

Modernising and Simplifying the Common Agricultural Policy

Presentation of the results of the Open Public Consultation

Brussels, 7 July 2017

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Introduction

- **Timing**

2 February 2017 – 2 May 2017

- **What is an open public consultation?**

- ✓ *Differences with survey*

- ✓ *Limitations*

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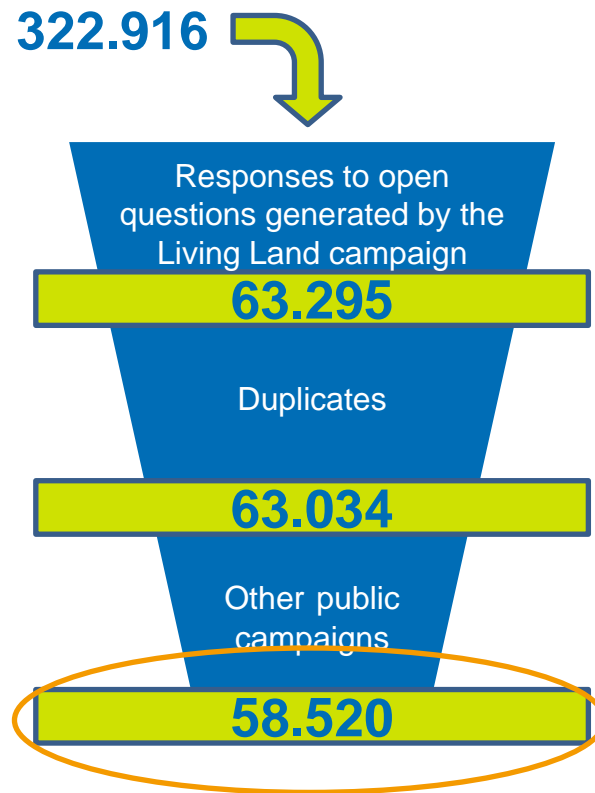
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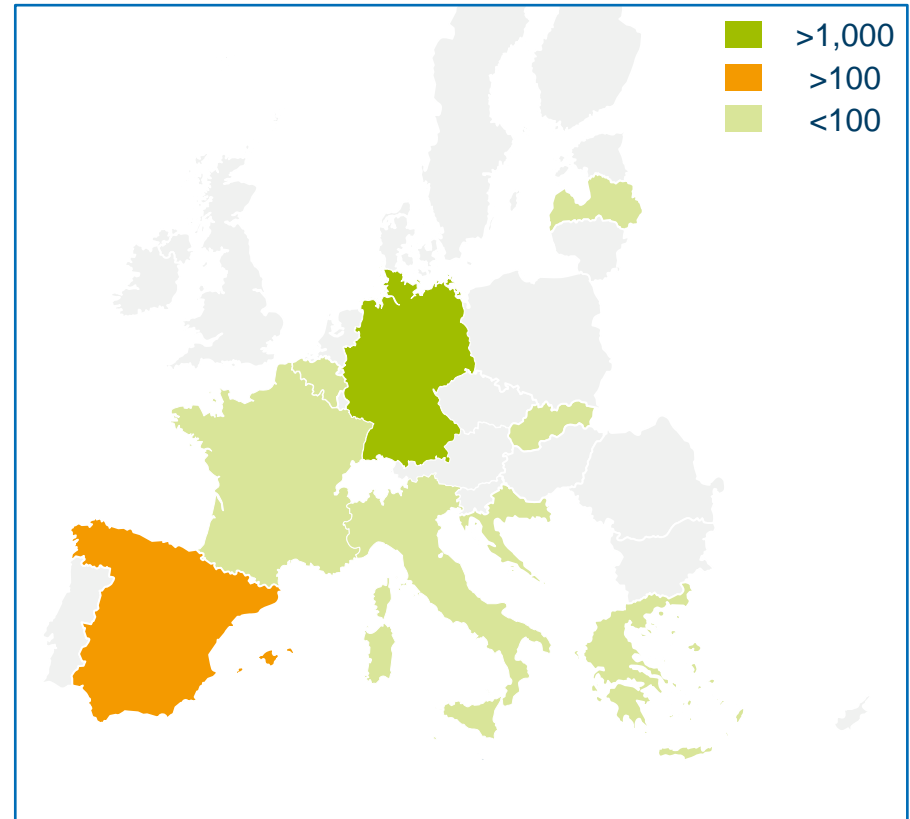
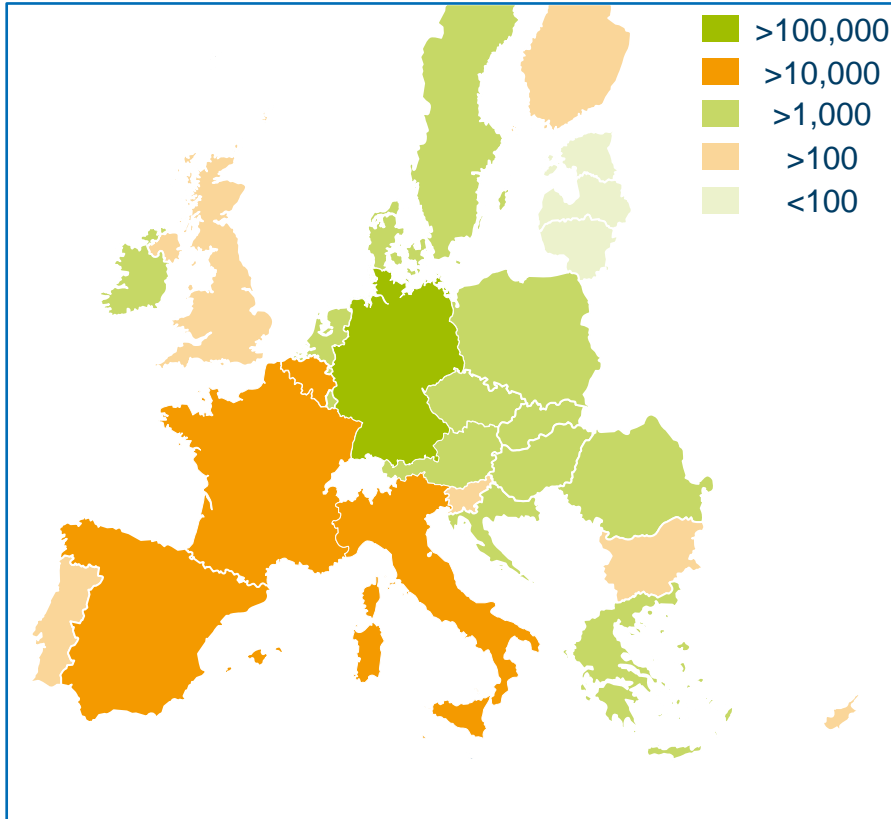
Introduction

