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Public consultation on "Modernising and Simplifying the Common Agricultural Policy"

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#FutureofCAP



Agriculture
and Rural
Development

Commission Work Programme 2017

*The Commission will **take forward work and consult widely** on **simplification and modernisation** of the Common Agricultural Policy to **maximise its contribution** to the Commission's **ten priorities** and to the **Sustainable Development Goals**.*

*This will focus on **specific policy priorities** for the **future**, taking account of the opinion of the **REFIT Platform**, and **without prejudice** to the Commission proposal to revise the **Multiannual Financial Framework**.*

The process

Stakeholder Consultation

**Problem
definition**

Objectives

**Policy
options and
assessment**

Impact assessment

Consultation activities:

- Existing institutional channels: Civil Dialogue Groups
- On-line public consultation
- Technical seminars with experts
- A conference to present the share the results of the public consultation and the technical seminars

Objectives of the stakeholder consultation:

- Collect views on the performance of the current policy and on the challenges facing EU agriculture and rural areas
- Collect and assess ideas on how to adapt the policy to these emerging challenges
- Gather the widest possible range of views and concerns about EU agriculture in an open and transparent manner
- Enlarge the debate on the CAP to the wider public and encourage more people to take part in the policy discussion

On-line public consultation: key elements

- Open on-line between 2nd February and 2nd MAY
- Published in all 23 EU official languages
- Questionnaire structures on 3 areas:
 - Agriculture, Rural Areas and the CAP today
 - Objectives and Governance
 - Agriculture, Rural Areas and the CAP tomorrow
- Questions include
 - 28 closed questions (multiple choice)
 - 5 open questions: two questions on performance of the current CAP (12-13), one on additional objectives (16) and two on ideas for the future (32-33)
 - Possibility to upload concise documents (up to 5 pages), such as a position paper (question 34)

High public interest on agriculture, rural areas and the CAP

Total of **322 916** online contributions

1423 position papers/ all types of stakeholders

58 520 replies to the on-line questionnaire:

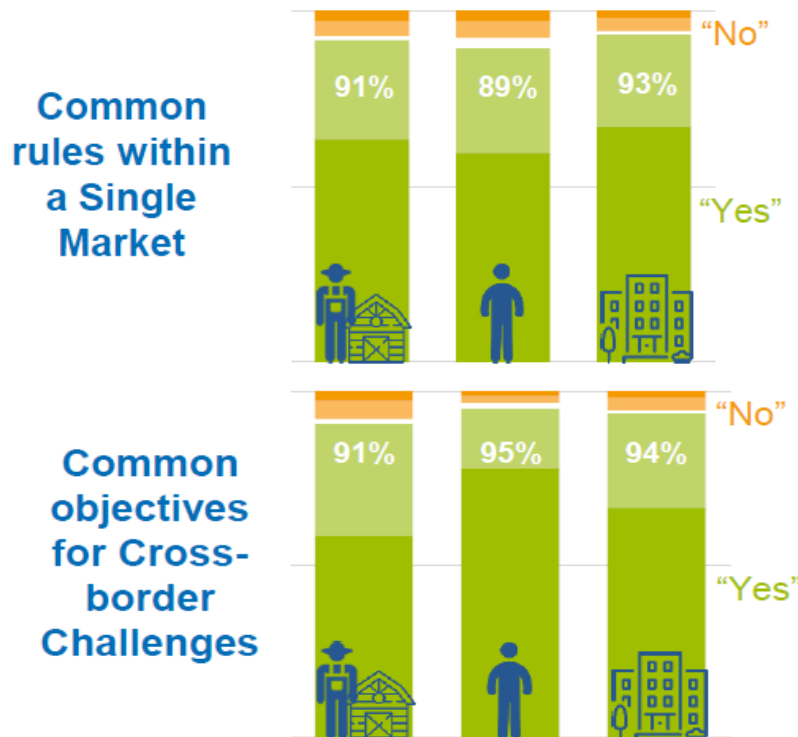
21 386 farmers (36,5%)

27 893 other citizens (47,7%)

