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State of Play of CAP reform co-decision process

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CAP reform proposals – European Parliament

- **June 2018**: presentation by the Commission of reform package in COMAGRI
- **April 2019**: Vote and adoption of COMAGRI reports (1/04 CMO, 2/04 SPR, and 8/04 HZR)
- **May 2019**: European Parliament Elections
- **4 September 2019**: COMAGRI decision to resume work on CAP proposals and submit reports to Plenary, but not before November.
- **Mid-September 2019**: rapporteurs confirmed
  - SPR – Jahr (EPP/DE)
  - HZR – Mueller (RE/DE)
  - CMO – Andrieu (S&D/FR)
- **COMAGRI and COMENVI** to review a number of articles before going to Plenary
- **Adoption of EP position in Plenary** (first semester 2020)
**Rural Development:**

- Additional types of intervention (“women in rural areas” and “installation of digital technologies”)
- Incentive element for management commitments and ANC
- Overly detailed specifications of the types of interventions
- Voluntary character of risk management
- Including ANC (max. 40%) in the 30% EAFRD ring fencing for environment and climate
- CAP strategic plans starting only in 2022
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COMAGRI report (April 2019)

key issues

➢ Direct Payments:

- Mandatory elements kept (e.g. reduction of payments/capping – but watered down, genuine farmer, redistributive payment)

- More prescriptions in basic act as for rural development (e.g. definitions, support to young farmers, redistributive payment, small farmers, coupled support)

- Ring-fencing of funds for most types of interventions (e.g. basic income support + redistributive – min 60%, eco-schemes – min 20%)

➢ Conditionality and eco-schemes:

- Conditionality: GAECs/SMRs watered down or become eco-schemes

- Eco-schemes: less flexibility for MS + addition of animal welfare
New Delivery Model - CAP Plans, performance clearance and performance review

- Fear risk of renationalization – more EU-based requirements (compliance >< performance)
- CAP Plans to include in annex “regional intervention programmes”
- No strict annuality of planning (milestones and financial plan information could be multi-annual “where appropriate”) and of performance monitoring (performance reports and review meetings)
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COMENVI compromise amendments (April 2019)
Some key issues

- Reformulation of objectives with stronger stance on environmental ones
- Setting of targets at the level of impact indicators
- Conditionality extended to sectoral types of interventions
- AECMC: only "beneficial for environment" (quid of animal welfare?) and incentive element
- Investments: demonstrate no negative effect on environment; negative list extended
- Ring-fencing EAFRD: 40% for environment (but including ANC)
CAP reform proposals – Council

➢ June 2018: **presentation** by the Commission of reform package in AGRIFISH

➢ December 2018: **AT** Presidency final **Progress Report** on 3 Regulations

➢ June 2019: **RO** Presidency final **Progress Report** on 3 Regulations

➢ July 2019: **FI** Presidency
  - Informal Council (September) – Carbon sequestration
  - **October Council** – state of play
  - **November Council** – Higher environmental-climate ambition of the CAP
  - December 2019: highly depending on conclusion of **MFF** deal
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Key issues

➢ Rural Development:
  - Possibility to revise ANC definition
  - Investments – less limitations regarding purchase of land
  - Investments – discussions on maximum support rates and exceptions for 100% support rate
  - Specific support for the development of small farms
  - Cooperation – some precisions regarding LEADER
  - Risk management voluntary
  - Inclusion of ANC in the 30% EAFRD ring fencing for environment and climate
Direct Payments:

- General trend for turning down proposals for improved targeting; i.e. voluntary reduction of payments/capping, optional application of genuine farmer and redistributive payment
- Fine-tuning of definitions (e.g. eligible hectare)

Conditionality / eco-schemes:

- Mixed positions on ambition level: some in favor of e.g. limiting conditionality or making eco-schemes voluntary, but other oppose...
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Key concerns

New Delivery Model – CAP plans, Performance clearance and performance review:

- Discussions on content of the plan
- More discussions on reporting (performance clearance (outputs) and performance review (results)), in particular:
  - Performance clearance for non-area/animal related interventions
  - Frequency of performance review / triggering level of deviation for possible action plans
  - Deadline of annual performance report