- “322.916*” – ‘Factual summary’ by DG AGRI
- Yes, but:
 - ✓ *Duplications*
 - ✓ *Public campaigns (e.g. Living Land)*

➔ After data cleaning:



Living Land Campaign



Answers Living Land Campaign (258,575)

Problems & drivers

The CAP does not promote sustainable agriculture as it benefits only a small number of large farms.

Most burdensome elements

The current policy (mainly direct payments) has failed in the provision of concrete environmental and social benefits.

Objectives for a modern CAP

A modernized CAP must support the transformation towards a sustainable agricultural sector and protect the environment. Harmful subsidies must be terminated.

Ideas for simplifying the CAP

The subsidies of the first pillar should be linked to targeted and measurable environmental requirements

More ideas for modernizing the CAP?

I agree with the Living Land vision (www.living-land.org/ourvision).

Public Campaigns



HUMANE SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL



- Farmer associations
- Environmental organisations/
animal protection
- Provinces
- Chamber of agriculture

Who answered?

“As an individual”

84,2%



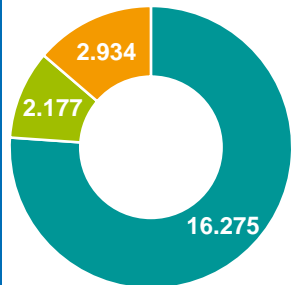
21.386

Involved in farming



27.893

Other citizens

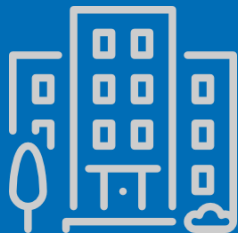


- Individuals working at family farms
- Individuals involved in other forms of farming
- Individuals involved in farming: Don't know

Typical participants:

Sabine or Michael, most likely from Germany

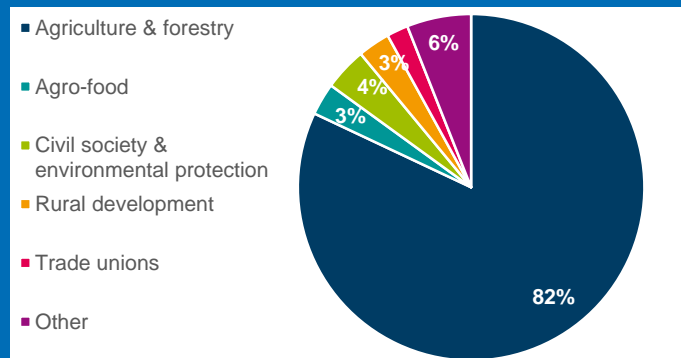
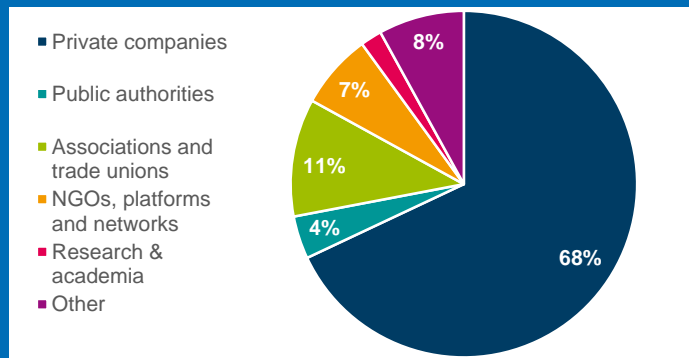
Who answered?



