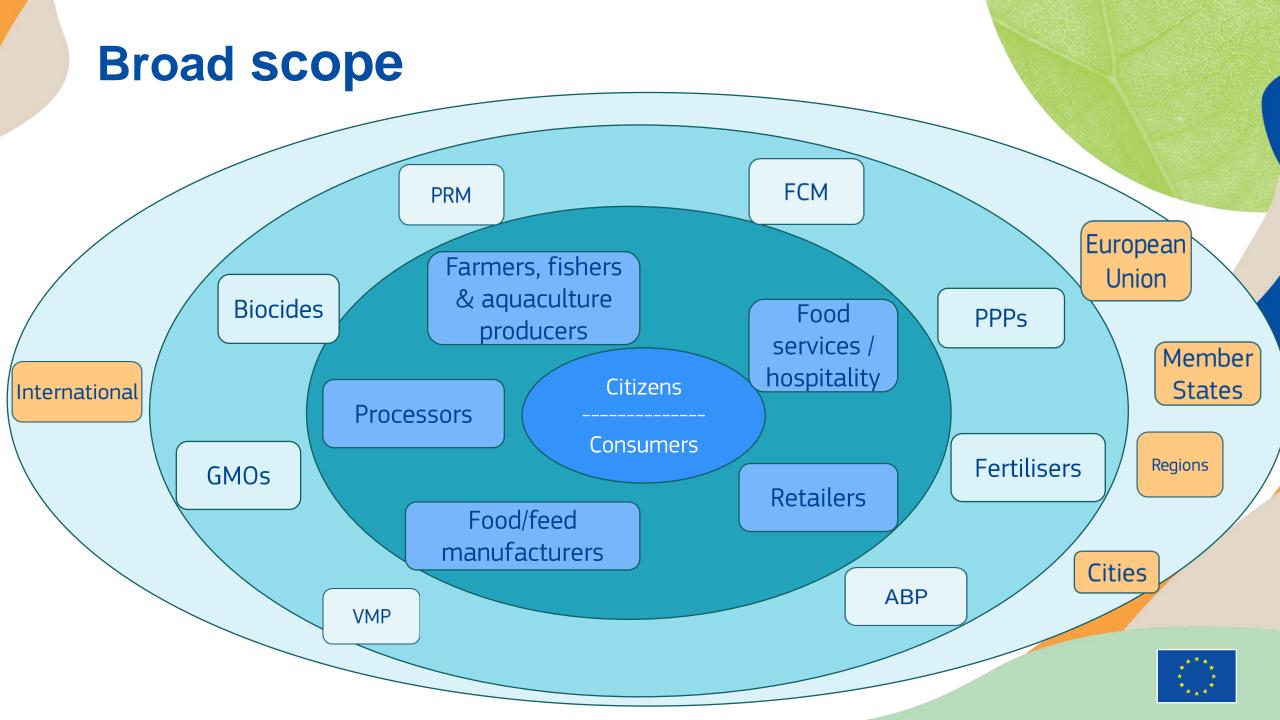
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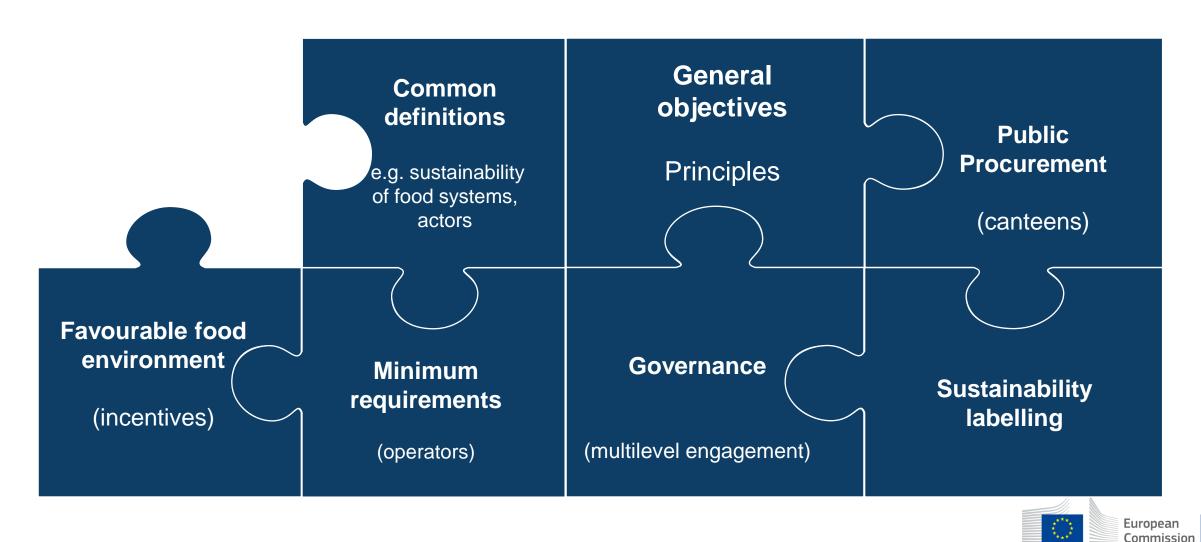
Objectives of the Framework Law