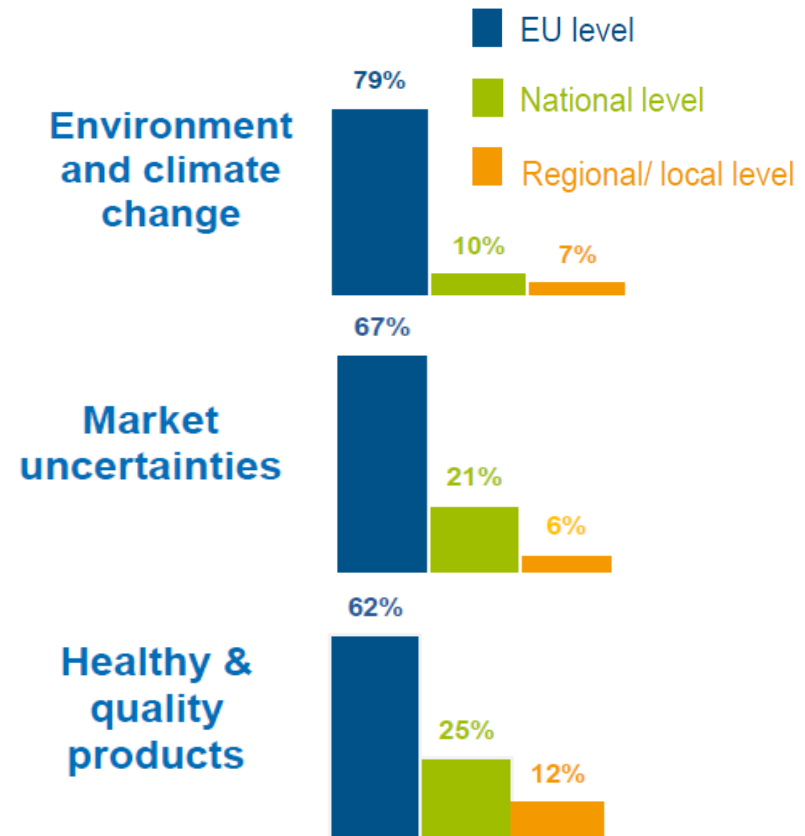
9 241 organisations (15,8%)

Keeping a strong Agricultural Policy at EU level

Having a CAP makes sense because we need...

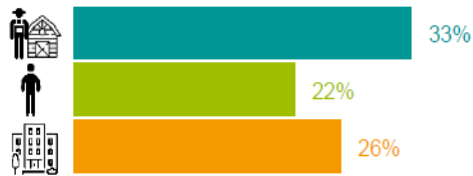


Which level of government?

