



Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

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DRAFT OPINION

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for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

on the future of food and farming
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) is the most integrated and successful EU policy, serving as basis for European integration, and should remain a common policy with an ambitious budget;
 - B. whereas the CAP's goals should be to ensure food safety and sovereignty, and the resilience and sustainability of the EU's agriculture systems and territories;
 - C. whereas the CAP, as a sectorial and common policy, should encourage and strengthen the contribution each farmer makes towards meeting environmental challenges, and should promote the transition towards an agriculture combining economic with environmental performance standards;
 - D. whereas greening measures are complex and inefficient;
 - E. whereas there is a need for a recast CAP to deliver at the level of what is at stake, there is an imperative to give the co-legislators the means to fully exercise their mission within a regulated time frame, and there are the uncertainties related to Brexit;
 - F. whereas the impact of climate and sanitary hazards on farming activity is growing, and whereas there is a need for the CAP to address this with dedicated tools;
1. Calls for a CAP that has its top priority the transition of each European farm towards an undertaking combining economic with environmental performance standards;
 2. Calls for the integrity of the first pillar to be maintained, built as it is on enhanced cross-compliance of support measures calibrated to maximise the results expected for each farmer;
 3. Calls for a first pillar, defined at EU level, that recognises the importance of direct aid and that includes, as a share of up to 30 % of the pillar budget, a contractual incitement scheme for a transition towards an agriculture combining economic with environmental performance standards;
 4. Calls for a renovated second pillar that is less complex and more efficient, focused on truly incentive territorial and sector development policies that place agro-environmental initiatives, investment, training, research and innovation at the core of local issues;
 5. Considers that only with such a complementary model can the EU's ambitious goals with regard to the environment and rural development be reached;
 6. Considers that the CAP must include an ambitious European green energy strategy promoting highly sustainable biofuels based on the co-production of plant protein;
 7. Asks the Commission to ensure that each imported agricultural product meets the same sanitary and social standards that EU products are held to; asks the Commission to

conduct a systematic impact assessment of the provisions regarding the agricultural sector in each trade agreement, and to offer specific strategies to ensure that no agricultural sector will suffer as a result of a trade agreement concluded with a third country.