

EU agricultural policy landscape

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The post-2027 CAP - timing

CAP Strategic Plans 2023 - 2027



Political orientation after EP elections

Strategic orientation
European Council

Priorities European Commission 2024-2029

Strategic Dialogue

Impact assessment

CAP POST 2027

Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

Implementation & performance



Political context

Protests of farmers throughout the EU are shifting the political reality on food and agricultural policies.

The outcome of the EP elections in June will play a key role in political steer for the next COM mandate.





The European Council called on the importance of a competitive, resilient and sustainable agricultural sector for food security and the Union's open strategic autonomy, the value of vibrant rural communities, and the essential role of the CAP in that regard.

Heads of Government and State also call to ensure a stable and predictable policy framework, including tackling environmental and climate challenges.

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Navigating present and future (?) EU priorities



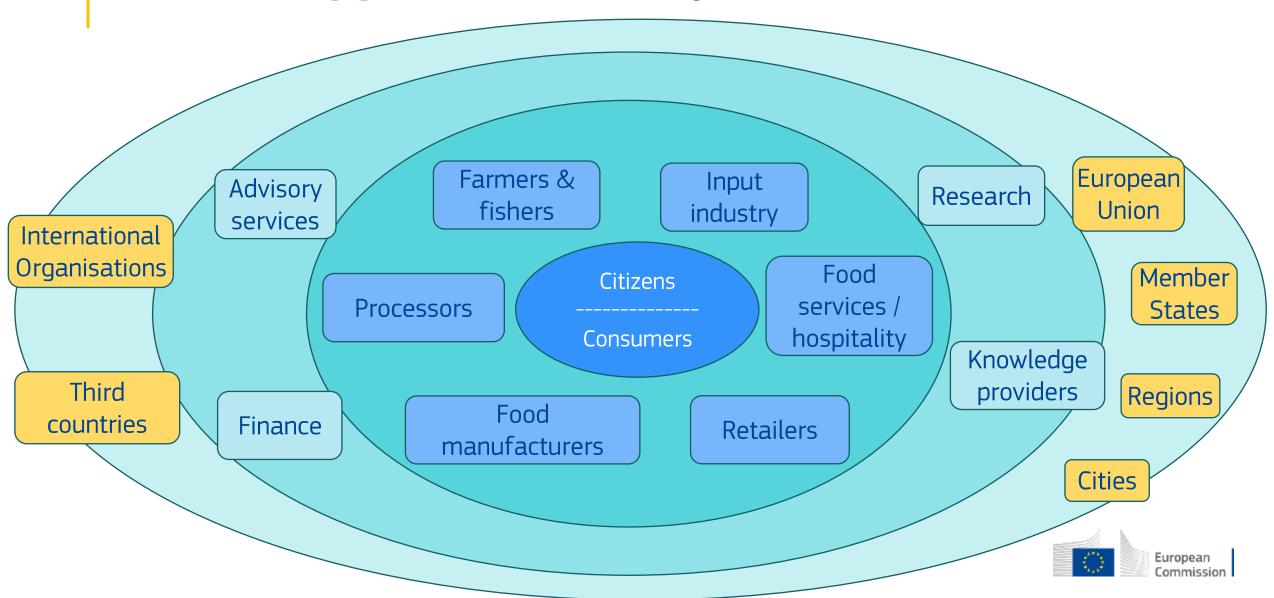
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Resilience as a new compass for EU policies

"The ability not only to withstand and cope with challenges but also to undergo transitions in a sustainable, fair and democratic manner"



Expectations to continue working with a more holistic approach: food system



Strategic Dialogue on the future of Agriculture

- Launched by Ursula von der Leyen and chaired by Prof. Peter Strohschneider
- Goal: to build a new consensus + foster dialogue
- 29 stakeholder organisations across the entire food system
- Targeted consultation for other EU stakeholders
- From January to August 2024
- Final report to form input for policy agenda and initiatives of the next College





CAP Post-2027

- proposals in 2025
- new College of Commissioners

Technical workshops with stakeholders & Member States:

Resilience

Food Security

Sustainability

Governance



Rural communities





Thank you!



CAP 2023- 2027: assessment of joint effort and collective ambition

2023 milestone - report on joint effort & collective ambition

- Collective ambition of 28 strategic plans in reaching CAP's 10 specific objectives and contributing to the six targets set in the Farm to Fork and EU Biodiversity Strategy.
- Relies on conditions, interventions & values as planned in the adopted strategic plans
- Qualitative appraisal of the potential effects of the choices
- Actual impacts to be determined through evaluations & also depend on the impact of other EU/national instruments & other external factors







RESILIENCERISK MANAGEMENT

Direct support reaches 5,8 million farmers

89% of EU farmland supported

CAP support constitutes on average 23% of farmers income (2020)

Support per ha will increase for farms in areas with natural constraints and farms below the average size

Greater coverage by risk management tools



Points of attention: more effective targeting, stronger risk management





35% of EU farmland supported for carbon sequestration & N2O reduction beyond strengthened conditionality

Investments to reduce livestock-related emissions & genetic improvements

2.4% of livestock units to benefit from specific support to reduce emissions (e.g. feeding plans, feed additives)

Climate resilience through carbon sequestration, soil protection & diversified landscapes

Points of attention:

Climate mitigation & more holistic approach to climate adaptation

Estimating climate impacts of CSP measures









Environmental conditionality applies to 89% of EU farmland

Wider buffer strips, better/longer soil coverage, crop rotation, improved tillage ...

32% of total public expenditure allocated to voluntary measures benefiting climate, environment and animal welfare

Progress on soil, water quality, nutrient management, pesticides

Points of attention: efforts on sustainable water use, better targeting for nitrates, integrated pest management

