COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: support for ASF prevention, control and eradication

Unit F.1 – Conception and consistency of Rural Development Policy
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Support from European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

- Regulation (EU) 1305/2013 on EAFRD. Objectives:
 - a) fostering the competitiveness of agriculture;
 - b) ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources, and climate action;
 - c) achieving a balanced territorial development of rural economies and communities including the creation and maintenance of employment.
- Union priorities for rural development
 - fostering knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry, and rural areas
 - enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and the sustainable management of forests
 - promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture



Support from European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

- Measures, including some eligibility requirements defined at EU level
- Shared management principle
- Rural Development Programmes (RDPs): national or regional + thematic
- 118 national and regional RDPs addressing MS/regions issues
- 2014-2020 budget = 100 bn EUR EAFRD
- Opportunities to address ASF through EAFRD are already existing now



M1 – Knowledge transfer & information action

Support under this measure shall cover vocational training and skills acquisition actions, demonstration activities and information actions.

Measure used in relation to ASF in



- In BG, 3 MEUR reserved for projects related to animal health and prevention of ASF (trainings, innovative projects, etc.)
- RO launched a call of projects on biosecurity and sanitary-veterinary rules for pig producers. 40 offers (one for each county) received.



M2 – Advisory services, farm management & farm relief services

- This measure:
 - a) help farmers, forest holders, other land managers and SMEs in rural areas benefit from the <u>use of advisory services</u> for the improvement of the economic and environmental performance as well as the climate friendliness and resilience of their holding, enterprise and/or investment
 - b) promote the setting up of farm management, farm relief and **farm advisory** <u>services</u>
 - c) promote the <u>training of advisors</u>
- Measure used in relation to ASF in





M4 – Investments in physical assets

- Support under this measure shall cover <u>tangible and/or intangible investments</u> which:
 - a) improve the overall performance and sustainability of the agricultural holding;
 - b) are <u>non-productive investments</u> linked to the achievement of agri- environment climate objectives
- Measure used in relation to ASF in
 - In HU, a call for proposals on '*Development of uisease control systems in pourty and pig farms*' provides support in improving hygiene and epidemiological conditions of pig farms to prevent ASF (also to prevent avian flu in poultry farms). The HU Managing Authority expects a maximum of 250 supported projects. The support rate is 50%, and the maximum of support is 57.000 EUR EAFRD per project.



M5 – Restoring agricultural production potential

- Support under this measure shall cover:
 - a) <u>investments in preventive actions</u> aimed at reducing the consequences of probable natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events;
 - b) <u>investments for the restoration</u> of agricultural land and production potential damaged by natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events
- Measure used in relation to ASF in
 - In EE, ASF was the main reason for activation of this measure; total public expenditure EUR 2 million, uptake (incl 2019 Q4) at ca 73%.
 - In LV, by end 2018: 78 projects were approved for a total amount of 3,5 MEUR (including 59 pig and 19 poultry projects)
 - In PL, 2673 aid applications for operations to prevent the spread of ASF (227,2 million PLN) were submitted in view of fencing operations and modernisation of installations for disinfection.



M6 – Farm & business development

- Support under this measure shall cover:
- a) <u>business start-up aid</u> for: young farmers, non-agricultural activities in rural areas, the development of small farms;
- b) investments in <u>creation and development of non-agricultural activities</u>;
- Measure used in relation to ASF in



- In BG, a targeted call for livestock farms was launched beginning of 2020 with the purpose to increase farms' biosecurity. The available budget is 6 MEUR. 214 projects were submitted so far
- In PL, support to farms in ASF affected areas for switching to other/non-agricultural activities on the condition of stopping pig production are being implemented



Observations about current use of EAFRD

- Limited use of RDP measures to specifically address ASF issues in some MS
- RDP measures such as Cooperation and Risk management with regards to ASF not considered at all by MS so far
- In general in the RDPs, no clear visibility of funding available to cope with ASF



Common Agricultural Policy post-2020

- Pressure on financial resources but still +/- 1/3 of EU budget
- Sectoral policy & territorial policy, both pillars merged into 1 CAP Strategic Plan
- No one size fits all model, variety of agricultures in EU → higher flexibility for MS

