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CORNER STONES OF THE AUSTRIAN POSITION
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CAP AFTER 2020 AT EXPECTATIONS



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- Secure food supply for the European population
- Maintenance of the production means and meeting of societal expectations
- Stabilisation of agricultural markets; development of safety nets
- Safeguarding and creation of jobs
 - Support for entrepreneurship
 - Creation of training and education services
 - Increase of regional production in all rural areas
 - Development of the socio-economic vitality of rural areas
- Maintenance of various kinds of infrastructure
 - ➔ Providing perspectives for the rural people, in particular for the youth

CORNER STONES AT POSITION (1/2)



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- CAP should remain a strong common European Policy both for Agriculture and the Rural Areas
- CAP position within the MFF should be central; no tendency towards re-nationalisation; provide for national co-financing as currently known
- Secure and enforce sustainability and multifunctionality
- Direct payments are a very important instrument to support farmers in times of different uncertainties; they are a tried and tested risk management tool
- Core elements: Agri-environment and maintenance of agriculture in mountain and other disadvantaged areas
- Financial remuneration for services which the society is asking for, and which are delivered by farmers, like protection of resources, the environment, nature or climate; as well as higher animal welfare standards and the maintenance of the landscape
- Family farms are the preferred types of holdings – nevertheless allow for diversity in structures

CORNER STONES AT POSITION (2/2)



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- Strengthening of competitiveness and innovation ability of agricultural holdings
- Focus on the production of high quality products and respective marketing strategies
- Covering of domestic needs where possible
- Development of safety nets in case of market disruptions, natural disasters or plagues
- New approaches regarding flexible production control instruments in difficult market situations
- Rural Development should remain an important pulse generator for the rural economy, by comprising a broad set of measures
- Understandable and practical rules



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