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The role for the post 2013 Rural Development Policy within the reformed CAP

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Further shape of CAP - General statement

The Common Agricultural Policy will have a key role to play after 2013 in ensuring food safety, sustainable development of agriculture and rural areas, a level playing field on the single agricultural market and a strong competitive position of the EU on the global agricultural market.



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Further shape of CAP - General statement

In view of the multifunctionality of agriculture and rural areas, the CAP beyond 2013 should be an effective instrument focused on the new Community challenges such as climate change, water management, biodiversity and renewable energies.

Many of these challenges are of cross-border or even global importance. Thus, they become important issues for the entire EU and may be effectively addressed at the Community level.



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Further shape of CAP - General statement

It is fully justifiable to maintain the current structure of the CAP, i.e. all 3 elements of the current policy:

- (i) Common Market Organisation,**
- (ii) Direct Payments Scheme, and**
- (iii) Rural Development Policy – 3 pillars ???**



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Taking account of:

- (i) the scope of the CAP objectives extended by new Community challenges while keeping the majority of tasks implemented so far,
 - (ii) the crucial role of financial solidarity for smooth functioning of the single market, and
 - (iii) the reduced level of price support,
- it is necessary to ensure an appropriate level of Community funding for this Policy beyond 2013 at least at its current level.



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Further shape of CAP - General statement

CAP has played a major role in the process of EU enlargement with 12 new Central and Eastern Europe states as it contributed to their smooth inclusion into the single EU market, allowed to accelerate adaptation, modernisation, and restructuring processes as well as multifunctional development of rural areas.

And – it's worth continuation...



Further shape of CAP - General statement

To ensure better effectiveness of CAP it is necessary:

- maintain a Community nature;
- reduce implementation costs
- simplify mechanisms.

In Polish opinion any attempts to re-nationalise the CAP are unacceptable (non-equal position of MS).



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Rural Development Policy

The results of the debate held within the framework of the CAP Health Check show that the rural development policy is more and more justifiable.

The role of the II pillar - important in the process of structural transformation and modernisation in rural areas and agriculture, including acceleration of the catching-up process (particular importance for NMS).

The rural development policy - a good tool to implement the new functions of the CAP associated with "new challenges" (climate changes, renewable energy, water management, biodiversity).



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Rural Development Policy

It is necessary to preserve strong role of RD beyond 2013 and to keep its integrated character (without transfers to Cohesion Policy).

With an increasing need to support the EU agri-food sector for global competition and in view of the scope of tasks, with new challenges, it is justified **to keep the budget of the second pillar** at least at its current level.

As regards the distribution of the CAP's second pillar funding, the current allocation rules shall be maintained, in particular with regard to the funds which were transferred to the EAFRD from the cohesion policy, it is necessary to retain the allocation rules.



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Direct payments

Common direct payments should remain the CAP instrument responsible for:

- (i) support and stabilization of agricultural incomes;
- (ii) maintenance of agricultural land in good agricultural and environmental condition;
- (iii) compensation of the costs of meeting the Community requirements related to non-production public goods;
- (iv) ensuring strong position on the single agri-food market.

The role of supporting incomes and maintaining land in a good condition is esp. important in LFAs.



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Direct payments

It is necessary to abandon the current arrangements where the amount of payments (SAPS rate or average value of SPS entitlements) and national ceilings (envelopes) reflect historical level and production intensity in individual Member States from before 10 to 20 years.

The system of flat rate payments in the entire EU would better contribute to the current and future CAP objectives than the current system.

The new payment system should be linked with the area of agricultural land (simplified current SAPS system), should include the compliance with the environmental requirements and additional financial **support for less-favoured areas**.



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Market intervention

- The CAP should retain the current effective instruments of market intervention – as a “safety net”, implemented to the fullest in special circumstances (significant price decrease, more volatile prices). It is important to retain the possibility of effective intervention in the sectors of particular significance for the environment and regions.
- New risk management tools on Community level are necessary.



Comments to Italian position

- A similar approach to rural development:
 - Enhancement and simplification, avoid overlapping;
 - better & more flexible management;
 - Axes 3 and 4 – to be left in RDP;
 - better coordination and coherence with CP;
 - interrelation with direct payments (Italian position even more revolutionary – linking more RDP measures with DP;
- - promising platform for discussion (general questions are common)



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Thank you for attention

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