

Territorial cooperation and the new CAP

An NGO perspective

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BirdLife Europe

- European and Central Asian Partnership of BirdLife International
- 48 countries
- 2 million members
- Tens of thousands of volunteers and supporters
- Owns or manages more than 5 800 sites totalling 320 000 hectares in Europe and Central Asia
- Work on EU Policy: mainly related to environment and biodiversity

Why working on CAP?

- Crisis of farmland birds and farmland biodiversity
- CAP plays a major role in decisions around land management
- Rural development is a real opportunity for integration

How were we involved with CAP?

Set out vision on new CAP with 5 NGOs and farmer organizations 2009

Political lobby work and campaigning during the whole reform period

BirdLife's partners are involved in drafting process around new RDPs

Territorial cooperation: great!

- Biodiversity is not limited to one farm
- More holistic approach
- Cooperation between farmers and other actors in the rural areas
- Planning and dialogue help
- Targeting of measures and actions
- This is what RDPs are already supposed to achieve on larger scale
- Idea factory

Territorial cooperation - pitfalls

- Quality of the biodiversity plan
- Are the actions targeted enough within the territory and country?
- Are all actors involved?
- Do all actors benefit?
- Who ensures that difficult decisions are taken?
- Who has the final responsibility when things go wrong?
- How do you manage the money?

New CAP - new opportunities

- Greening: EFAs and attention for environmentally sensitive pastures
- Rural Development
 - Agri-environment-climate
 - Natura 2000 and WFD
 - ANC
 - Thematic sub-programmes
 - Cooperation

What do we expect?

- Biodiversity plans of high quality
- Monitor results and change where needed
- “Farmer +” approach
- Clear agreement on responsibilities and financials
- That it delivers for biodiversity and nature

Question for discussion

- What minimum standards would need to be present to ensure:
 - High quality biodiversity plans
 - Targeting within territory and country
 - All actors are involved and benefit
 - Clear financial and decision making responsibilities are set
- How do you deal with adaptations of the plan?



Thank you

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