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## **Implementation of the CAP reform in Poland**

### **State of play in January 2014**

#### **I. Direct payments**

- A transfer of funds from pillar II to pillar I will be implemented at the maximum rate, i.e. 25% of pillar II funds for 2015-2020 will be allocated to direct payments for 2014-2019.
- SAPS is to be applied until 2020.
- Payments to farmers in areas facing natural or other specific constraints (LFA) will be continued under pillar II only and will be based on current rules until 2017.
- Small farmers scheme will be implemented. The amount of the annual payments will correspond to the total value of payments a farmer would be eligible for in a “standard” system and will not be higher than €1250.
- As regards payment for young farmers, different implementation options are currently analyzed.
- Different options are also considered for the implementation of the reduction of payments for big beneficiaries (capping).
- Details concerning the implementation of provisions regarding active farmer has not been decided yet.
- The implementation of voluntary coupled support is being considered. So far, the following sectors/productions have been indicated by farmers’ organizations for this type of support: beef and veal, hops, potato starch, soft fruits, sugar, tomatoes.
- Regarding the implementation of payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, one of the most important issues is the creation of a list of ecological focus areas best suited for agricultural conditions in Poland. This issue is still under consideration.

## II. Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

The Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is currently working on the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020. The third round of consultations in all voivodships (Polish regions) has begun and the final draft of the Programme will then be prepared according to its results. This draft must also be accepted by the Council of Ministers in order to allow the formal submission of the Programme to the European Commission. The submission will occur on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 on the latest.

The draft Programme was prepared based on the assumption that the total public funds allocated for the Programme will amount to €13.5 billion (€8.6 billion from the EU and €4.9 billion from national contribution). Moreover, a part of the funds that Poland receives from the Cohesion Policy will be used to support the implementation of measures in Polish rural areas.

The Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 will focus on all six priorities of the EU for rural development. The following measures are envisaged for implementation:

### *Priority 1*

- Knowledge transfer and information actions
- Advisory services
- Co-operation

### *Priority 2*

- Farm modernization
- Development of small farms
- Business start-up aid for young farmers
- Investments in creation and development of non-agricultural activities

### *Priority 3*

- Quality schemes for agricultural products, and foodstuffs
- Processing and marketing of agricultural products
- Setting-up of producer groups and organizations
- Basic services and village renewal in rural areas – investments in the setting up, improvement or expansion of local market places destined for promotion of local products and services
- Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions

### *Priority 4*

- Agri-environment-climate
- Organic farming
- Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints

- Land consolidation

*Priority 5*

- Establishment of agroforestry systems

*Priority 6*

- Business start-up aid for non-agricultural activities in rural areas
- Basic services and village renewal in rural areas - restoration and upgrading of the cultural and natural heritage of villages
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