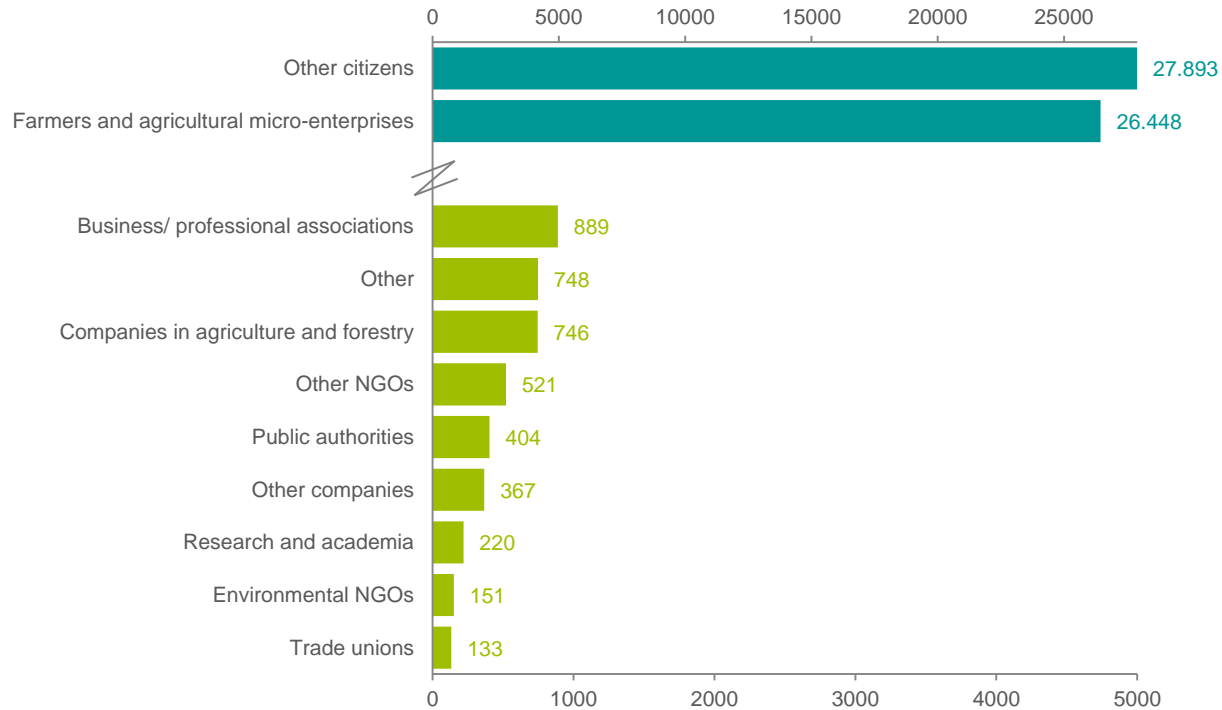
“In your professional capacity or on behalf of an organisation”

- **15,8%** (9.241 responses)
- Most are not registered in the Transparency Register

What kind of organisations?



Who answered?



Where do participants come from?

32.509 Germany

6.666 France

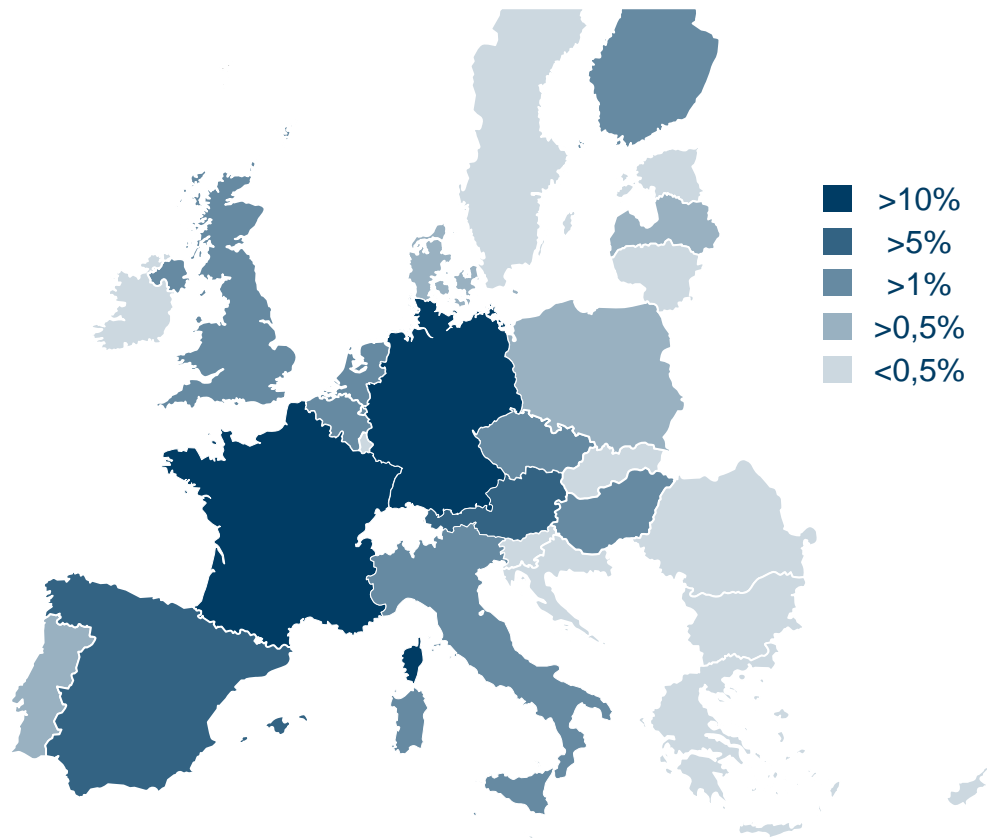
3.962 Austria

...

44 Slovenia

11 Cyprus

7 Malta





Summary of the results

Categories |

Individual - involved in farming
Private micro-enterprises in
agriculture or forestry

Other citizens

Organisations



Agriculture, rural areas and the CAP today

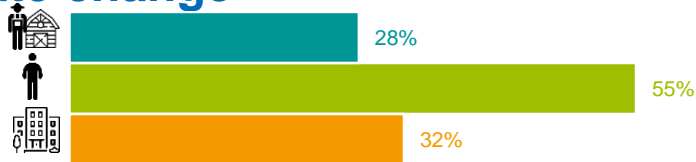
Setting the scene

MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGES

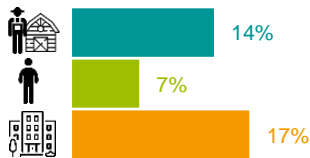
Fair standard of living for farmers



Pressures on the environment + Climate change

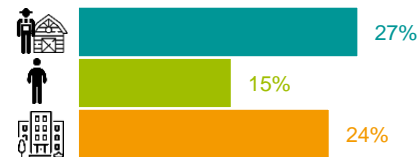


Lack of jobs and growth

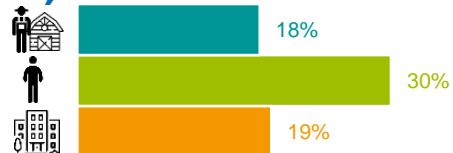


CAP TOOLS BEST SUITED

Income support



RD support (environment/ climate action)



RD support (investments in physical and human capital)



*Majority of all stakeholders agree that the current CAP addresses the challenges **“to some extent only”**....*

BUT....