- 1. Promote policy coherence at EU and MS level
- 2. Mainstream sustainability in all food-related policies
- 3. Strengthen the resilience of the food system (food security)
- 4. Ensure a **food environment** where choosing healthy and sustainable diets is easier for consumers and at an affordable price;
- 5. Avoid externalisation of unsustainable practices;





Building blocks

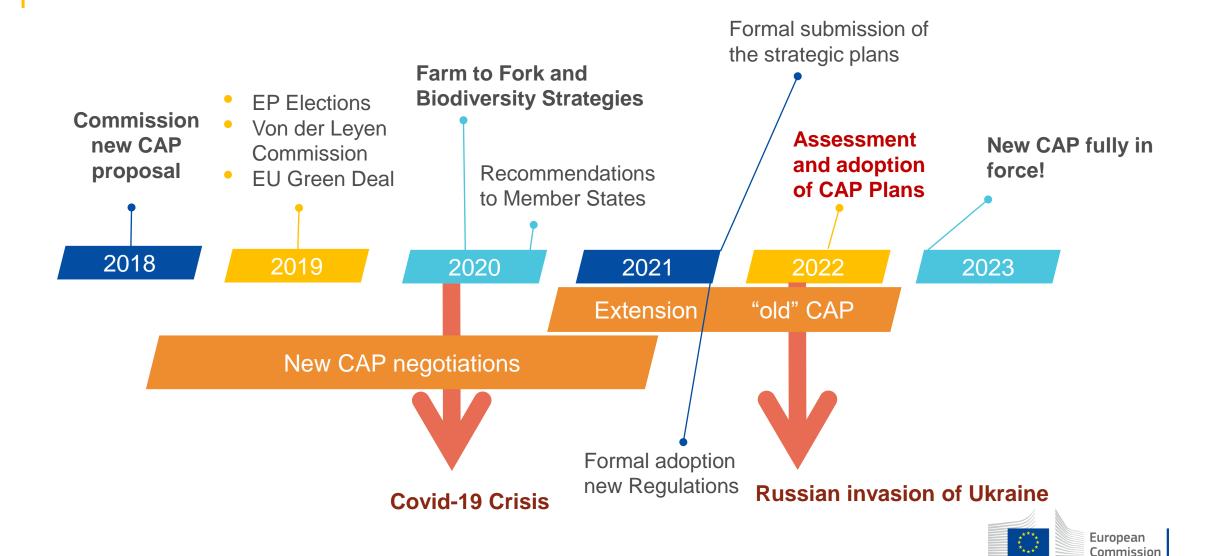




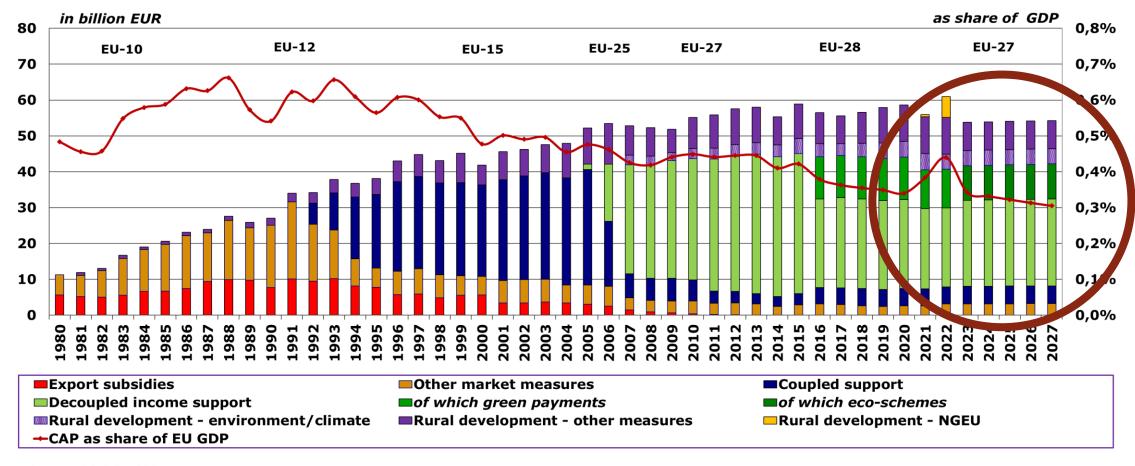
CAP Strategic Plans



The new CAP - policy and timing



The budget of the CAP Strategic Plans in perspective...

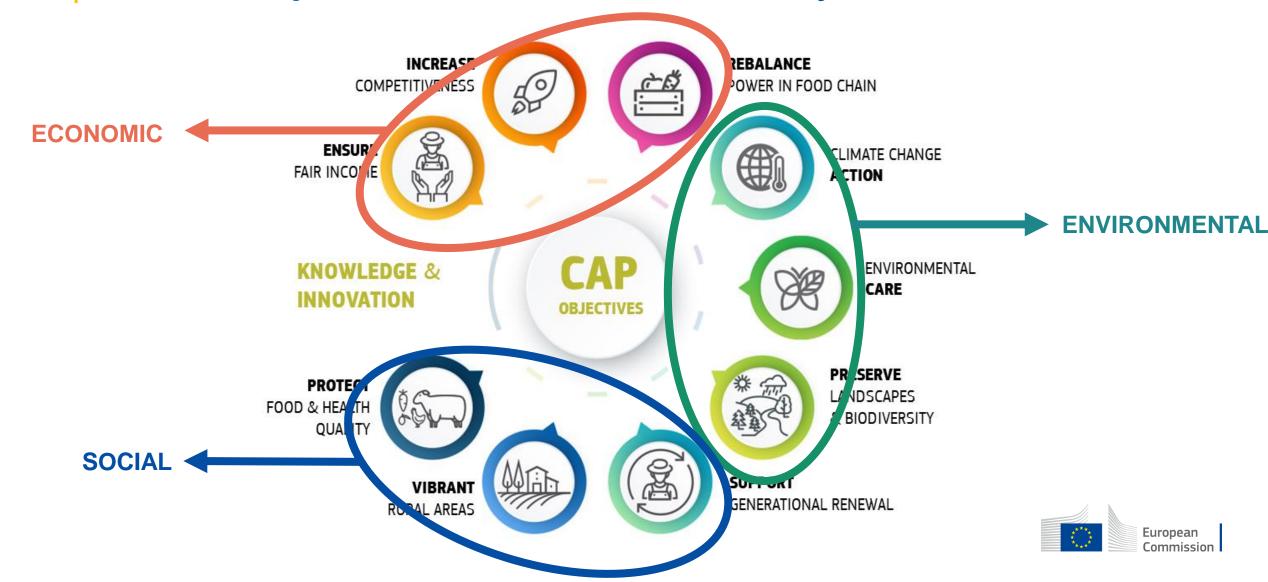


Source: EC-DG AGRI.

