

# AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE WORKSHOP COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

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# OUTLINE- GHG MITIGATION IN FARMING, CAP AND CLIMATE POLICIES

“The EEB and G10

“Agriculture and climate- victim /problem- solution?

“CAP and climate- what’s in for mitigation?

“Climate and energy package 2030- an NGO perspective

“CAP post 2020- climate- an NGO perspective

# THE EEB IN SHORT

## Who are we?

“Europe’s largest network of environmental citizens’ organisations

” around **140 civil society organisations...**  
including a growing number of **European networks**

” ...from more than **30 European countries**

“Over 40 years of EU environmental policy expertise

# THE EEB IN SHORT

## What do we do?

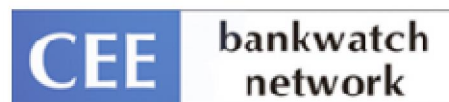
“EEB tackles **Europe’s most pressing environmental problems** by agenda setting, monitoring, advising on and influencing the way the EU deals with these issues.

“We also lead on overarching issues as sustainable development, good governance, participatory democracy and the rule of law in Europe and beyond.

“To summarize, our areas of work include:

- “ **Climate and Energy**
- “ **Nature and Sustainable Agriculture**
- “ **Industry and Health**
- “ **Resource Efficiency**
- “ **Sustainability and Governance**
- “ **Global and Regional Policies**

# THE G10



# AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE

Agriculture (CO<sub>2</sub> (land) – Nitrous oxide and methane (mostly livestock) ) contributes to climate change

BUT

*Also one of its first victims*

Mitigation in the farming sector is therefore a priority

# CAP AND CLIMATE- WHAT'S IN FOR MITIGATION?

## Cross compliance and greening

Cross compliance: ~~Water Framework and Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive (SUPD)~~ not included

Greening: ~~Crop rotation and soil cover~~ not included  
Less than half of grasslands in N2000 protected  
Overall: poor implementation of the greening measures with highest climate potential

# CAP AND CLIMATE- WHAT'S IN FOR MITIGATION?

## Pillar 2

Agri environmental and climate measure- yes but...?

-> *1/3 of budget goes to Areas with Natural constraints (no specific environmental requirement)*

Organic farming measures



# CLIMATE AND ENERGY PACKAGE

## NGOs vision

Flexibility between CO<sub>2</sub> and non CO<sub>2</sub> emissions **should be limited**

**-> Need for a systemic approach (holistic measures)**

Clear agriculture emissions reduction target and trajectory and strategy in national Energy and Climate Action Plans -> needed

Phase out Land based biofuels

# CAP POST 2020 & CLIMATE

## NGOs vision

Strong demand from EC public consultation for a policy that delivers more for the climate and environment (from farmers (over 60%) and citizens (over 90%))

# CAP POST 2020 & CLIMATE

## NGOs vision

“Pre-requisites:

Policy coherence

Need for change in CAP Governance

Move away from untargeted Direct payments

# CAP POST 2020 & CLIMATE

## NGOs vision

### **1. Focus on transition towards sustainable farming**

*Low-input agriculture, conservation measures at soil level and recycling nutrients*

*One off investments, knowledge transfers, innovation and advice*

*All based on a whole farm approach, foster transition to organic farming*

### **2. Focus on sustainable Food consumption**

*Promotion measures for healthy diets including less animal products, reduction of food waste recommended dietary guidelines, education in schools for better nutrition, public procurement and improved transparency and consumer awareness related to environmental, animal welfare, social and health issues*

# SUMMARY

## NGOs vision

Agriculture must engage in climate mitigation through capturing more carbon (CO<sub>2</sub>) AND above all emitting less (nitrous oxide and methane)

A systemic approach and transition to sustainable farming are key to proper mitigation and adaptation to climate change

Should be the focus of CAP post 2020

Thanks!

Questions?

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