



Update on networking in the new CAP

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Expected final legal framework for networks

Basic Act

- Article 113 becomes ...Article 126!
- Drafting changes and re-organisation of text
- Addition: *‘National CAP networks to build on the existing networking experience and practices in the Member States’*
- 7 objectives and 9 tasks for networks (8 tasks for national level)

Secondary legislation

- Draft Implementing Act on Content of CAP Strategic Plans

7 Network objectives

- (a) increase the **involvement of all relevant stakeholders** in the implementation of CAP Strategic Plans and, where relevant, in their design;
- (b) **accompany the Member States' administrations** in the implementation of CAP Strategic Plans and the transition to a performance-based delivery model;
- (c) contribute to **improving the quality of implementation** of CAP Strategic Plans;
- (d) contribute to the **information of the public and potential beneficiaries** on the CAP and funding opportunities★;
- (e) **foster innovation** in agriculture and rural development and **support peer-to-peer learning** and the inclusion of, and the interaction between, all stakeholders in the knowledge-exchange and knowledge-building process;
- (f) contribute to **monitoring and evaluation capacity and activities**;
- (g) contribute to the **dissemination of CAP Strategic Plans results**.

★ To be addressed in particular by national CAP Networks

9 Network tasks (1)

- (a) **collection, analysis and dissemination of information** on actions and good practices implemented or supported under CAP Strategic Plans as well as analysis on developments in agriculture and rural areas relevant to the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1);
- (b) **contribution to capacity building** for Member States administrations and of other actors involved in the implementation of CAP Strategic Plans, **including as regards monitoring and evaluation processes**;
- (c) **creation of platforms, fora and events to facilitate exchanges of experience** between stakeholders **and peer-to-peer learning**, including where relevant exchanges with networks in third countries;
- (d) collection of information and facilitation of its dissemination as well as **networking of funded structures and projects**, such as local action groups referred to in Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, EIP operational groups referred to in Article 127(3) of this Regulation and equivalent structures and projects;

9 Network tasks (2)

- (e) **support for cooperation projects** between EIP operational groups referred to in Article 127(3) of this Regulation, local action groups referred to in Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 or similar local development structures, including transnational cooperation;
- (f) creation of **links to other Union-funded strategies or networks**;
- (g) **contribution to the further development of the CAP** and preparation of any subsequent CAP Strategic Plan period;
- (h) *in the case of national CAP networks*, participating in and contributing to the activities of the **European CAP network**;
- (i) *in the case of the European CAP network*, cooperating with, and contributing to, the activities of the **national CAP networks**.

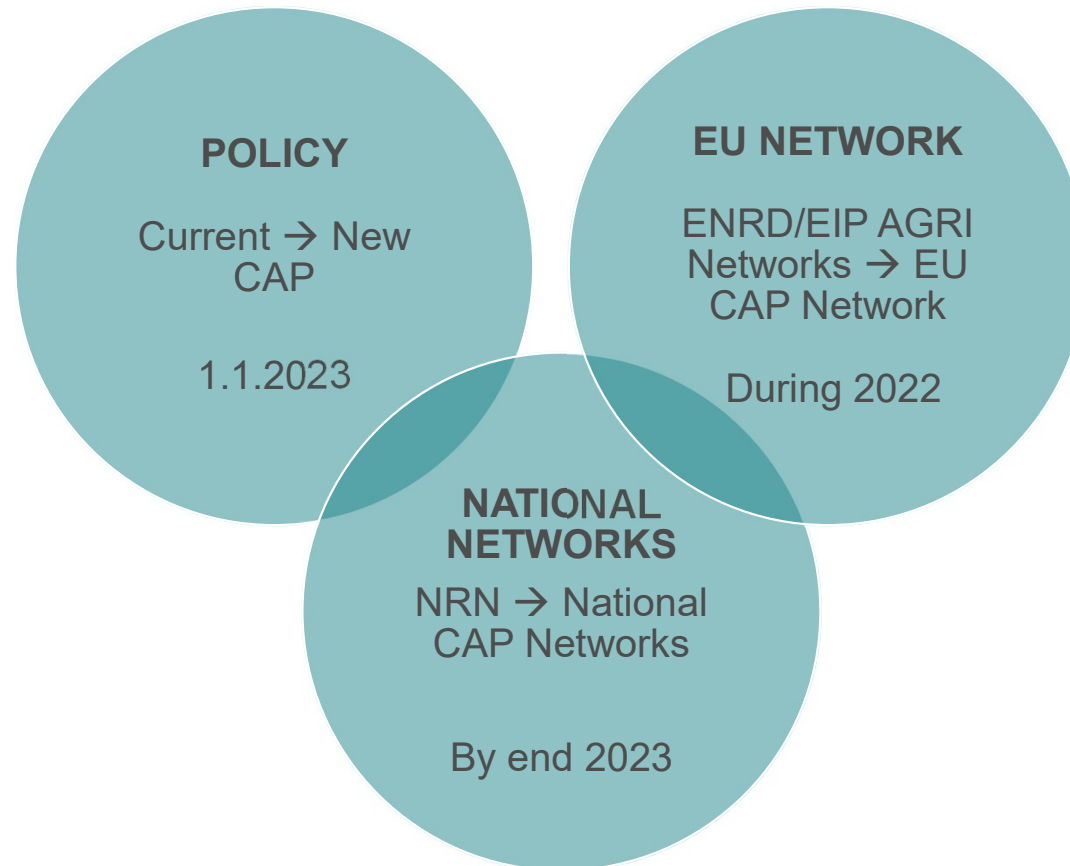
Draft Implementing Act on content of CSP

4.4. CAP network

This subsection on the description of the CAP network shall notably include:

- (a) a summary overview and the objectives of the national CAP network,** including a description of activities to support EIP and knowledge flows within the AKIS and the networking of Local Action Groups under LEADER/community-led local development;
- (b) structure, governance and operation of the national CAP network,** including whether the network includes any regional-level components; the indicative share of technical assistance funding allocated to the network and indicative budget for the period and the indicative timeline for launch of the national CAP network

Several transitions and timelines.....but networking continues



Update on support for EU Networks

- Current 2 EU-level Rural Networks – ENRD and EIP-AGRI Network- continue to run during transition, pending launch of EU CAP Network during 2022
- New support contracts signed (July 2021) and operational under 3 of 4 Lots :
 - Lot 1: Support for networking concerning the design and implementation of CSP → **RURANET EEIG**
 - Lot 2: Support for networking activities focusing on innovation and knowledge exchange- EIP-AGRI → **CAP EUROPE Innovation Consortium**
 - Lot 4: Logistical and communication support for networking activities → **CommUnity For Europe EEIG**
- Lot 3: European Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP – current contract still running

Key messages

- **No interruption in networking activities at EU level - new programmes of activities being drawn up;**
- Key counterparts* for NSU at current time:
 - ENRD Contact Point (Lot 1)
 - EIP-AGRI Support Facility (Lot 2)
 - Evaluation HelpDesk

* *Some contact units/names might be changed upon creation of the EU CAP Network*

Thank you



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