



***Nature conservation,  
agriculture and forestry:  
how to really green the  
CAP?***

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and may be really green

Since 1992  
Pillar 2: Support for rural development  
Regulation 1698/2005

**Measures:**

- Natural handicap payments
- Natura 2000 & Dir. 2000/60 payments
- Agri-environment payments
- Animal welfare payments

**2 types of support:**

- Compensation
- Payment

## In both cases:

- The support covers the additional costs and income forgone
- i.e. the difference between a « normal » cost (not particularly environment friendly) and the cost of agri-environmental practices

# French examples of AEP

- Diversity of crop rotations(4 different cultures)
- Reduction in the use of fertilizers and plant protection products
- Vegetal soil cover (between 2 cultures or buffer strips along water courses)
- Retention of landscape features (hedges, ponds, ditches trees in ligne...)
- Etc.

Since 2003  
Pillar 2: income support  
Regulation 73/2009

- Cross-compliance:

« A farmer receiving direct payments shall respect

- the statutory management requirements (...) and
- the good agricultural and environmental condition » (art.4)

## 2 types of rules

### **Statutory management requirements:**

- Existing EU texts (18)
- Network Natura 2000
- Ground water (dir. 80/68)
- Nitrates pollution (dir. 91/676)
- Etc.

### **GAEC**

- Define by each Member State
- No other mandatory character
- Content less constrained

# French examples of GAEC

- Buffer strips along water courses
- Diversity of crop rotation (3 different cultures)
- Retention of landscape features (peatland, grasses in Natura 2000 area surfaces, hedges, ditches, etc.)
- *Nb: not very different from the AEM*



# And Tomorrow?

- Will the reform really change the CAP?
- No...
- But there's some interesting tracks

- Too many checkpoints
- Calculation of penalties (% reduction) too complicated (software required)
- - Sanctions too weak: ex. for cross-compliance, direct supports are reduced 20% in case of “intentional fault” and 1% for secondary (less serious) “anomalies”
- - means of controls are not very performing (as in classical administrative controls, at least in France).

# Proposals for regulations

## Pillar 2

- Regulation on support for rural development  
COM (2011) 627 final/2

No major changes...

## Pillar 1

- Regulation establishing rules for direct payments  
COM (2011) 625 final/2

A little more green...

« This reform introduces a strong greening component (...) thus ensuring that all farmers in receipt of support go beyond the requirements of cross-compliance and deliver **environmental and climate benefits** as part of their everyday activities »

Com (2011) 625 final/2

# 3/ Some ways to really green the CAP

- Links of dependancy between agriculture & forest and environment
  - Structure & biodiversity of soils
  - Pollinating insects
  - Genetic diversity
  - Etc.

Environment & biodiversity are agricultural production's components

# Somes tracks...

- Change the objectives of the CAP
  - « sustainable management of natural resources and climate action »
  - « to provide environmental public goods »

# And the agriculture definition

- “‘Agricultural products’ means the products of the soil, of stockfarming and of fisheries and products of first-stage processing directly related to these products.” TFEU, art. 38
  
- “‘agricultural activity’ means the production, rearing or growing of agricultural products (...), or **maintaining the land in good agricultural and environmental condition (...)**”.  
Reg. 73/2009, art. 2

# Payment for (agri) environmental services (PES)

- Researching new agricultural production systems
- Defining real agri-environmental services in terms of increase biodiversity, quality of water, etc.
- Evaluating the agri-environmental services
  - ex. French adm. CGDD, Etude sur les valeurs attribuées à certains agosystèmes en voie de disparition
- Seeking other funding





Thank you !