



# Perspectives of the rural development policy post 2020

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# ***Our starting point***

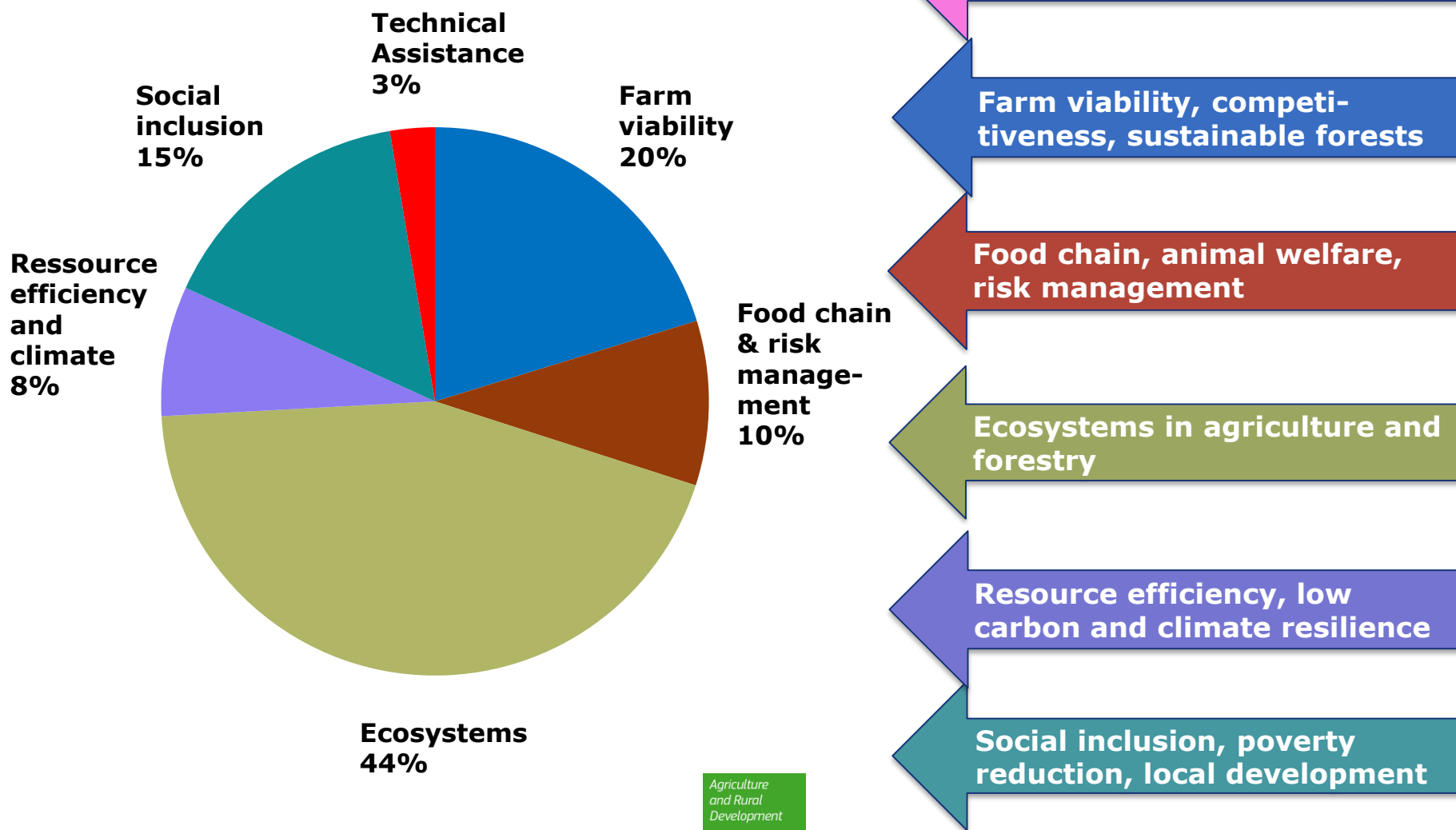
# Funding of the Common Agricultural Policy 2014-2020



(in million EURO – current prices)		Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020	
1. Pillar: Market Measures and Direct Payments		312.740	77%
➤ of which Direct Payments		252.238	[62%]
2. Pillar: Rural Development		95.577	23%
Total		408.317	100%

**(38 % of MFF)**

# Allocation of the EAFRD Budget by Priority



# ***How is the policy perceived ?***

# ***The Ongoing Discourse on the CAP***



- **Criticism of the distribution of direct payments**
- **Criticism of complexity and lacking effectiveness of "greening"**
- **Need for increasing resilience of farms**
- **Need for enabling conditions for young farmers**
- **Improvement of basic infrastructure (including broadband)**
- **Need for taking into account structural diversity**
- **More attention to societal expectations (habitat, landscape amenities)**
- **Need for climate action (mitigation and adaptation)**
- **Improved resource management (soil, water, genetic resources)**
- **Complexity of administration and control**
- **Requirement of result-based assurance**
- **Need for coalitions for agriculture and rural areas (Cork)**



# ***Public Consultation I: Challenges and Different Perceptions***



## **Identified challenges ahead**

- 1. Fair standard of living for farmers**
- 2. The pressures on the environment**
- 3. Climate change adaptation and mitigation**

