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CAP 2021 Priorities of the Netherlands

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CAP 2021



The Netherlands



- 34.000 km²
- 17 million inhabitants
- 410 inhabitants/km²
- 18.000 km² of agricultural land
- 60.000 agricultural enterprises

CAP-budget

- Pillar I € 700 mln (2020)
- Pillar II € 1,5 bln (2014-2020)



NL priorities CAP2021

- Market orientation
- Sustainable production (biodiversity, environment, climate)
- Sustainable consumption (towards a Common Agriculture and Food Policy)
- Simplification



NL priorities CAP2021

Context

- Link with the MMF: the CAP receives 38% of the EU-budget
- Brexit: UK contribution expires, budget cut CAP approx -20%
- EU faces new challenges: migration, security, defence
- EU signed up new commitments: climate change (COP21), sustainable development (UN SDG's)



NL priorities: Strengthen market orientation

Considerations

- Healthy enterprises should be able to realize an income in the market without continuous support
- Agriculture faces specific risks and market volatility
- Farmers hold a weak position in the food supply chain
- Innovation and sustainability are needed for future competitiveness



NL priorities: Strengthen market orientation

Direction CAP2021

- Maintaining a CAP safety net at low price level
- Developing payments into risk-management initiatives
- Reinforcing the farmers' position in the food chain (AMTF recommendations)
- Safeguarding the EU level playing field (f.e. no reintroduction of distorting (state) aid)
- Stimulating innovation for competitiveness and sustainability



NL priorities: Sustainable Production

Considerations

- Agriculture causes external damage f.e. biodiversity and landscape loss, environmental pollution, health risks
- Global challenges: climate, COP21 Paris, biodiversity, UN SDG's require an integral approach, including agricultural policy
- Tax payers raise questions on payments without obligations
- The market doesn't reward farmers for their contribution to the management of the landscape, liveability of rural area's, etc.



NL priorities: Sustainable production

Direction CAP2021

- Transition of direct income support towards payments for services delivered to society, f.e.:
 - Protection of ecosystems and biodiversity
 - Ensuring the health of soil, water and air
 - Climate change mitigation (carbon fixation)
 - Maintaining/preserving the landscape
- Build on greening and agri-environment-climate measures
 - > larger part of CAP to innovation



NL priorities: Agriculture and food policy

Considerations

- Internal market is a food market, not just an agricultural market
- Position of farmer also depends on functioning of the food chain
-> AMTF report and recommendations
- Public health issues
-> Salt, sugar, fat (obesity): sustainable production and consumption
- The CAP should deliver healthy food that is produced sustainably
-> Agriculture should serve society, not vice versa



NL priorities: Agriculture and food policy

Direction CAP2021

- Expand the CAP to a integral agriculture and food policy covering the entire food chain
- Focusing and promoting the production, sales and consumption of healthy and sustainable food
- Invest in education, advice, awareness raising, offer transparency to consumers thereby ensuring a market for sustainable production



NL priorities: Simplification

Considerations

- Implementation of the CAP has become very complex and costly, in particular controls
- Regulations are often perceived as bureaucratic, unnecessary or counterproductive
- Policies focus on accountability rather than on effectiveness
- Previous intentions to simplify have failed



NL priorities: Simplification

Direction CAP2021

- Simplify, streamline rules and reduce administrative burden for farmers and control agencies
- Enlarging the scope in the CAP for subsidiarity f.e. a rural development policy tailored to regional needs
- Entrusting more responsibility to MS as regards the implementation of the CAP (define objectives, not means)
- Modernise controls:
 - > Risk-based audits and controls
 - > Generic EC audits on MS control systems instead of individual cases



Summary

CAP2021:

- Ensure market orientation, maintain level playing field
- Transition direct payments to targeted payments for public goods
- Have an integral approach including sustainability goals
- Be extended to a food chain policy
- Keep it simple!
- Subsidiarity where possible

Thank you for attention