Citizens not involved in farming give more negative responses than individuals or companies involved in farming.

Obstacles to the farming sector

97%

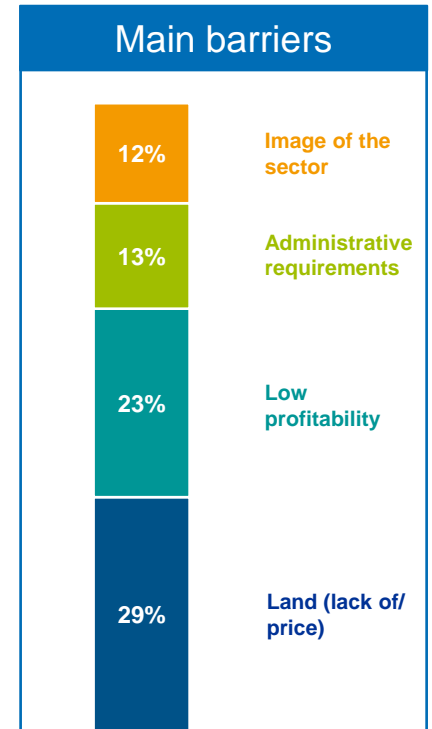
agree that farmers get a limited share of prices consumers pay*

88%

agree that farm income is still significantly lower than the average EU income*

87%

agree that EU farmers face stricter requirements than non- EU ones*



* Respondents who ticked "largely agree" or "partially agree" in Question 5

Farmers contribute to...

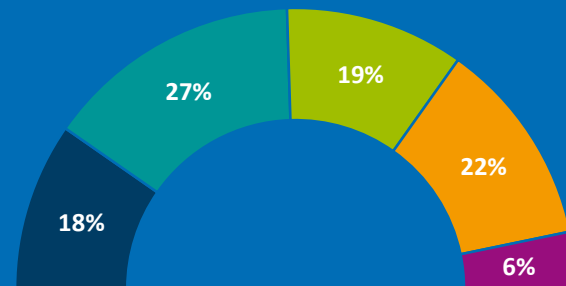
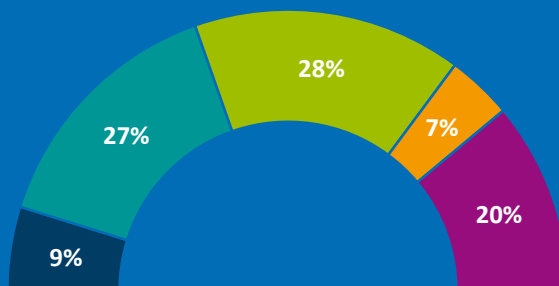
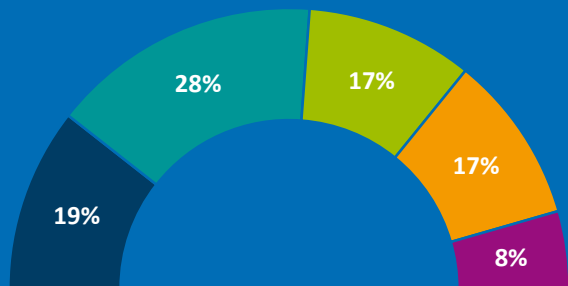
Ensuring that enough food is available

Supplying healthy, safe and diversified products

Protecting the environment

Economic activity and employment in rural areas

Ensuring the health and welfare of farm animals

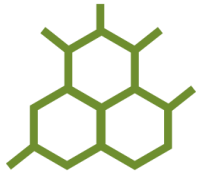


Environmental Challenges and CAP



Protection of biodiversity

Reduction of soil degradation

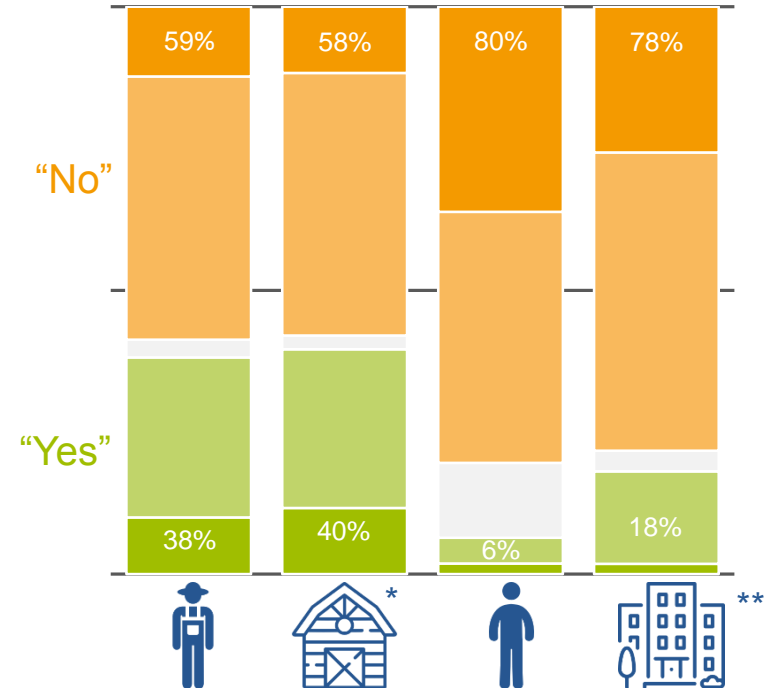


More sustainable use of pesticides and fertilisers

Preservation of genetic diversity



Is the CAP addressing these challenges?



