

CAP post 2020
OPINION on the Commission's plan
of the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture

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IN BRIEF – the main issues we would like to highlight

Multiannual Financial Framework

1. Budget allocated for CAP
2. CAP related other headings/programmes

CAP regulation

3. External convergence
4. Coupled direct payments
5. United CAP strategic planning
6. Environmental focus and related measures

+7. TIMELINE

Opinion on Multiannual Financial Framework



1. Budget allocated for CAP

Should be raised at least to the current level (of EU-27) in order to make the sector capable to face increased challenges and expectations.

We fully support Copa-Cogeca in lobbying for this and welcome that 19 memberstates signed (or supports) a Declaration on this issue, plus the EP is also in the same position.

The agri-food sector provide food for around 500 million people in Europe, so its strategic importance is indisputable and its survival and progression should be ensured accordingly.

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SYNERGY
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2. CAP related other headings/programmes

We must be aware of the possibilities available for improving the competitiveness of the sector in the other headings/programmes.

The Commission takes care to foster synergies among EU programmes. So, there will be much more connectivity and complementarity with less redundancy between the programmes.

For agri-food sector, the most important to know about is the possibilities proposed by *Horizon Europe*, however there are other programmes which may provide relevant opportunities, such as: *Digital Europe*, *InvestEU*, *Space Programme* etc.

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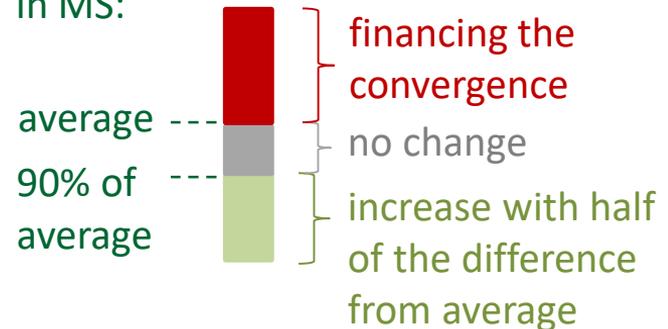
3. External convergence

We agree that there is a need for external convergence, however its method should be the same as it was in the previous period.

The way the Commission would like to reduce the differences between the level of direct payments among countries is not fair. The convergence should be financed by only those countries which has a level of support above the average. Those, which has a level already below the average should not face reduction.

Proposed way of reallocation:

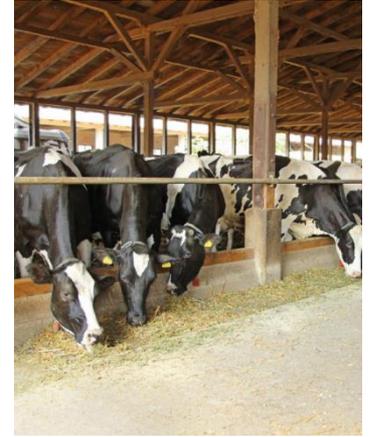
Current level of DP
in MS:



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4. Coupled direct payments

We insist on maintaining the current level (13+2%) of coupled direct payments, in order to protect our sensitive sectors and preserve their capability to produce.



5. United CAP strategic planning

We request to analyse and treat the risks of integrated planning of both pillars. For example it can cause a delay in DP which endangers the stability of the sector.

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6. Environmental focus and related measures

We accept that the Commission increases the focus on environmental issues. However, before introducing any related measure its impact on competitiveness and economic sustainability should be assessed in order to avoid contra-productivity.

It would be needed in connection with the introduction of both new requirements and new support tools. While existing ones should be reviewed in this spirit.

Especially in case of determining the scope of data needed to calculate indicators. The collection of data at farm level cannot cause disproportionately high administrative burden on farmers. Moreover, the infrastructural capacity on MS level also should be ready for the calculation of indicators. The Commission should give time (e.g. a grace period) for setting up the related facilities too.

Opinion on the proposed Timeline

7. Timeline

We understand that the Commission proposes a fast decision process in order to start the next financial period with the related measures in time. However, **we insist that the content is much more important. Especially to have an agreement on maintaining at least its current level of CAP budget**, which is essential to ensure the vitality of the agri-food sector also in the future financial period and beyond.



Thank you for your attention!