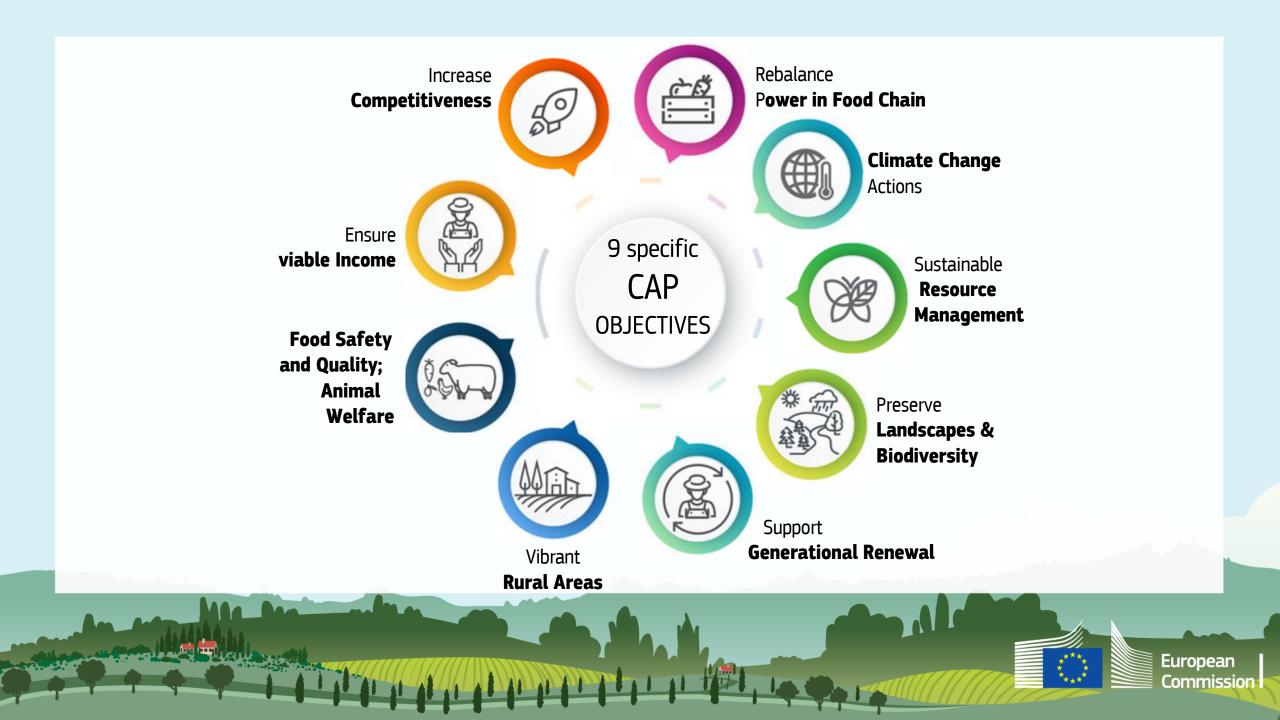












Opportunities to address ASF in future CAP Strategic Plans

- Specific Objective 2 Enhance market orientation and increase competitiveness, including greater focus on research, technology and digitalization
- Farm to Fork strategy aims at ensuring food security, nutrition and public health



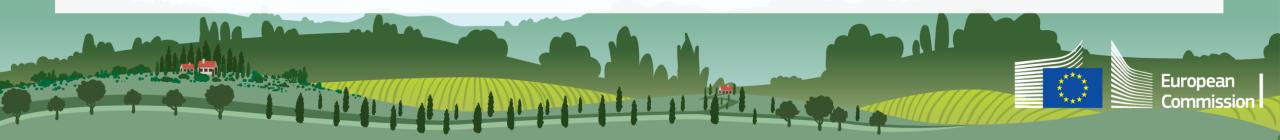
<u>Research and innovation</u> = key drivers in accelerating the transition to sustainable, healthy and inclusive food systems



 <u>Investments</u> are necessary to improve the resilience and accelerate the green & digital transformation of farms



• <u>Knowledge and advice</u> are key to enabling all actors in the food system to become sustainable. Primary producers have a particular need for objective, tailored advisory services on sustainable management choices. The Commission will therefore promote effective Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS), involving all food chain actors.



Opportunities to address ASF in future CAP Strategic Plans

1/ SWOT analysis



2/ Identification, prioritisation and ranking of needs



3/ Intervention strategy





Selection of the interventions and financial allocations

Targets for result indicators









