

Position paper of the French regions on modernising and simplifying the common agricultural policy (CAP)

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Context

France:

- In 2014 French Regions became managing authority for the 2014–2020 rural development fund (EAFRD) - in accordance with national guidelines

Europe:

- Budgetary issue (Brexit)
- Numerous agricultural crises
- Farmers' position in the food supply chain (income's issue), etc

= French Regions want to debate and be heard on the future of the CAP, first step : participation to the public consultation launched by the EC early 2017 (Consultation on modernising and simplifying the common agricultural policy)

What is « Régions de France (RdF) »?

- Since 1998, based in Paris, 23 staff members. Acting President: François BONNEAU (Région Centre Val de Loire)
- **Key missions:** representing and promoting regions/regional issues, facilitating the dialogue between regional representatives and make sure their voice is heard, developing a resource center, encouraging mutualisation
- 17 committees, including one on « agriculture, food, forestry », chaired by Jean Pierre Raynaud, vice – president of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, and technical working groups.

Objectives at european level: to defend the position of French Regions on the future of the CAP, to develop further some technical work focused on key issues (risks management, R&I, Access to land, Competitiveness and investment, non market services)

Cooperation with regional offices in Brussels

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✓ Challenges:

- European food sovereignty (role of the FTAs) and world food security
- Make agriculture, agri-food sector and forestry strategic sectors (for prosperity and cohesion) again

✓ Strategic objectives:

- To secure farms and farmers
- To take into account market and non market goods
- To respond to the environmental and climate change challenges (resilience)

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✓ Operational objectives :

1/To secure farms and farmers

- Developing crises prevention and management tools at European level (countercyclical measures)
- Simplifying risks management tool at national/regional level

2/ Market and non market goods

- Modulating direct payments: basic payments + social and environmental modulations (still to be studied; with the objective to make the payments more effective and understandable by citizens)
- Maintaining less favoured areas payment scheme as an important tool
- Maintaining coupled support or specific payments for fragile sectors or territories
- Modernising the Common Market Organisation

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3/ Resilience

- Reinforcing the scheme for business creation /take-over
- Competitiveness (Results-based payment schemes)
- Innovation and cooperation scheme
- One unique regional development fund including non-agricultural activities in rural areas (with a rural performance framework) = merging ESF, ERDF and non agricultural measures of the EARDF

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- ✓ A new governance betw. the EU and the regions
- Performance and result's obligation (not an obligation of means)
- Responsibility in the shared management
- Subsidiarity
- Flexibility and pragmatism (multiannuality)

Position paper of the French regions : An ambitious and legitimate budget

- ✓ Budget should be kept at the same level as for 2014-2020

To come

- 17th of October: meeting with P. Hogan, MEP Siekerski, com AGRI
- End 2017-2018 : national working groups on key issues (risks management, R&I, installation, competitiveness and investments, remuneration of the non-market services)
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