

## PUBLIC DEBATE OF THE FUTURE OF THE CAP

### Preparation of Cyprus National Rural Network (CNRN) contribution- Indication on the organisations that participate

The CNRN in cooperation with the Managing Authority of the Rural Development Program (RDP) 2007-2013, announced the initiation of Public Dialogue to discuss the future of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) that will follow the year 2013.

As a first step, agricultural groups and authorities as well as members of the public involved in rural development were invited to share their views and suggestions with regards to the future of CAP, and especially the future of Rural Development Policy. Their contribution was optional.

To facilitate public dialogue, the following three main questions were raised:

- A. What should be the objectives of the future rural development policy?
- B. How can the policy instruments be made more effective?
- C. How can the management of the policy be improved?

Many stakeholders submitted their views and suggestions electronically to the National Rural Network's e-mail, by 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2010.

The members of the National Rural Network were notified regarding the announcement via email and phone as well as a relevant Press Release was distributed to local newspapers. The announcement was also posted on the Department of Agriculture's webpage, where as farmers were notified accordingly by the Officers of the District Agricultural Offices.

The following authorities submitted their written views and suggestions:

No	Authority / Department	Main Activity	E-mail/ website
1	Agricultural Producers Organization "Orizontas" Ltd	Agricultural marketing organization and trade association serving citrus producers	orizontas@spidernet.com.cy
2	Cyprus Federation of Environmental and Ecological Organizations	The Federation of Environmental and Ecological Organizations is a network of 17 non-governmental organizations in Cyprus that are active in the areas of environment, health and culture	<a href="mailto:info@oikologiafeeo.org">info@oikologiafeeo.org</a> <a href="http://www.oikologiafeeo.org/">http://www.oikologiafeeo.org/</a>
3	Pancyprian Farmers Association "Agrotiki"	General farmers' organisations operating on the basis of the provisions of union law and deal with the entire sector's issues of a general, specific or even individual nature by representing the interests of all farmers	<a href="mailto:agrotiki@cytanet.com.cy">agrotiki@cytanet.com.cy</a>
4	BirdLife Cyprus	BirdLife Cyprus is a registered non-governmental organization that dedicates itself to the conservation of wild birds and their habitats in Cyprus	<a href="mailto:cuc@cytanet.com.cy">cuc@cytanet.com.cy</a> <a href="http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/">www.birdlifecyprus.org/</a>

5	Union of Cyprus Communities	The primary objective of the Union is to contribute to the reinforcement of the Local Self-Government institution, mainly by modernizing the existing legislations under which the Local Authorities in its Communities-Members are established and operate, either as Improvement Boards or Village Commissions	<a href="mailto:cuc@cytanet.com.cy">cuc@cytanet.com.cy</a>  www.ekk.org.cy/
6	Larnaca District Development agency	Local Action Group	<a href="mailto:anetel@cytanet.com.cy">anetel@cytanet.com.cy</a>  http://www.anetel.com/
7	Troodos Development Agency	Local Action Group	<a href="mailto:papadouris@cytanet.com.cy">papadouris@cytanet.com.cy</a>
8	Cyprus Pig Breeders Association	A non-governmental organisation with main objective the genetic improvement/ development of pig farming in Cyprus	<a href="mailto:Pig.br.aso@cytanet.com.cy">Pig.br.aso@cytanet.com.cy</a>
9	Panagrarian Union of Cyprus (PEK)	General farmers' organisations operating on the basis of the provisions of union law and deal with the entire sector's issues of a general, specific or even individual nature by representing the interests of all farmers	<a href="mailto:pek.farmers@cytanet.com.cy">pek.farmers@cytanet.com.cy</a>
10	Pancyprian Organization of Organic Farmers	A non-governmental organization which promotes organic farming	<a href="mailto:pigouras@hotmail.com">pigouras@hotmail.com</a>
11	Union of Cypriot Farmers (EKA)	General farmers' organisations operating on the basis of the provisions of union law and deal with the entire sector's issues of a general, specific or even individual nature by representing the interests of all farmers	<a href="mailto:eka.agroton@cytanet.com.cy">eka.agroton@cytanet.com.cy</a>
12	Friends of the Earth (Cyprus)	Environmental, not profit, non-government organization	<a href="mailto:foecyprus@yahoo.com">foecyprus@yahoo.com</a>  http://foecyprus.weebly.com/

After reviewing and evaluating the proposals submitted, a conference was held on the twenty of May, 2010, in which agricultural groups, authorities and members of the public dealing with rural development issues, as well as Officers of the Department of Agriculture working on the Rural Development Program (RDP) 2007-2013, were attended and had a fruitful discussion.