*All organisations involved in agriculture or forestry; **Other organisations

Main problems & drivers

Direct payments

Lack of practical knowledge

Lack of support to organic farming

Large industry & lobbying

Corruption

Environmental pollution & related issues

Bureaucracy & complexity

Lack of attention for sustainability

Use of pesticides, fertiliser and herbicides

Controls

Small farms

Climate

Biodiversity

Unclarity & insecurity

Differences between MS

Greening

Active farmers

Most burdensome elements

Greening
Application

Rules
Controls
Bureaucracy
Documentation & accuracy

Complexity
Digitisation
"Too many/Too much"
Active farmer
Constant changes
Animal welfare
Delays in payments
Cross-compliance
Sanctions
Guidelines

Objectives and governance

The CAP and its objectives

THE CAP SHOULD DO MORE ON:



“Boosting investment,
growth, employment”



“Mitigating & adapting to
climate change”



“Strengthening the EU single
market”



*Stakeholders agree on the three main
priorities*

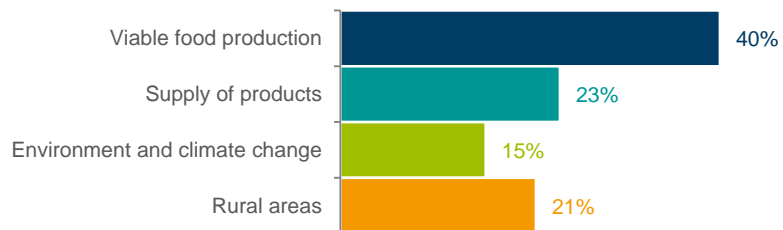
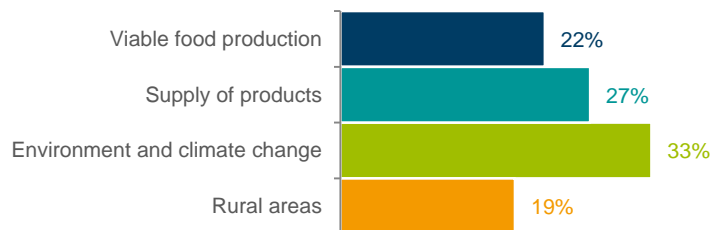
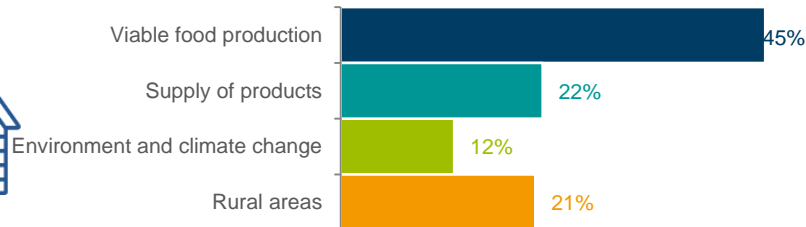
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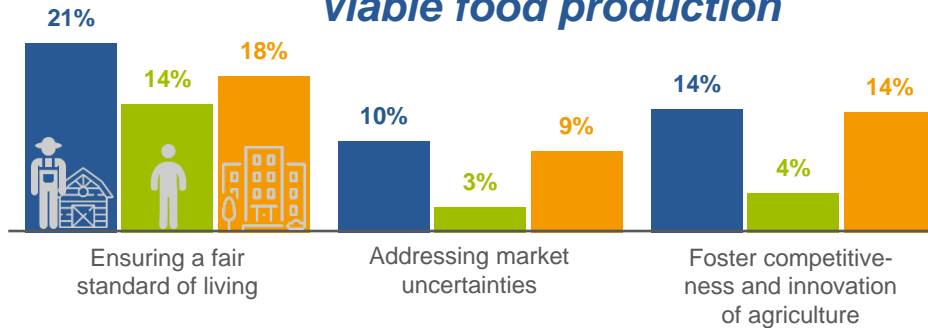
Stakeholders agree on the three main priorities, *but...*

MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES



The CAP and its objectives

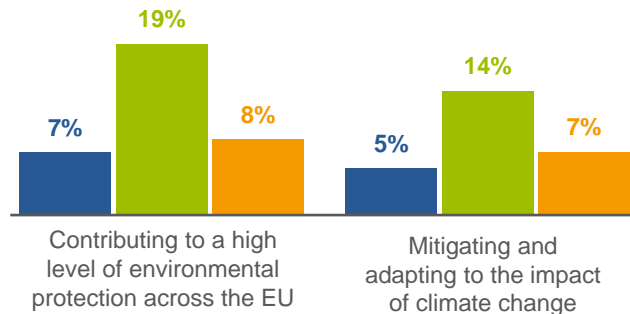
Viable food production



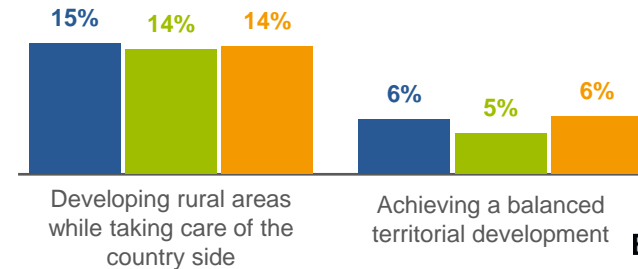
Supply of products



Environment + Climate



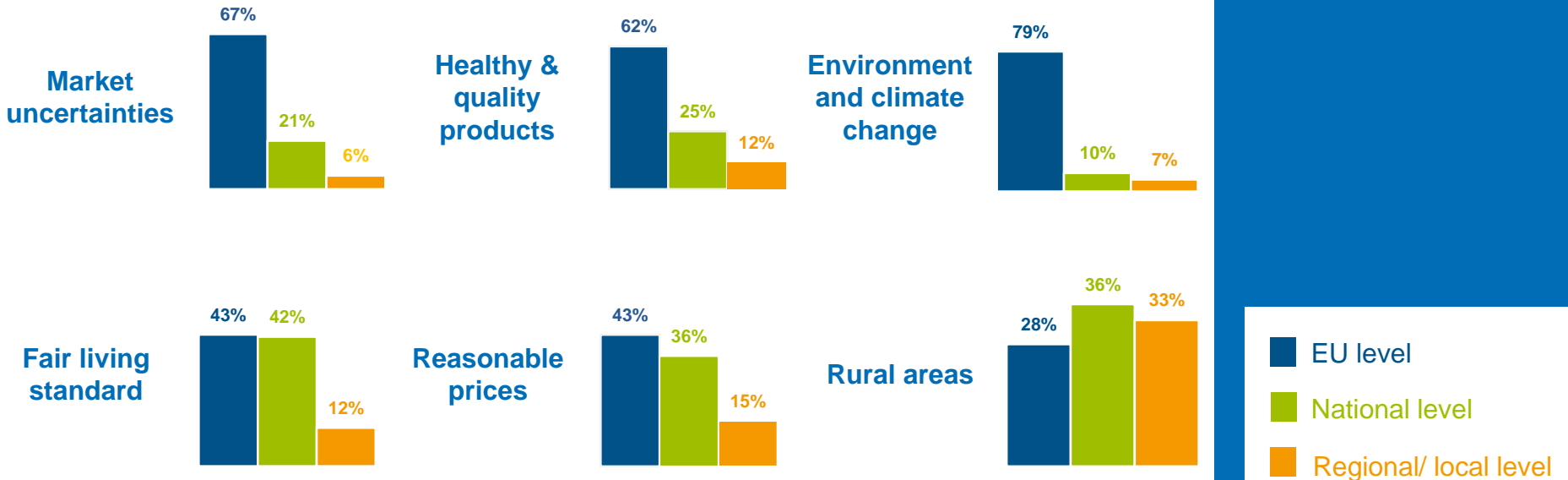
Rural areas



New objectives for a modern CAP

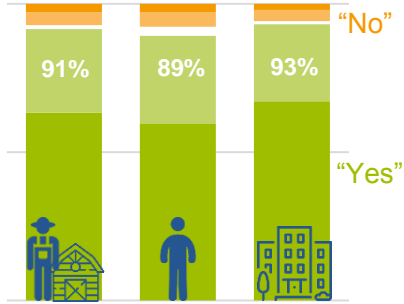


Which level should deal with these objectives?

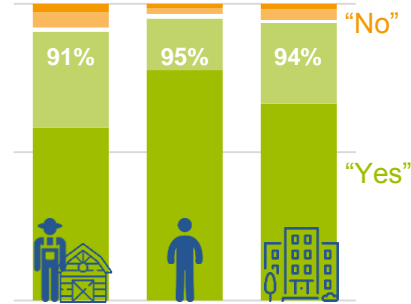


Having a Common Agricultural Policy makes sense because we need...

Common rules within a **Single Market**



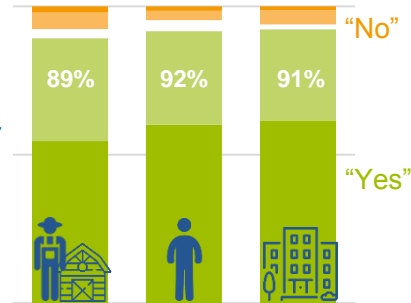
Common objectives for **Cross-border Challenges**



Common budget is more efficient



Common framework for **sharing best practices**



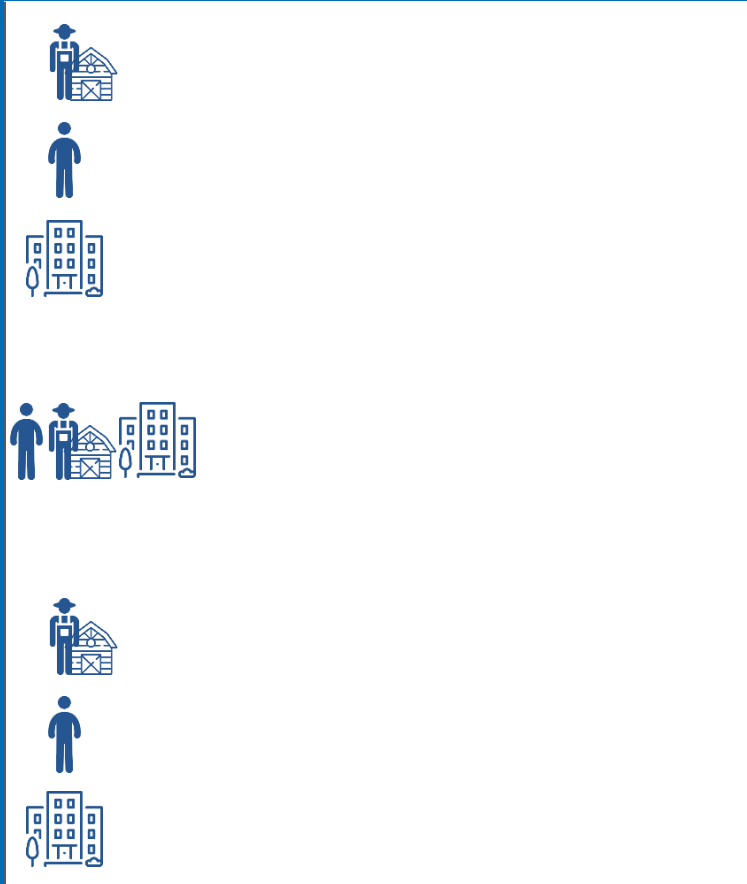
Agriculture, rural areas and the CAP tomorrow

