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In 2006, the Commission's DG Agriculture sought to analyse European public opinion on farming and the CAP in the light of recent developments.

The Eurobarometer poll in question revealed that 88% of Europeans support and recognise the importance of their agriculture, even though a majority of them have never heard of the Common Agricultural Policy. Of the 43% who had heard of it, 37% did not know exactly what it was.

Thanks to its traditions, France is the country where the CAP is best known, with 64% of those questioned having heard of it and 19% knowing exactly what it is.

Generally speaking the people polled wished to receive more information on the CAP, particularly on food safety and health (50%) the environment (30%) and animal welfare (25%).

Although the CAP represents a significant proportion of the Community budget and is thus one of Europe's greatest achievements, how does the Council propose to fill the gap in people's knowledge of their agricultural policy?