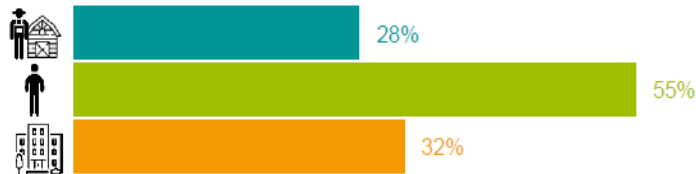


Confirming challenges ahead

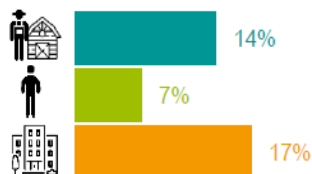
Fair standard of living for farmers



Pressures on the environment + Climate change



Lack of jobs and growth



97%

agree that farmers get a limited share of prices consumers pay*

88%

agree that farm income is still significantly lower than the average EU income*

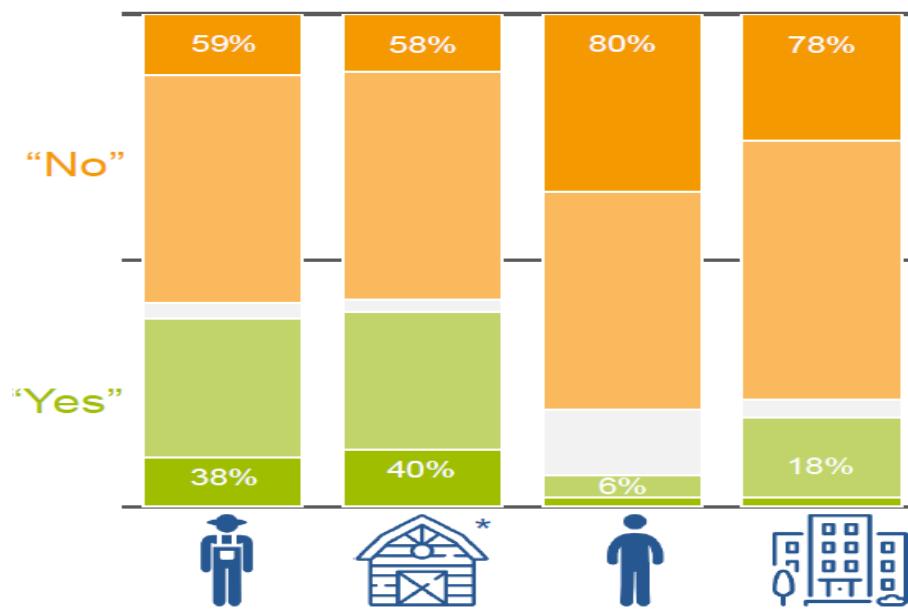
87%

agree that EU farmers face stricter requirements than non-EU ones*

Need for a simple and more effective policy

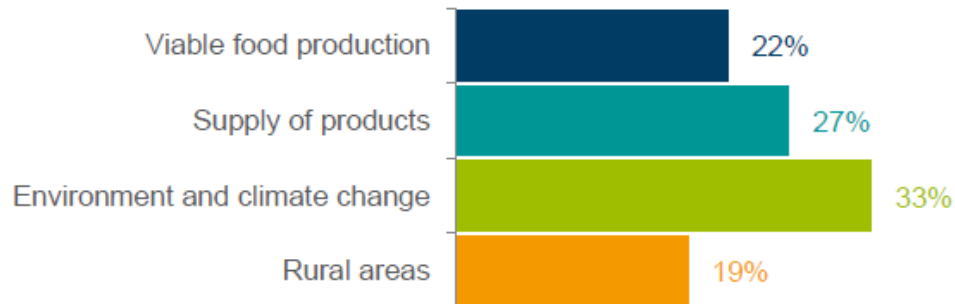
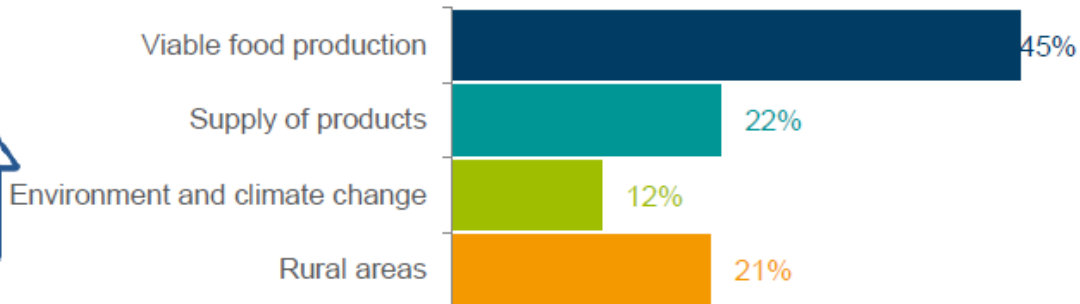
The current CAP successfully address the existing challenges to some extent only (57%)

Negative reply when assessing to what extent the CAP addresses the environmental challenges:



Different perceptions on the economy and the environment between farmers and other citizens...

Most important objectives...



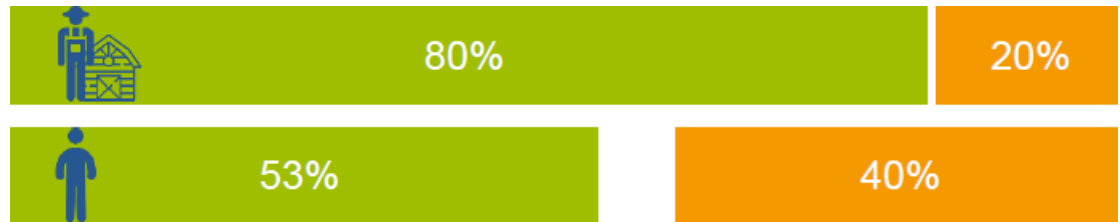
...and new societal demands

Objectives for a future CAP...