Considerations for the future CAP

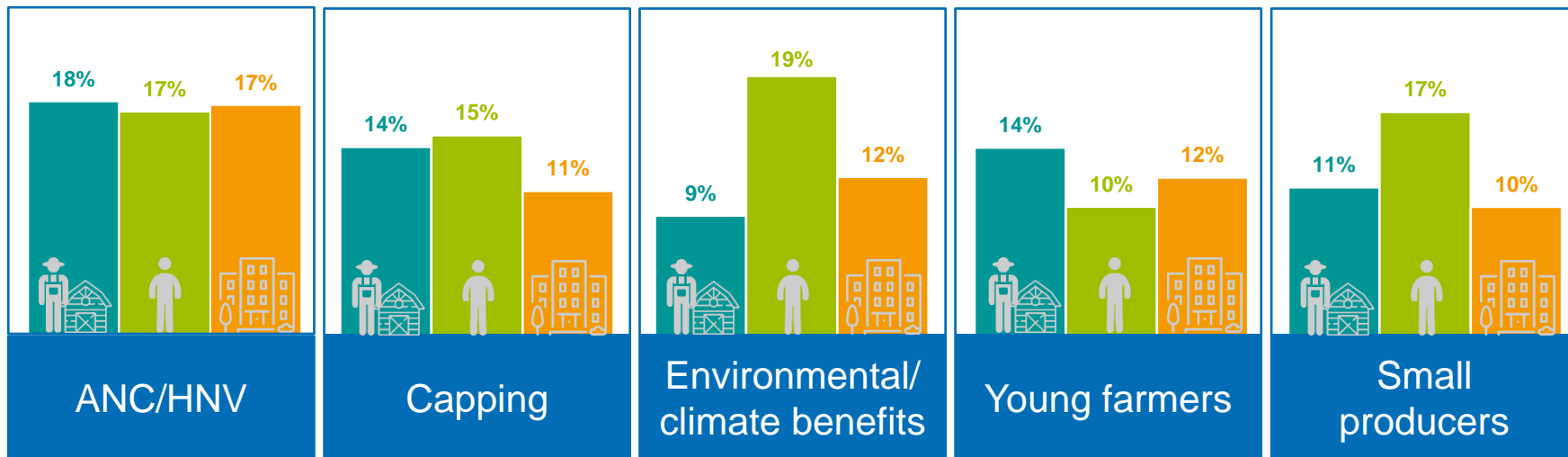
Farmers need direct income support

Improving farmers' position in value chains

Agricultural policy should deliver more benefits for environment & climate

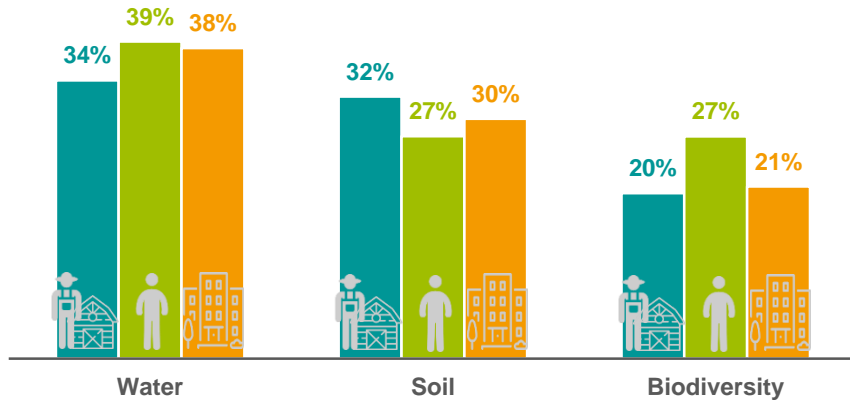


Criteria for allocating direct support

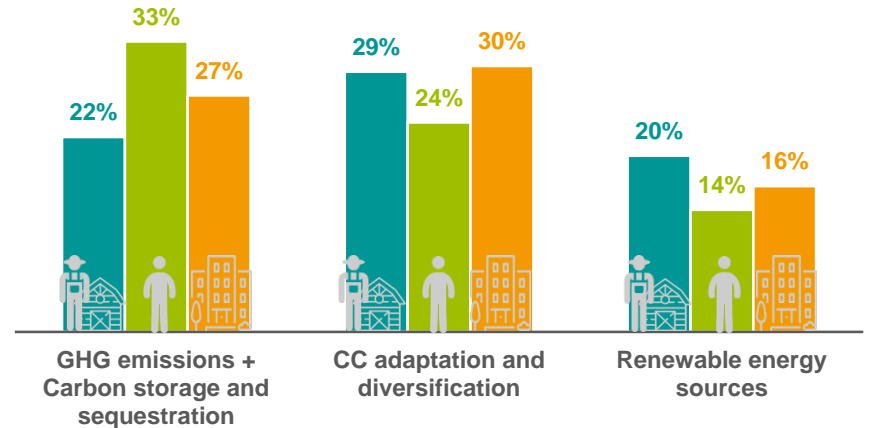


CAP objectives on...