The following departments/authorities attended the conference:

No	Authority/ Department	Main Activity	E-mail/ website
1	Union of Cypriot Farmers (EKA)	General farmers' organisations operating on the basis of the provisions of union law and deal with the entire sector's issues of a general, specific or even individual nature by representing the interests of all farmers	<a href="mailto:Eka.agroton@cytanet.com.cy">Eka.agroton@cytanet.com.cy</a>

2	Pancyprian Farmers' Association (Agrotiki)	General farmers' organisations operating on the basis of the provisions of union law and deal with the entire sector's issues of a general, specific or even individual nature by representing the interests of all farmers	agrotiki@cytanet.com.cy
3	Panagrarian Association	General farmers' organisations operating on the basis of the provisions of union law and deal with the entire sector's issues of a general, specific or even individual nature by representing the interests of all farmers	panagrotikos@panagrotikos.org.cy
4	Panagrarian Union of Cyprus (PEK).	General farmers' organisations operating on the basis of the provisions of union law and deal with the entire sector's issues of a general, specific or even individual nature by representing the interests of all farmers	pek.farmer@cytanet.com.cy
5	Cyprus Milk Industry Organization	A delegated body of Cyprus Agricultural Payment Organisation (CAPO)	cmio.transport@cytanet.com.cy
6	Agricultural Producers Organization "Orizontas" Ltd	Agricultural marketing organization and trade association serving citrus producers	orizontas@spidernet.com.cy
7	Cyprus Pig Breeders Association	A non-governmental organisation with main objective the genetic improvement/ development of pig farming in Cyprus	pig.br.aso@cytanet.com.cy
8	Cyprus Association of Flowers and Plants	Agricultural marketing organization and trade association serving flower and plants producers	cammicro@cytanet.com.cy
9	BirdLife Cyprus	A non-governmental organization that dedicates itself to the conservation of wild birds and their habitats in Cyprus	<a href="mailto:birdlifecy@cytanet.com.cy">birdlifecy@cytanet.com.cy</a> www.birdlifecyprus.org
10	Pancyprian Organization of Organic Farmers	A non-governmental organization which promotes organic farming	pigouras@hotmail.com
11	Pancyprian Beekeepers Association	The Association is responsible for the delivery of the Bee Health Programme	info@cybeeas.org
12	Laona Foundation	The Foundation is a private non-profit-making organisation offering guidance to the people of Laona, but at the same time, at the request of other communities outside Laona	corountiotis@terracypria.org

13	Cyprus Federation of Environmental and Ecological Organizations	A network of 17 non-governmental organizations in Cyprus that are active in the areas of the environment, health and culture	<a href="mailto:info@oikologiafeeo.org">info@oikologiafeeo.org</a> <a href="http://www.oikologiafeeo.org/">http://www.oikologiafeeo.org/</a>
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16	Larnaca District Development Agency	Local Action Group	<a href="mailto:anetel@cytanet.com.cy">anetel@cytanet.com.cy</a> <a href="http://www.anetel.com/">http://www.anetel.com/</a>
17	Troodos Development Agency	Local Action Group	<a href="mailto:papadouris@cytanet.com.cy">papadouris@cytanet.com.cy</a>
18	Paphos District Development Agency	Local Action Group	<a href="mailto:m.ioannou@yahoo.com">m.ioannou@yahoo.com</a>
19	Galata Community Council	Community Council of the Galata area	<a href="mailto:galatacouncil@cytanet.com.cy">galatacouncil@cytanet.com.cy</a>
20	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment		<a href="http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/agriculture.nsf/index_gr/index_gr?OpenDocument">http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/agriculture.nsf/index_gr/index_gr?OpenDocument</a>
21	Ministry of commerce Industry and Tourism		<a href="http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/dmlindex_gr/dmlindex_gr?OpenDocument">http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/dmlindex_gr/dmlindex_gr?OpenDocument</a>

After reviewing and evaluating the proposals submitted by the stakeholders, the CNRN in cooperation with the Managing Authority of the RDP prepared an executive summary, structured around the three specific Rural Development questions.

## Questions on the rural development aspects

### Cypriot Synthesis

#### A. What should be the objectives of the future rural development policy?

One of the most important conclusions of the Cyprus public debate was the strong support to the second pillar of the Common Agricultural Policy, i.e. the Rural Development Policy. The Cypriot stakeholders are strongly in favour of the Rural Development Policy and believe that in the post 2013 period we should focus there instead of direct payments. In this framework, the rural organisations asked for an increased financial allocation to the Rural Development Policy.

Concerning the objectives of the future rural development policy, there was a big range of challenges mentioned with the majority of them to focus on environmental issues (biodiversity, climate change, organic farming, and restrictions to GMOs).

#### B. How can the policy instruments be made more effective?

During the debate, all the participants supported that in order to make the policy instruments more effective the new framework should be much more flexible and give a variety of different options to the Member States. The rural areas of Europe are not homogeneous and as a result, many different options should be given. Especially for the small MS some derogation should be allowed taking into account the characteristics and structure of small MS.

Rural stakeholders and especially the local actors support the continuation and further promotion of the LEADER approach.

#### C. How can the management of the policy be improved?

The need for a simpler regulatory framework was raised during the public debate. The Cyprus rural society strongly believes that any delays cause to the implementation of the Rural Development Programme have their roots on the very demanding rural development regulatory framework which unavoidably causes much bureaucracy. There is much space for simplification especially concerning the control procedures and the common monitoring and evaluation framework (CMEF) requirements.