



Our view on CAP and MFF

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- Decrease in overall CAP budget is not acceptable :
 - Requirements and restrictions keep on growing
 - Europe needs common, strong agricultural policy
 - Other states (such as China and USA) are continuously increasing their spending on agriculture and rural areas.

Future CAP



- Increase in **direct payments** for Latvia and Baltics is not enough
 - Latvia should reach at least **90%** of EU average amount of direct payments
 - In reality, 2020 Latvia will receive **75%**, and in 2026 only **77%**
 - Requirements for all EU member states remain the same regardless of amount received

Our opinion - If EU member state receives only 77% of EU average payment, it fulfills only 77% of quantitative requirements

- We do not support **capping!**
 - The current proposal is too radical
 - It could seriously impact the viability of large farms
 - When talking about capping – other ***support schemes for small farms***
have to be taken in account!!
 - It will only change the statistics – big farms will be artificially split, and in reality nothing will change

- **Eco-scheme** as well new **conditionality** requirements can not be implemented with decrease in overall support for farmers.
- These requirements could potentially serve as compensating payments for some of RD agro-environment schemes.

- Money allocated to **rural development** should remain in this period level!
 - For member states which receive **less than 90%** of average direct payments, rural development resources **can not be decreased**.
 - Already in period of **2014-2020** Latvia faced **8,1% decrease** in Rural Development, without any economical argumentation



**Thank you for your
attention!**