



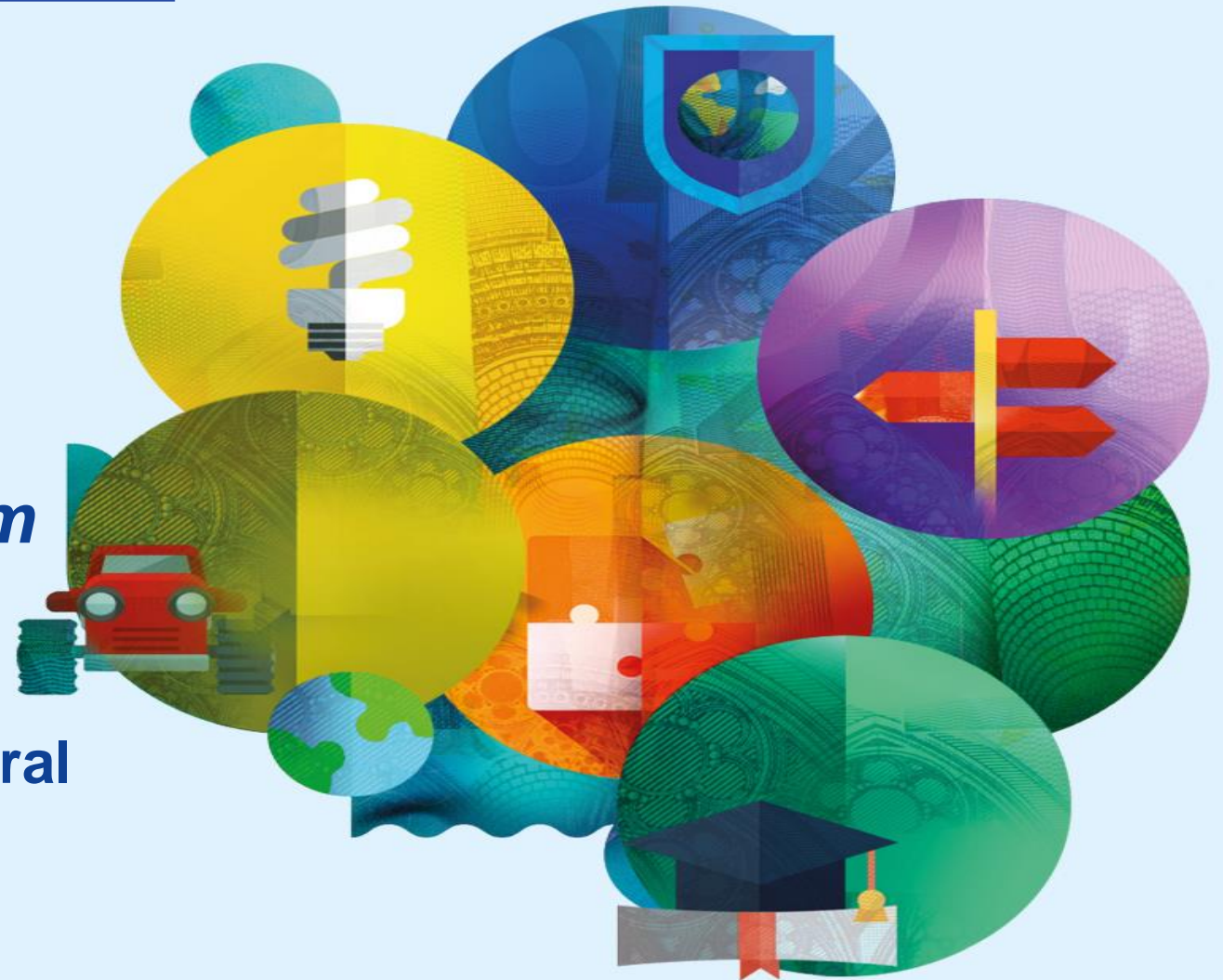
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post-2020

*State of Play of CAP reform
co-decision process*

12th Meeting of the European Rural
Networks' Steering Group
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CAP reform proposals – European Parliament