Note: Budget figures are in current prices, actual until 2020, budgeted for 2021, and programmed for 2022-2027, and based on the **21 July 2020 European Council Conclusions** for MFF 2021-2027.

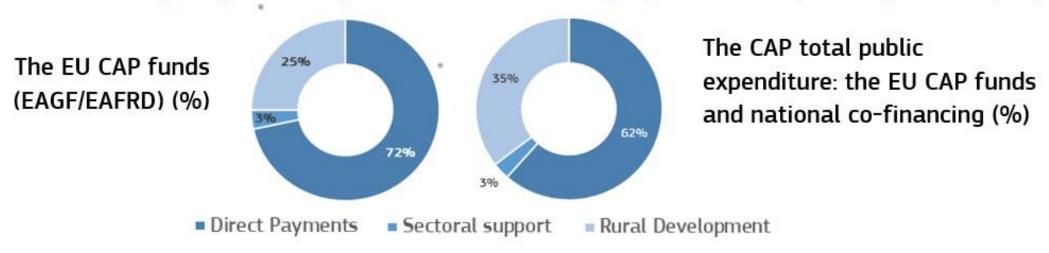
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CAP Objectives & sustainability dimensions



Overall financial distribution of funding on EU level

Distribution of the planned expenditure under the CAP, %, 2023-2027⁵ (Source: Approved CAP plans)



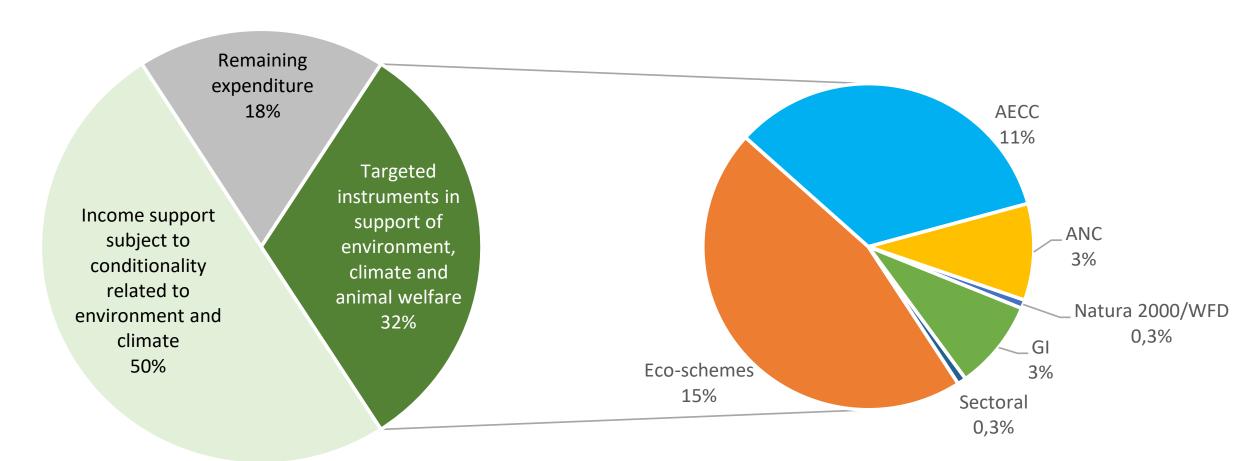
For CAP plans: EUR 264 billion of EU resources; EUR 307 billion of public expenditure.

EUR 378.5 billion EU-funds to CAP spending programmes.

