

**Thematic Group (TG) on the Design and
Implementation of Eco-schemes in the new
CAP Strategic Plans**

AGENDA

1st TG meeting

25 October 2023

Online



Introduction

Eco-schemes are a major new intervention under the direct payments part of the CAP for the 2023-27 period. Eco-schemes are annual commitments for carrying out a wide range of practices and rewarding and incentivising farmers for taking action towards more sustainable farm and land management. These schemes play an important role in enhancing the delivery of environmental, climate and animal welfare targets that contribute to the achievement of the European Green Deal and the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy. Member States designed eco-schemes according to their environmental and climate needs.

Being at an early stage of implementation - the CSPs came into force in January 2023 - this first meeting will focus on Member States' experiences in the design, implementation and short- and medium-term plans for the development of eco-schemes.

Aims of the first TG meeting:

- Exchange experiences on the design and implementation of eco-schemes across Member States and their interaction with other parts of the Green Architecture.
- Identify and share what is working well and what issues are arising in terms of uptake of eco-schemes. This includes discussions on possible reasons that hinder the uptake of eco-schemes as well as solutions to help overcome the identified issues.
- Share lessons learnt from the first year of implementation of eco-schemes and amendments considered in the short and medium term.



Timing	Agenda item
8.30 – 09.00	Registration – virtual meeting room opens
9.00 – 9.20	Welcome & agenda for the day, CAPI CP Icebreaker
9.20 – 10.45	State of play with eco-schemes, Leon Van De Pol, DG AGRI Short Q&A Member States’ perspectives on the design, implementation and future plans for eco-schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The case of Germany, Anja-Kristina Techen, Managing Authority • The case of Spain, Mar LLorente Alonso, Managing Authority • The case of Hungary, István Madarász, Managing Authority • The case of the Netherlands, Fenna van Shelm, Managing Authority Q&A and Group Discussion <i>Moderated by CAPI CP</i>
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00– 12.00	Overview of key issues with the implementation of eco-schemes identified in the Expressions of Interest, CAPI CP Introduction to Parallel Group Sessions, CAPI CP Parallel group discussions: Experiences with the design and implementation of eco-schemes in Member States and their interaction with the other parts of the Green Architecture



	<p>Short input statements followed by open discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Farmers' perspective Camelia Gyoffry, COPA COGECA, EU • Group 2: Environmental NGO's perspective Tatiana Nencova, Birdlife Europe, EU • Group 3: Advisors' perspective Christos Karatzas, AGRENAOS, GR
12.00 – 12.45	<p>Panel discussion: Reflections on earlier group discussion outputs, including potential opportunities for future thematic work on eco-schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Dondelinger, Ministry of Agriculture, LU • Maira Dzelzkaleja Burmistre, Farmers' Parliament, LV • Paddy Malone, CAP Network Ireland, IE • Laura Sauques, IFOAM Organics Europe, EU • Tatiana Nencova, Birdlife Europe, EU <p><i>Moderated by CAPI CP</i></p> <p>Open discussion on topics for interaction between meetings and 2nd TG meeting</p> <p><i>Moderated by CAPI CP</i></p>
12.45 - 13.00	<p>Next steps and end of meeting.</p>