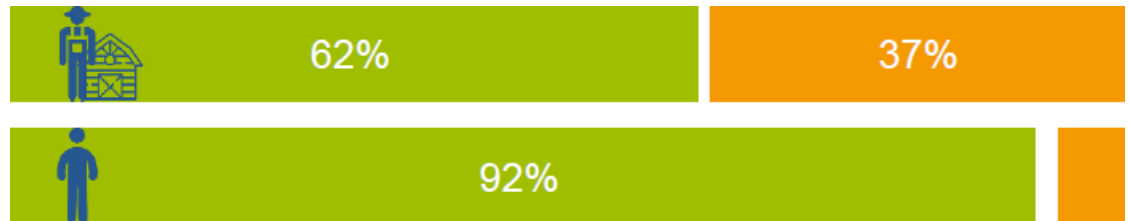


Agreement on the call for a modern and simpler CAP

*Farmers need direct
income support*



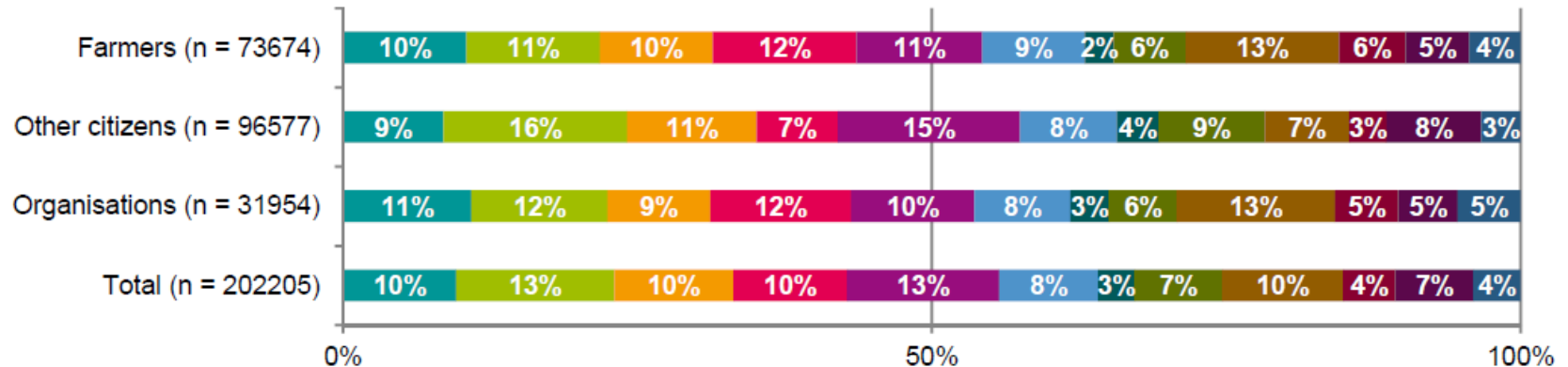
*Agricultural policy
should deliver more
benefits for environment
& climate*



