CAP reform:
The need to include HNV farming and farmland

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The current CAP is not delivering

Conservation status of agricultural habitats
European Commission 2009

Common farmland bird indicator, Europe

Source of the data: EBCC/ASPB/BirdLife/Statistics Netherlands
The CAP sits under heading 2 of the EU budget “Preservation and management of natural resources”
Current support to HNV

- RDR states that Support provided in Article 36(a)(vi) [agri-environment payments] shall be granted [inter alia to] enhance the public amenity value of …high nature value areas
- All member states required to monitor effects of RD programmes on HNV
- Some member states e.g. Bu, Ro agri-environment measures aimed at HNV (those in identified area eligible)
- The majority of the HNV area is included within the LFA
CAP reform

April-June: Commission Consultation on Future CAP
July: Commission conference
   Launch of EP own initiative report
Autumn: Commission conclusions on the budget review
November: Commission communication on CAP, public consultation
July: Legislative proposals on CAP
   Long term budget to council (Polish presidency)
Council agrees CAP and budget and sends to the EP (Polish/Danish)
Council-Parliament negotiations – agreement expected Cypriot/Irish

January: new CAP and the EU budget (if not delayed until January 2015)
Vision for the future of the CAP

A different CAP is needed…
Public money for public goods

Non-rivalry and non-excludability

Not provided by the market

- Biodiversity and genetic resources
- Water quantity and quality
- Carbon storage
- Prevention of natural hazards
- Attractive landscapes
Funding mechanisms

- Legislation
  - BFSS
  - HNV
  - Capital Grant
  - AES
  - Organic
HNV support

- Identified by Member States based on farm-level criteria (not zoning)
- EU guidance on HNV identification
- Commission checks and approves systems identified
Support conditions

• Member states could choose whether to apply a flat rate payment to all HNV farms or vary payments according to farm characteristics (quality, remoteness, practices)
• Land managers would agree to maintain the habitat

• Capital funding for HNV restoration
• Support for investment grants
• Investment aid for communities at risk of depopulation
Working towards the vision

• Pillar 1
  – Area basis
  – Better use of GAEC
  – Introduce programming, monitoring, etc.
  – Top up to extensive grasslands

• Pillar 2
  – Changes to the LFA measure
  – Use of Agri-environment
Thank you for listening!