



CAP reform, a vision from Brussels and Spain

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Which were the Commission objectives for this reform?

- *1. To start building a new legitimacy for EU agricultural support based on public goods; young farmers; active farmers .*
- *2. To contribute to the food chain rebalancing*
- *3. A better taking into account of the diversity of European farming systems*
- *4. To promote research and innovation*

New legitimacy

- *Greening of the CAP: the beginning of a long friendship*
- *Specific support for difficult area: alive!*
- *Specific support for young farmers: alive!*
- *External convergence: first steps*
- *Internal convergence: the beginning of the end of the historical references*
- *Active farmers*

Food chain

- *POs, APOS and Inter-branches: stronger*
- *Some protection against the abuse of dominant positions by the competition authorities*
- *"Cooperation" is promoted in the second pillar.*

Diversity

- *Internal and external convergence*
- *Support for organic farming*
- *Reinforcement of the European scheme for promotion of agricultural products*
- *Short circuits, mountain farming, direct sales: on the agenda*

Research and innovation

- *Increase European budget*
- *Operational groups in Rural development*
- *European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI),*

It is not the end of the story

- *Too early to make a real evaluation*
- *Some progresses but conservative Council and European Parliament*
- *A lot will depend of the national implementation*
- *Don't forget: Europe moves with inflexion points*

Spain

Summary:

Changing everything to change nothing

A complex situation I: direct payments

- *17 regions: no one wants to lose direct payments despite convergences; all are ready to win*
- *The main potential loser: Andalucía (left region) and politically sensitive: Popular Party needs to have a good electoral result in Andalucía*
- *Limited local redistribution: average by county with 4 categories: irrigated and non-irrigated; crops and trees*

A complex situation II: Rural Development

- *17 regional Rural development plan + 1 national plan (new)*
- *Today national financing shared with the regions (50-50)*
- *Tomorrow: 1/3 national; 2/3 regional*
- *Financial restrictions: n+3 welcome*
- *Delay in approving, launching and starting the new programs*

Coupled payments

- *12,08% of the direct payment envelop*
- *Mainly for animal production: Beef, milk, sheep and goat*
- *But also sugar beet, rice, processed tomatoes, nuts, protein crops and legumes*

Ans now? Tomorrow?

- *A good negotiating result for Spain*
- *They have bought 7 years. They can be wined or loosed depending on how they are used for.*
- *Business as usual is not a solution. Time are changing and farmers have to adapt.*
- *7 years is not too much.*

MANY THANKS

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