

CAP – Common money for common goods



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The CAP 2020 - Action is needed now

- DN supports an ambitious CAP
- The funding is needed in order to protect nature, the environment and rural development
- Careful cultivation of many areas in Europe is not commercially viable and should be awarded
- Once the money is gone, it never returns

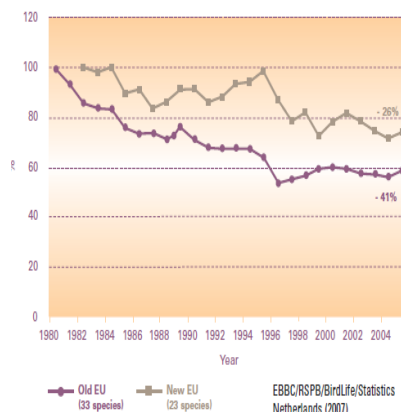


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What must CAP do – other than produce food

Ensure:

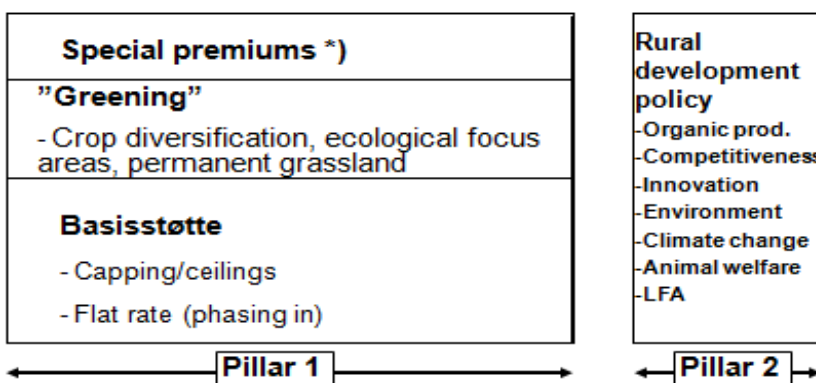
- Water quality
- Biodiversity
- Climate adaptation
- CO2-reduction



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A top-up; small farmers; coupled support; young farmers

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Other aspects of the proposal

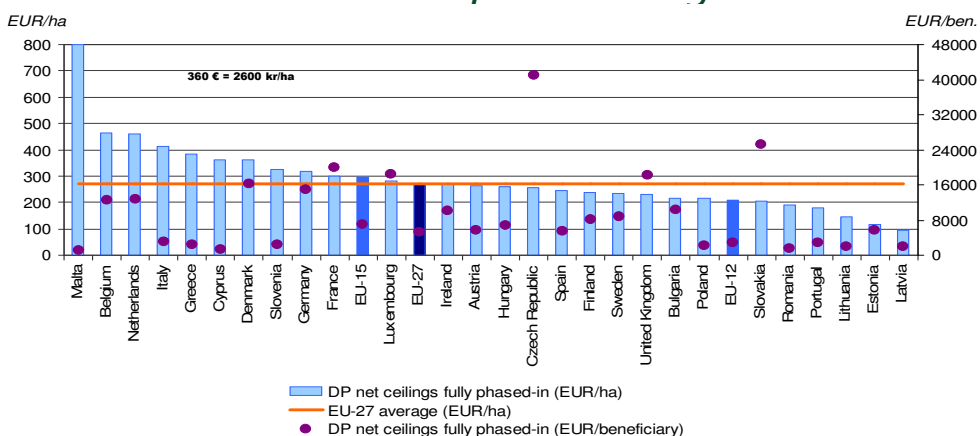
- Flexibility between the pillars
- Capping the CAP
- Some coupled payments:
Energy crops?



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Direct payments

- *Per hectare and per holding*



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Our interpretation – so far

- No value added
- Very little room for manouvre
- Coupled payments could be harmful

- Welcome feature that greening finally becomes part of the CAP



How should Pillar 1 be designed ideally?

- Single payment reduced substantially
- Top up at several levels, where the requirements and payments increase the further up the scale one is
- Taking care of the environment should be rewarded, the carrot rather than the stick
- Organic agriculture as part of Pillar 1



Organic agriculture as a package solution

Organic farming should be included in the long term strategy for European farming

It delivers at all levels:

- Biodiversity: + 30%
- Cleaner water: No pesticides and less nitrate leaching
- Climate adaptation: More varied crops
- Potential CO₂-reduction: More grass in the rotation