## **Contrasting views on**

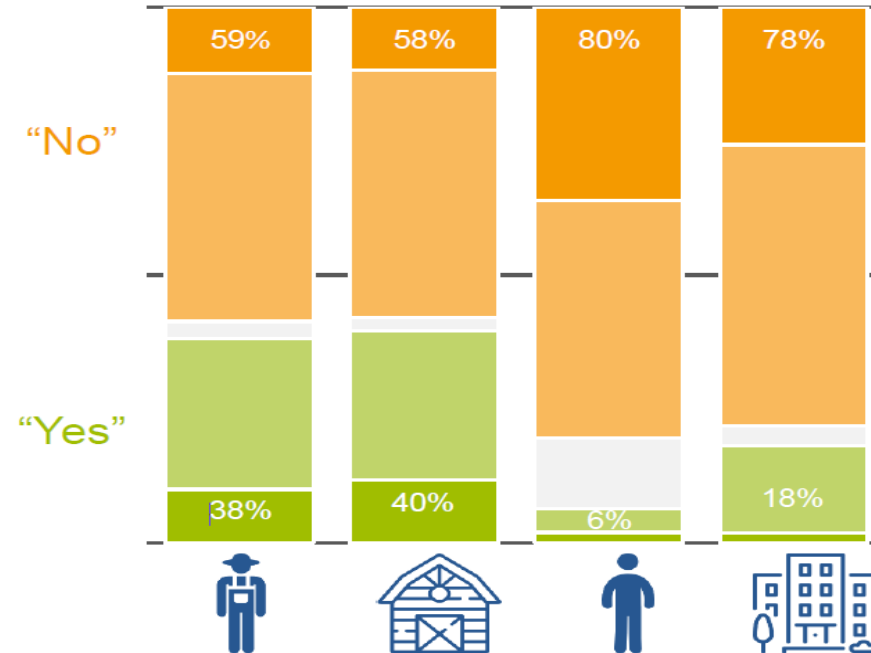
- 1. Contribution of farmers to our society**
- 2. Objectives of the CAP**
- 3. Role of the CAP vis-à-vis the 10 Commission Priorities**

# Public Consultation II: Effectiveness



Majority of all stakeholders agree that the current CAP addresses the challenges **“to some extent only”**....

Is the CAP addressing the environmental challenges?



Source: ECORYS





## Would the CAP be simpler if...

**69%**

agree on a reduction of overlaps between RD and other CAP measures\*

**63%**

agree on a more extensive use of e-government services, a better use of databases & technologies to reduce farm inspections\*

**70%**

agree on giving more choice to farmers when it comes to environmental measures\*

**But**

stakeholders showed no consistent agreement or disagreement on lump sum approaches

# *The task*

# ***European Commission: Programme of Work for 2017***



## **Commission is to work and consult widely on simplification and modernisation of the CAP:**

- 1. Contribution to the Commission's ten priorities and to the Sustainable Development Goals.**
- 2. Without prejudice to the Commission proposal to revise the MFF.**
- 3. Performance of the current policy**
- 4. Broad consultation and impact assessment**



# ***The context***

# Overall Context of Discussions on the Future of the CAP



# *The Priorities of the European Union*



**1. Jobs, Growth  
and  
Investment**



**2. Digital  
Single Market**



**3. Energy  
und Climate**



**4. Single  
Market**



**5. Economic  
and Monetary  
Union**



**6. Free Trade  
with US**



**7. Justice and  
Fundamental  
Rights**



**8. Migration**



**9. EU as a  
stronger  
global Actor**



**10. Democratic  
Change**

# Sustainable Development Goals



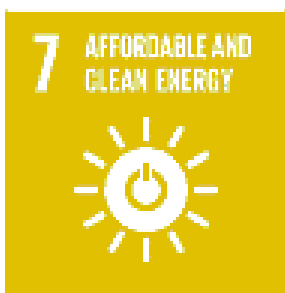
**No Poverty**



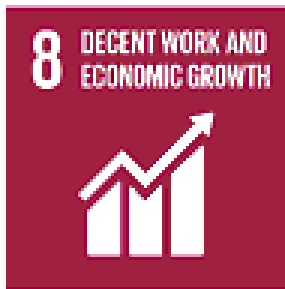
**Zero Hunger**



**Clean Water and Sanitation**



**Affordable and Clean Energy**



**Decent Work and Economic Growth**



**Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**



**Sustainable Cities and Communities**



**Responsible Consumption and Production**



**Climate Action**



**Land-based ecosystems**



# ***The Declaration of Cork 2016: "A Better Life in Rural Areas"***



## **Policy Orientations**

- 1. Promoting rural prosperity**
- 2. Strengthening rural value chains**
- 3. Investing in rural viability and vitality**
- 4. Preserving the rural environment**
- 5. Managing natural resources**
- 6. Encouraging climate action**
- 7. Boosting knowledge and innovation**
- 8. Enhancing rural governance**
- 9. Advancing policy delivery and simplification**
- 10. Improving performance and accountability**





## **Next steps**

- 1. Communication on Modernising and Simplifying the CAP**
- 2. Multi-Annual Financial Framework proposal (2018)**
- 3. Legislative proposals**

***Thank you for your attention!***