

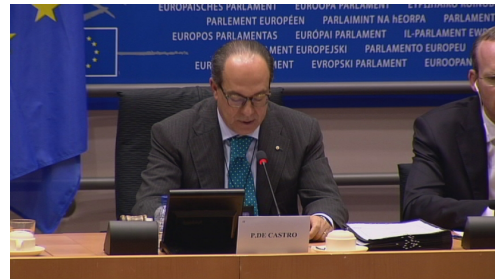


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Outcome of the CAP reform trilogues: - extracts from the press conference

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A provisional political agreement on the reform of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has been announced today in the European Parliament. The deal between Parliament, the Commission and the Irish EU presidency has been presented by the chair of the EP's agricultural committee as well as the three MEPs in charge of steering the reform through EP, a representative from the Irish presidency and the commissioner for agriculture. European Parliament gained powers over the CAP, EU budget and other policy areas under the 2009 Lisbon Treaty reforms. Now, MEPs are confident that there will be a shift in power from the agricultural ministers who previously held the bulk of decision making over CAP. Since March, when the four packages of legislation that make up the next CAP were approved by lawmakers, MEPs have re-written parts of the EC's original proposal and worked through 42 rounds of negotiations with national ministers and the Commission.



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00:00:10	General view of the ambience during the introduction of the agenda (4 shots)	00:00:13
00:00:23	SOUNDBITE (Italian) Paolo DE CASTRO (S&D, IT), Chair of the EP's Agriculture Committee: "We have a political agreement reached this morning and a trilogue here in Brussels with the Irish Presidency and the European Commission with Dacian CIOLOȘ. It was supported by a large majority of political groups and by our debate in the Agriculture Committee this afternoon."	00:00:19
00:00:42	SOUNDBITE (Italian) Paolo DE CASTRO (S&D, IT), Chair of the EP's Agriculture Committee: "I would like to emphasise that there are still some points which were left out of the negotiations not because of the European Parliament but because of the will of the Council. I am referring to all the negotiating points that form part of the 'negotiating box' on the financial perspectives: the subjects of the conversion, capping and the movement of resources from the first to the second pillar. We hope that the negotiations will continue in the MFF (Multiannual	00:00:51

	the negotiations that continue in the next (interim) Financial Framework) but there is no support from the Agriculture Committee on those points."	
00:01:33	SOUNDBITE (Portuguese) Luis Manuel CAPOULAS SANTOS (S&D, PT) one of the MEPs responsible for steering the reform through Parliament: "We managed to highlight the green aspect of the CAP because about a third of the second pillar budget would be devoted for environmental measures. Similarly, we managed to achieved one of our main redlines that was to ensure that there will not be dual payments in both pillars for the same land. The solutions we have got were positives."	00:00:34
00:02:07	SOUNDBITE (French) Michel DANTIN (EPP, FR), one of the MEPs responsible for steering the reform through Parliament: "The sugar sector will be still covered till 2017 and then it would have a contractual policy that it would be included in the basic act."	00:00:12
00:02:19	SOUNDBITE (English) Simon COVENEY, Irish Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Irish EU presidency: "This is the first time that there is being a co-decision function for the Parliament, is the first time that we have 27 and soon 28 Member States involved. There has been a really challenging job politically to do to find a way to finding compromises, to finding a way forward."	00:00:22
00:02:41	SOUNDBITE (English) Simon COVENEY, Irish Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Irish EU presidency: "How we distribute money among farmers? It has been very political and very controversial. I think that we have come to an acceptable compromise now that makes sense, that gives countries that have different structures and different priorities, different options while at the same time keeping a common policy intact. We have achieved a realistic and sensible compromise on greening, so we can guarantee that the farmers are not going to be paid twice for the same thing. That it has been a difficult result but I think that we have a very sensible approach. We also have the flexibility in terms of requirements that are needed. Sweden is not the same as Cyprus, Ireland is not the same as Malta, France is not the same as Finland. We have very different structures and types of agriculture and I think we have provided for that flexibility in a sensible way in the greening mechanism as well as in the other mechanisms."	00:00:57
00:03:38	SOUNDBITE (English) Simon COVENEY, Irish Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Irish EU presidency: "On the issue of the milk package, essentially what we have done is that we have maintained the milk package that was negotiated at length a number of years ago, it took two years to put that together so it is not unravelling. We are	00:00:27

	years to put that together, so it is not amazing. We are essentially adding some extra policy choices to that milk package in a way that move towards the Michel DANTIN rapport in terms of single CMO."	
00:04:05	SOUNDBITE (French) Dacian CILOȘ, Commissioner for Agriculture: "We have choose to assume a positive discrimination by means of public support mechanism, particularly thinking about help to young farmers. This means that it is a forward looking future-oriented CAP. I am happy to see that all elements concerning paradigm shift has been accepted by co-legislators and reflected on the political agreement that we concluded today."	00:00:33
00:04:38	SOUNDBITE (French) Dacian CILOȘ, Commissioner for Agriculture: "I wanted the CAP could support a farming that shows responsibility towards the workers and towards the natural resources that are available in the European agriculture."	00:00:19
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