

International Conference „Common Agricultural Policy post 2020“

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Common Agricultural Policy

- **What has it brought to Slovakia?**
 - greater stability for farmers
 - certain level of income

 - **Not exploiting the potential of the CAP**
 - low co-financing from the state budget
 - changes in financial allocations and inefficiency of resource allocation in the II. pillar
 - almost non-existent state aid
- = LOSS OF COMPETITIVENESS AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

CAP post 2020 and activities of SPPK

- **The Bratislava Declaration of March 2017**, signed successively by representatives of the agricultural authorities of 10 EU member states
- **enforcement of our requirements in the EESC**
- **SPPK is part of the Consortium with Czech Republic:**
 - rejection of mandatory capping and degresivity of payments
 - equal conditions in both national and regional supports
 - creating common European rules for trade chains
 - increase of support for sensitive commodities in animal and crop production

Position of SPPK on legislative proposals of the 1st June 2018

- **Developing National Position for the CAP after 2020**
- **Preparation of the Strategic Plan of the CAP after 2020 by 1 January 2020** (in line with the EC's legislative proposal - in cooperation with the social partners)
 - transfers between pillars
 - definition of a genuine farmer
 - how to apply a redistributive payment
 - the level of co-financing in the area of rural development etc.

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- **Maintain the CAP budget for the years 2021-2027** / the Government of the Slovak Republic is ready to accept the commitment of the additional financing of the multiannual financial framework
- **We require voluntary capping of direct payments**
- **If capping is applied, then at the level of basic payment** (we refuse involvement of all decoupled and coupled payments in the I. Pillar in calculation of limit for capping)
- **We call for convergence - to adjust the level of direct payments** to the level of the average EU payment

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CAP budget for Slovakia

Period	EU sources €	%
2014 – 2020	4 656 695 844	100%
2021 – 2027	4 375 795 153	94%
DIFFERENCE	- 280 900 691	- 6%

	2021-2027	2014-2020	DIFFERENCE €	DIFFERENCE %
Rural development	1 593 779 047	1 890 234 844	-296 455 797	- 16%
Direct payments	2 782 016 106	2 766 461 000	+15 555 106	+ 1%

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- **We do not agree with the reduction in the % of coupled payments on sensitive commodities, on the contrary, we require increase of coupled payments to 25%** of the envelope of direct payments as they have a positive effect on rural employment, value added, soil fertility

- **We disagree with the co-financing of the EAFRD (rural development) contribution from state resources in the range of 20-70%** for less developed regions
 - a richer states can thus, in the extreme case, generate up to 3.5 times the public resources from the same amount of EU resources
 - it would be again a fight of state budgets, where Slovakia is not only behind the former EU-15 but also neighbouring V4 countries

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- We ask not only to support the establishment of young farmers and start-ups in rural areas, **but also the employment of young people in agriculture in existing farms**

- **We should fully the possibilities offered by EU risk management legislation with pilot testing already in this programming period, in particular:**
 - financial contributions to premiums under insurance schemes
 - financial contributions to mutual funds, including the administrative costs of setting up

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At national level we need:

- **To increase state aid to the level of neighboring countries from 2019 onwards and to set up a synergy effect with the CAP after 2020 to support the agri-food sector**

Measure (2016)	Slovakia (EUR)	Austria (EUR)	Czech R. (EUR)	Hungary (EUR)
State aid	4 599 685	319 240 000	119 120 000	137 484 383
State aid for 1 ha of agric. land	1,9	110,9	28,9	29,3

- **Do not change the rules adopted and the allocation of financial resources without the general approval of agri-food self-governments**

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- **June 1, 2018:** submission of legislative proposals for CAP 2020+, followed by the EP and Council debates
- **I. Q 2019:** first reading of EP on legislative proposals
- **May 2019:** end of the mandate of the current EP
- **October 2019:** end of mandate of the current European Commission
- **January 1, 2020:** deadline for submission of the CAP Strategic Plans

**WE HAVE TO USE THIS TIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRIES**



Thank you for your attention!

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