Soil, climate action and the bioeconomy in the context of the CAP

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Common Agricultural Policy as a tool to advance soil protection and add value to the bioeconomy
Opportunities for soils and the bioeconomy in the RDPs

- Investment in low carbon technology and machinery
  - Direct drilling seed application
- Investment in infrastructure
  - Storage for organic manure and slurries
- Collective approaches
- Supporting agri-environment-climate commitments
  - Cropping rotations and incorporation of crop residues
- Conversion and maintenance of organic farming practices
- Building of new supply chains
- Cooperation beyond farm or administrative boundaries
- Knowledge transfer via capacity building, advise and information dissemination
- Result-based payment schemes

- Access to co-finance programs to invest in technology or machinery (e.g. EIB loans)
- Add value to materials emerging from land management, e.g. cover or catch crops
- Actors’ and communities’ empowerment to determine workable solutions that enable change along supply and value chains
Support via Operational Groups

- Information and decision support systems
- Farming techniques to increase soil protection
- Structuring of joint purchase and use of machinery
- Development of innovative tillage techniques
What influences the uptake of RDP measures?

- Ability of RDP measures to influence the changes in farming systems – more market-driven
- How restricted farmers feel by the prescriptions and rules
- Level of payment for ‘extra’ activities
- Fear of penalties
- Application process in order to receive support
- Availability of data to target action, deliver advice and implement action
- Communicating and addressing priority action within an area
Lessons learnt from current CAP implementation

Based on 2018 CAP evaluation:

1. Contribute more coherently and with greater relevance to climate objectives
2. RDP funding does offer an opportunity to promote climate action through all aspects of rural bioeconomy
3. Existing measures could be adapted to:
   - Renewable energy installation
   - Processing facilities
   - Support at community level
Opportunities in the future CAP

• Climate change action as strategic objective of future CAP
• Design of CAP Strategic Plan at Member State level

  Identify tailored interventions
  Translate those in operational objectives

  Target group, areas of activity, scale, budget,
  CAP instruments, ‘owner of the actions’, synergies

Stakeholder buy-in from the start

Means of engagement, interests and uncertainties,
current knowledge and needs, preferences for cooperation