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# The CAP, the environment and the climate: where are we going...?

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## A few facts of life

*There are **known knowns**. These are things we know that we know. There are **known unknowns**. That is to say, there are things that we know we don't know. But there are also **unknown unknowns**. These are things we don't know that we don't know.*

(Donald Rumsfeld)

# Communication on Modernising and Simplifying the Common Agricultural Policy

**Inception impact assessment** (February 2017) – CAP to be:

- modernised
- simplified
- made more coherent with other EU policies – to maximise its contribution to....
  - ...the 10 Commission priorities
  - ...the UN Sustainable Development Objectives (SDGs)

## Let's not forget the money....

- Next EU multi-annual financial framework (MFF)
- "EU budget focused on results"

## Objectives: known (Commission priorities)

### 10 priorities

- 01**  A new boost for jobs, growth and investment.
- 02**  A connected digital single market.
- 03**  A resilient Energy Union with a forward-looking climate change policy.
- 04**  A deeper and fairer internal market with a strengthened industrial base.
- 05**  A deeper and fairer Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).
- 06**  A reasonable and balanced free trade agreement with the United States.
- 07**  An area of Justice and Fundamental Rights based on mutual trust.
- 08**  Towards a new policy on migration.
- 09**  Europe as a stronger global actor.
- 10**  A Union of democratic change.

## Objectives: known (SDGs)



## Objectives: unknown

- Final proposed list of CAP objectives
- Dog wags tail, or tail wags dog?
- Level of ambition

## CAP budget: known

- Cuts will have to be planned
- CAP budget must be (more) "focused on results"



## CAP budget: unknown

- How deep will cuts go?
- What does "a budget focused on results" mean in practice?

## **CAP tools: known (or reasonable to assume)**

- Criticisms of "greening" will have to be addressed somehow
- Revised green architecture of CAP will seek not to lose strengths of current system

## **CAP tools: unknown (selection!)**

- Level of prescriptiveness in EU legislation
- One tool for one objective (Tinbergen Rule), or "joint" approach?
- Sources of finance (EU vs. national)
- Area-based payments: what's more important – area covered or action taken on area?
- What about "all those other elements" (knowledge transfer, innovation, investments)?

## Context and further timing

### 2017

- Commission Communication on the CAP (29 Nov)
- (European Summit)

### 2018

- Legal proposals on the MFF
- Legal proposals for EU policies

### 2019

- EU-28 becomes EU-27
- End of mandate of Parliament, Commission
- New Parliament, Commission

## Further information

[https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/future-cap\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/future-cap_en)