- June 2018: **presentation** by the Commission of reform package in COMAGRI
- **April 2019: Vote** and adoption of COMAGRI reports (1/04 CMO, 2/04 SPR, and 8/04 HZR)
- May 2019: European Parliament **Elections**
- **4 September 2019: COMAGRI decision to resume** work on CAP proposals and submit reports to Plenary, but not before November.
- Mid-September 2019: rapporteurs confirmed
 - SPR – Jahr (EPP/DE)
 - HZR – Mueller (RE/DE)
 - CMO – Andrieu (S&D/FR)
- COMAGRI and COMENVI to review a number of articles before going to Plenary
- Adoption of EP position in Plenary (first semester 2020)

CAP reform proposals – European Parliament

COMAGRI report (April 2019)

key points

➤ Rural Development:

- Additional types of intervention (“women in rural areas” and “installation of digital technologies”)
- Incentive element for management commitments and ANC
- Overly detailed specifications of the types of interventions
- Voluntary character of risk management
- Including ANC (max. 40%) in the 30% EAFRD ring fencing for environment and climate
- CAP strategic plans starting only in 2022

CAP reform proposals – European Parliament

COMAGRI report (April 2019)

key issues

➤ Direct Payments:

- Mandatory elements kept (e.g. reduction of payments/capping – but watered down, genuine farmer, redistributive payment)
- More prescriptions in basic act as for rural development (e.g. definitions, support to young farmers, redistributive payment, small farmers, coupled support)
- Ring-fencing of funds for most types of interventions (e.g. basic income support + redistributive – min 60%, eco-schemes – min 20%)

➤ Conditionality and eco-schemes:

- Conditionality: GAECs/SMRs watered down or become eco-schemes
- Eco-schemes: less flexibility for MS + addition of animal welfare

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COMAGRI report (April 2019)

key issues

- **New Delivery Model - CAP Plans, performance clearance and performance review**
 - Fear risk of renationalization – more EU-based requirements (compliance >< performance)
 - CAP Plans to include in annex “regional intervention programmes”
 - No strict annuality of planning (milestones and financial plan information could be multi-annual “where appropriate”) and of performance monitoring (performance reports and review meetings)

CAP reform proposals – European Parliament

COMENVI compromise amendments (April 2019)

Some key issues

- Reformulation of objectives with stronger stance on environmental ones
- Setting of targets at the level of impact indicators
- Conditionality extended to sectoral types of interventions
- AECMC: only "beneficial for environment" (quid of animal welfare?) and incentive element
- Investments: demonstrate no negative effect on environment ; negative list extended
- Ring-fencing EAFRD: 40% for environment (but including ANC)

CAP reform proposals – Council

- June 2018: **presentation** by the Commission of reform package in AGRIFISH
- December 2018: **AT** Presidency final **Progress Report** on 3 Regulations
- June 2019: **RO** Presidency final **Progress Report** on 3 Regulations
- July 2019: **FI Presidency**
 - Informal Council (September) – Carbon sequestration
 - **October Council** – state of play
 - **November Council** – Higher environmental-climate ambition of the CAP
 - December 2019: highly depending on conclusion of **MFF** deal

CAP reform proposals – Council

Key issues

➤ Rural Development:

- Possibility to revise ANC definition
- Investments – less limitations regarding purchase of land
- Investments – discussions on maximum support rates and exceptions for 100% support rate
- Specific support for the development of small farms
- Cooperation – some precisions regarding LEADER
- Risk management voluntary
- Inclusion of ANC in the 30% EAFRD ring fencing for environment and climate

CAP reform proposals – Council

Key issues

➤ Direct Payments:

- General trend for turning down proposals for improved targeting; i.e. voluntary reduction of payments/capping, optional application of genuine farmer and redistributive payment
- Fine-tuning of definitions (e.g. eligible hectare)

➤ Conditionality / eco-schemes:

- Mixed positions on ambition level: some in favor of e.g. limiting conditionality or making eco-schemes voluntary, but other oppose...

CAP reform proposals – Council

Key concerns

➤ New Delivery Model – CAP plans, Performance clearance and performance review:

- Discussions on content of the plan
- More discussions on reporting (performance clearance (outputs) and performance review (results)), in particular:
 - performance clearance for non-area/animal related interventions
 - Frequency of performance review / triggering level of deviation for possible action plans
 - Deadline of annual performance report