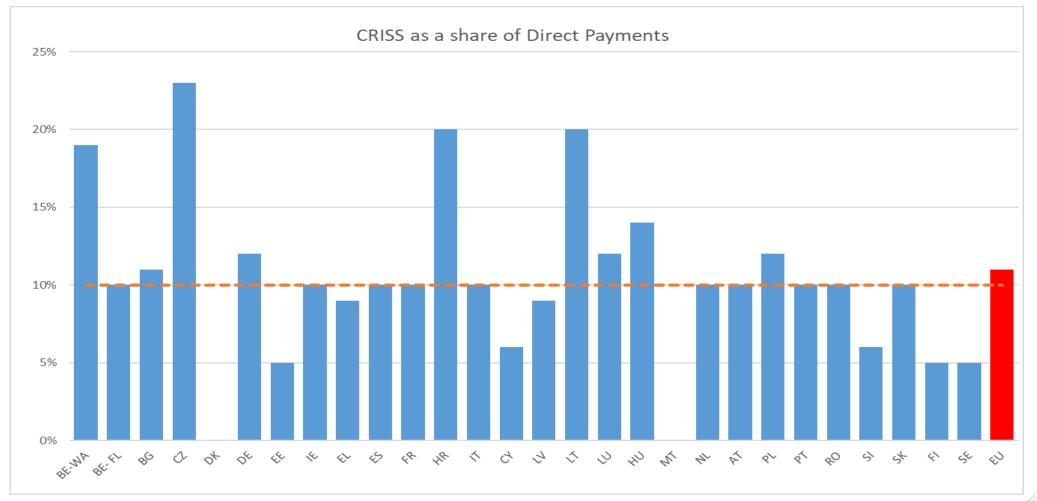


Environmental and climate sustainbaility

 32% of total public CAP funding dedicated to deliver environment/climate benefit and to encourage practices that go beyond conditionality



