



BCAP 2020+
BULGARIAN CHOICE FOR
AGRICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES
AFTER 2020

CAP: THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

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The Challenges

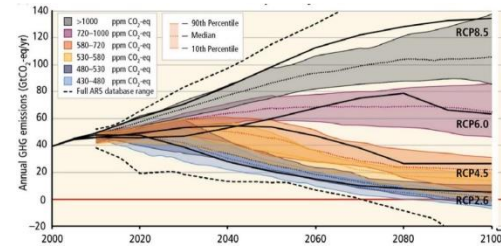
- **Consensus** at all levels on the challenges to be addressed by the Agriculture
- Novelty: the **variety and extent of the concerns and demands** that have been added
- **CAP objectives** (Treaties) **still valid** (some tend to ignore)
- Objectives have **evolved** (CAP 2013 Reform..) to contribute to the overall European objectives (Sustainable, Intelligent and Inclusive growth):
 - Market orientation
 - Sustainable use of natural resources
 - Balanced territorial development

New Challenges

- Climatic and environmental issues



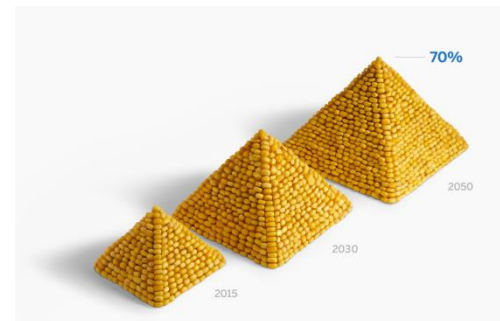
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- Sustainable Development Goals



- Global Food challenge

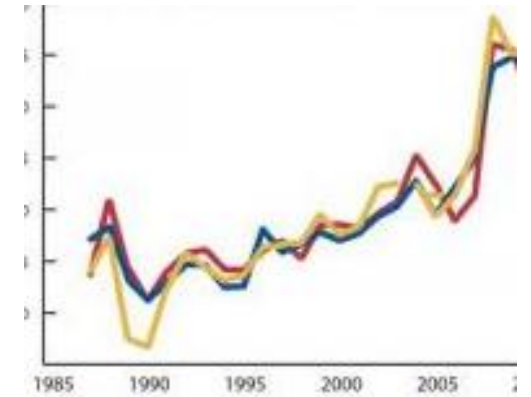


...and last but not least...

The need to ensure at the same time :

→ the **VIABILITY** of UE farms and

→ how to deal with increasing **VOLATILITY** of agricultural markets



Essential role of Innovation and New technologies
“ More knowledge per hectare ”

Building the Spanish position



Spanish position on the CAP in a few words.

- **Common** CAP.
- **Farmers** as main players.
- Taking into account **consumer** concerns.
- In line with **International commitments** & the **European Agenda**.
- Providing a **stable legislative framework** (legal certainty).
- Supporting the agri-food sector in its **international vocation**.
- **Strong Policy** at Community level and well endowed in the **post 2020 MFF**.
- **Direct Payments** should continue to play an essential role in this policy.



Spanish position on the CAP in a few words

- **Climatic and environmental benefits of direct payments** can be improved by providing farmers and livestock owners with the **needed incentives**.
- Spain: wide range of productive models in agriculture & livestock: CAP must reflect **diversity**; **flexibility** is needed.
- In favour of strengthening and improving **safety-net & risk management tools** for agricultural markets.
- Strengthening the bargaining position of farmers in the **food chain**
- Using the instruments of the **Second Pillar** to improve the development of rural areas and combat their main threats.





CAP Reform & MFF “post 2020”

- Very **complicated calendar** for 2018-2020 : Brexit / MFF/ Elections/New EP & COM / Future of EU-27...
- Unlikely that a major reform of the CAP will be done **before 2023**.
- Short term: completion of the **“Modernization & simplification of the CAP”** and other changes (Commission Communication of 30th November).
- Proposal for a **new MFF (5, 7 or 5+5 years)** approaching: May 2018 .
- Debate & successful negotiation of an agreement before the EP elections (**May 2019**) extremely complicated ...
- **Bulgaria** will hold the Presidency of the European Union in the first half of 2018: **key period** (MFF proposal, Brexit negotiations, CAP proposals...)



CAP Budget in the Reflection paper on the future of EU finances



- Scenarios for the CAP in the White Paper (April) and the fifth reflection paper on the future of EU finances (June) were **not particularly favorable**.
- Concern for the general approach of this later document for the **CAP**.
- Biased treatment and presentation of important issues (such as level of income support needed or co-financing of direct payments) as **“options to explore”**.
- **Co-financing of DP**: opens the door to differential treatment between Member States (with greater or lesser budgetary capacity) or to CAP renationalization

CAP of the future / The future of CAP



- It will depend a lot on the next decisions taken about the **future of the EU-27 and its budget.**
- **6th Scenario** (Juncker. SOTEU. 13th September) to be developed.
- **CAP passes the “community value added test”**
- CAP has to **evolve**; **“statu-quo”** should not be an option for the future
- **CAP must adapt to new challenges** (particularly in terms of climate and environment) and improve **resilience** to crisis.
- We will have to convince our farmers **to adapt the way they produce.**
- We can witness a **“green revolution”** in the next decade if we are able to stablish the necessary incentives through the CAP.

We are firmly convinced that the CAP can do much more for European society in the next decade than in the past, but for that we need for it to be reinforced, not weakened.

Thank you very much

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