Environmental protection

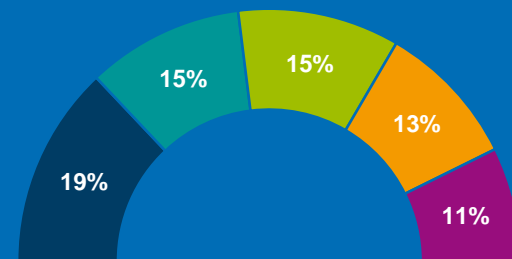
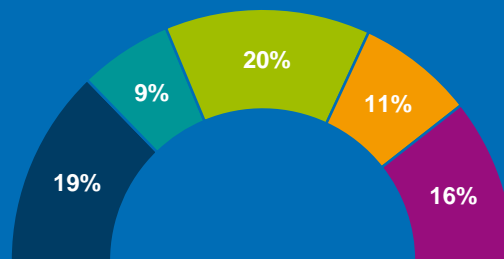
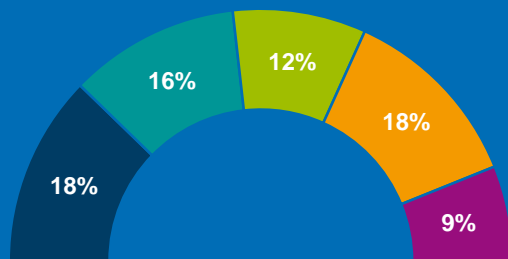


Climate change



How can the CAP encourage:

Young farmers & young rural entrepreneurs



Supporting
business start-up



Providing more
support for investment

Supporting
knowledge
transfer

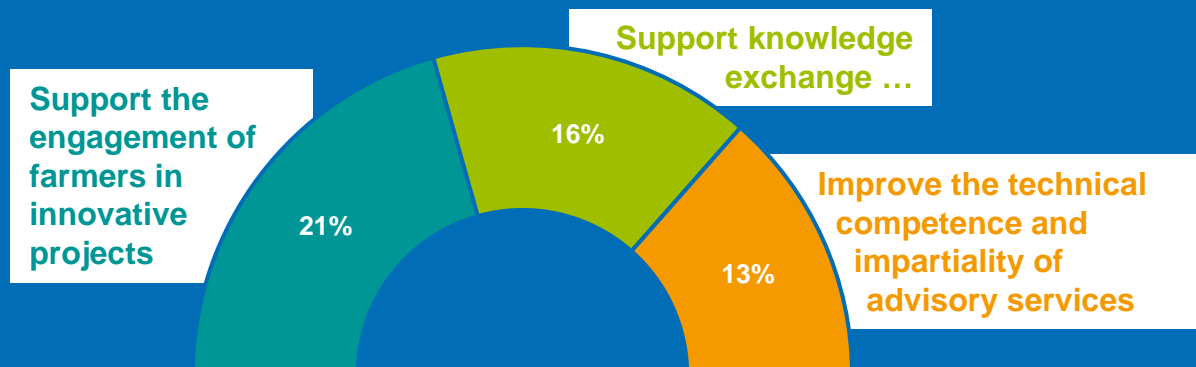
Incentivising the
transfer of farms



Supporting
new forms of
cooperation

How can the CAP encourage:

Innovation



People involved in farming also stressed the need for better access to finance and investment

Wrap up: modernisation and simplification

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agree on a reduction of overlaps between RD and other CAP measures*

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Ideas for simplification

Greening
Coherence

Types of premiums

Sanctions

Bureaucracy

Inspections & controls

Active farmer

Environment

Pillar 1

Motivational payments

Digitisation

Cross-compliance

Objectives

Ideas for modernisation

Sustainability Pillars

Supply chains **Quality**

Animal welfare

Bureaucracy

Savings & Income

Climate **Investment**

Small farmers **Consumers**

Water

Organic

Public goods

Young farmers

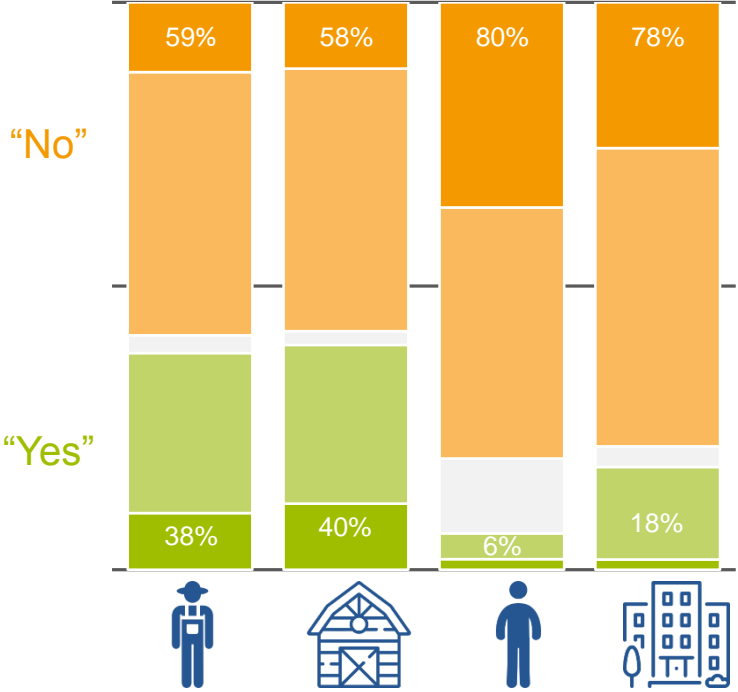
Soil **Innovation & IT**

Capping **Biodiversity**

Concluding remarks

Majority of all stakeholders agree that the current CAP addresses the challenges **“to some extent only”**....

Is the CAP addressing the environmental challenges?



Concluding remarks

1. Consensus on the performance of the CAP

➡ Modernisation is needed

2. Consensus on simplification

➡ Continue on-going efforts

3. 'Tension' between economy & environment - How to reach the two objectives simultaneously?

➡ This is the big challenge

Thank you for your attention