Viable income – redistribution

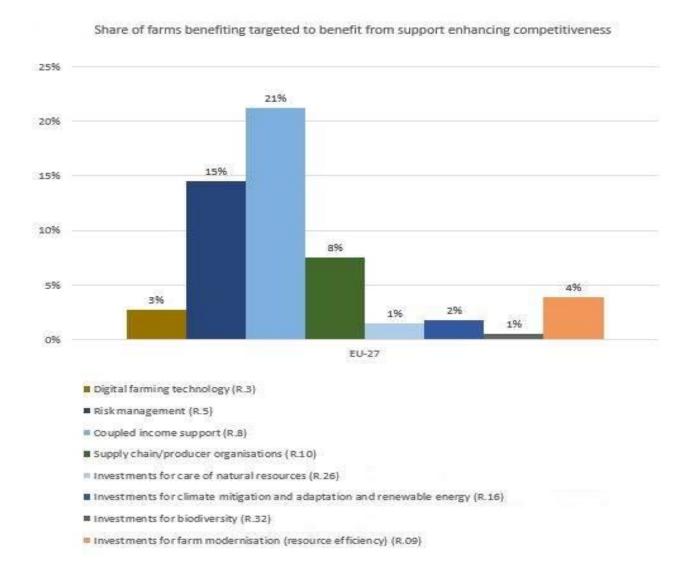




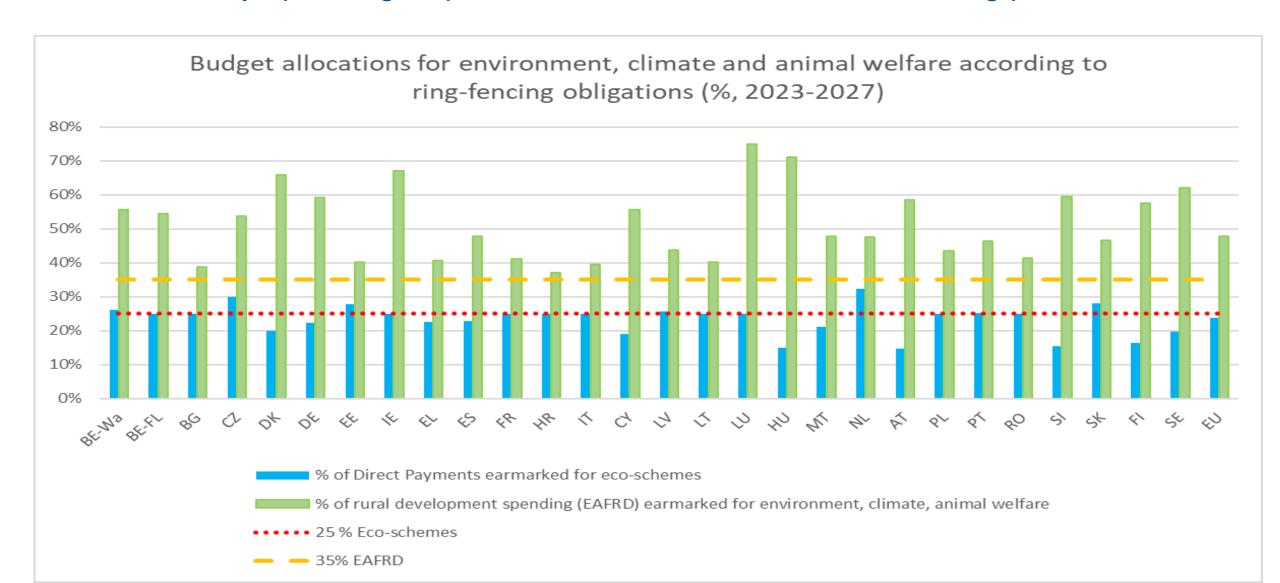
Increased competitiveness and improved position of farmers in the supply chain

Targeting farms through:

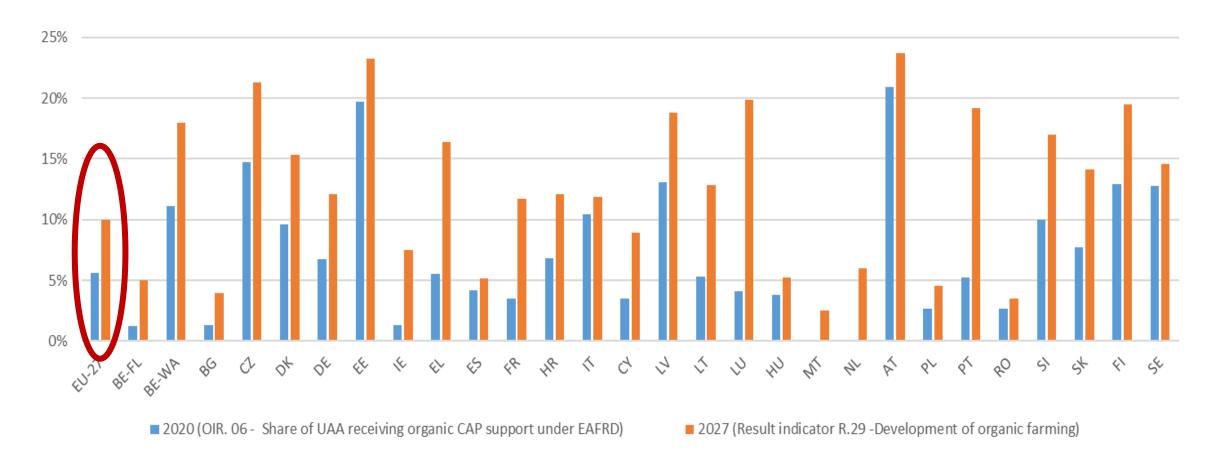
- Multiple instruments (Coupled Income Support, sectoral support, investments, risk management)
- On average around 2.1 million farms
 to benefit from coupled income
 support, close to 400 000 farms with
 productive investment, close to 1.5
 million farms for managing and
 covering risks



Environmental and climate sustainability: mandatory spending requirements and allocation of EU funding per MS



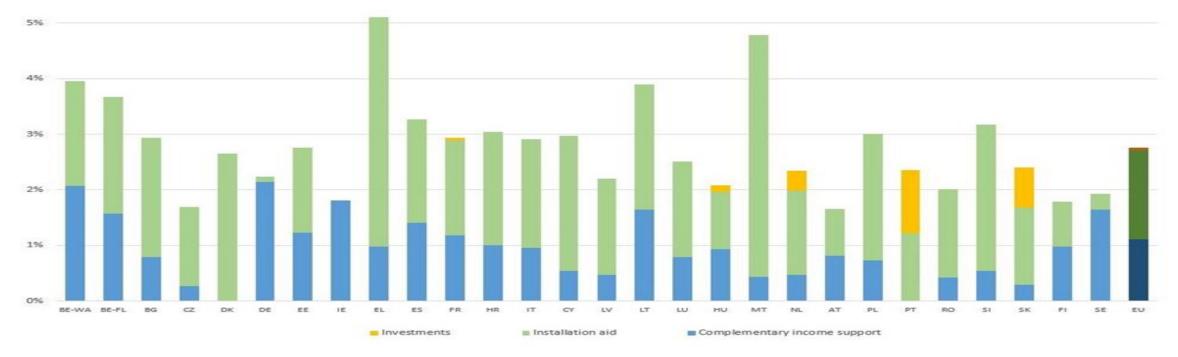
Share of UAA supported by the CAP for organic farming (conversion and maintenance) in 2020 and for 2027



CAP support for organic production in 2027 will almost double



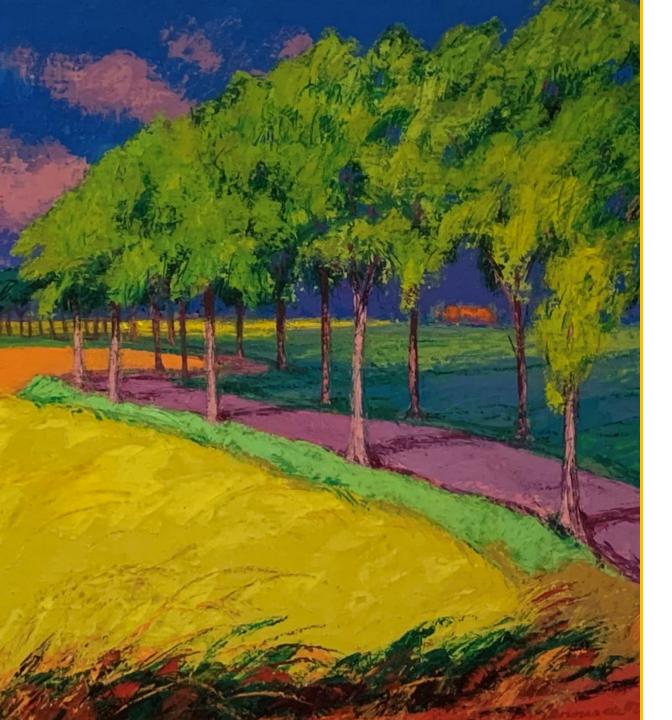
Support to generational renewal



- Increase in the support: 8.5 billion of support (2023-2027), with 377 000 new Young farmers expected to set-up
- 26 CAP strategic plans provide for the complementary income support for young farmers (1.8% of DP)
- 27 strategic plans will aid young farmers through support for setting up (5.2 % of RD)
- 5 Member States schedule support for investments with higher rates exclusively for young farmers.



In addition 6 MS support farms transfers through the cooperation intervention



Thank you

More information on the Europa website:

https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans-country_en

- The overview documents of the approved 28 CAP Strategic Plans
- A summary overview of each Plan





The Treaty on the functioning of the European Union Article 39

The objectives of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP):

- (a) to increase agricultural productivity by promoting technical progress and by ensuring the rational development of agricultural production and the optimum utilisation of the factors of production, in particular labour;
- (b) thus to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, in particular by increasing the individual earnings of persons engaged in agriculture;
- (c) to stabilise markets;
- (d) to assure the availability of supplies;
- (e) to ensure that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices.