69%

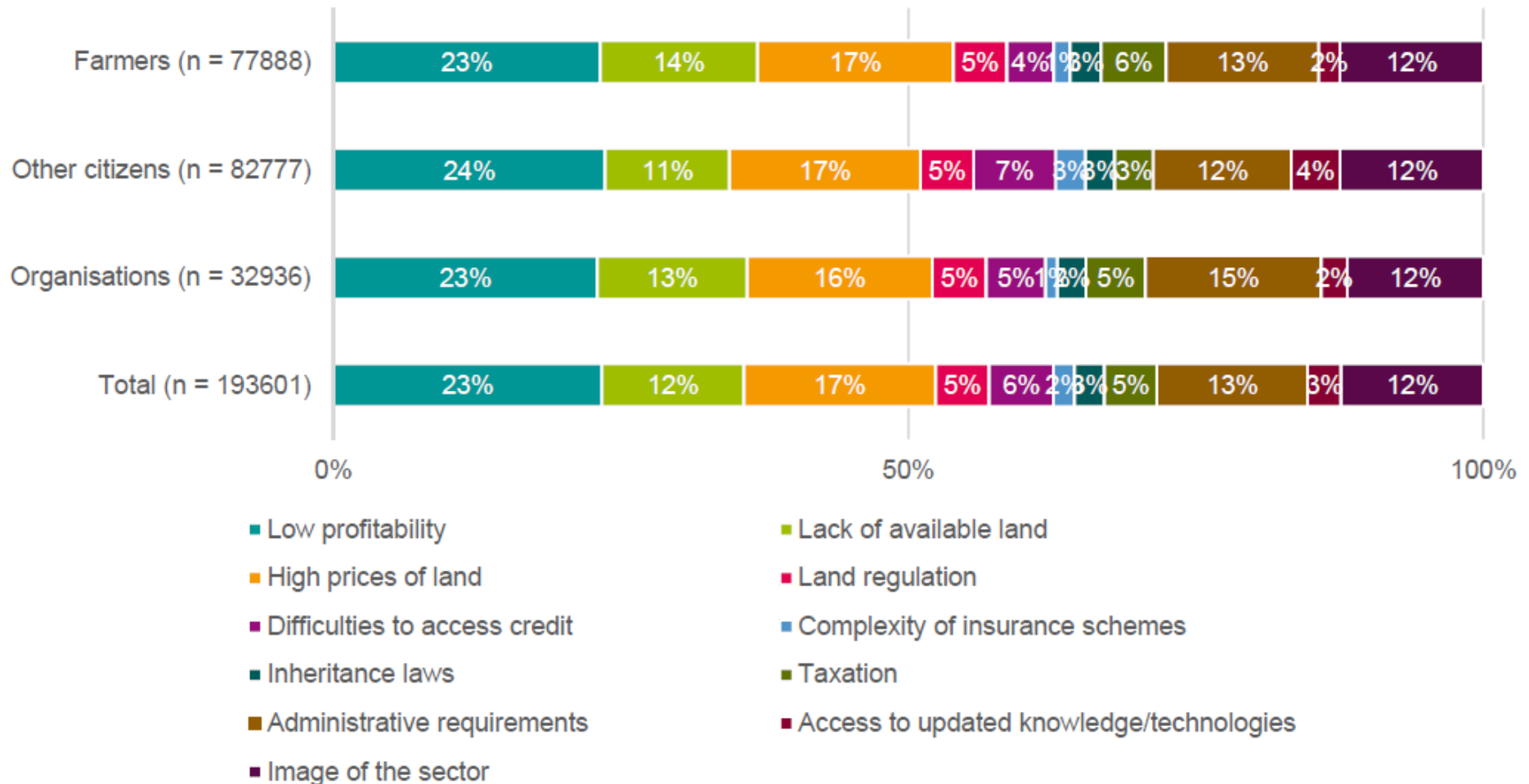
agree on a reduction of overlaps between RD and other CAP
measures*

Where should the CAP improve its contribution for rural areas?



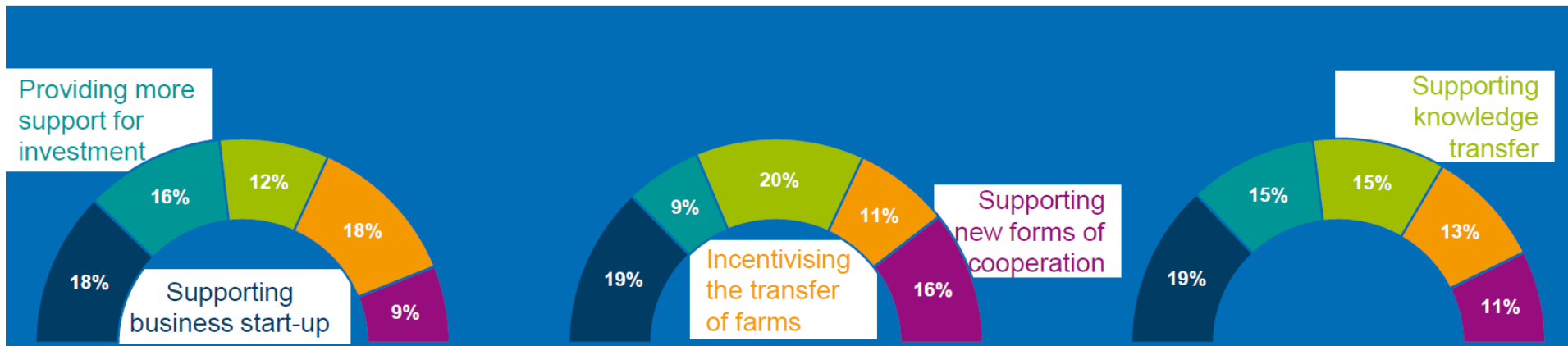
- Fostering innovation through knowledge transfer, advice and vocational training
- Taking care of local know-how and products in line with EU's diversity and providing the basis for EU quality products
- Addressing local needs by supporting the provision of local infrastructure/services (e.g. health care, child care, transport)
- Fostering the economic viability of agriculture throughout the EU, avoiding concentration of production and people in certain areas
- Enhancing the interplay between local production and local markets
- Enhancing quality of life and social inclusion of rural inhabitants
- Strengthening governance and local development through bottom-up initiatives such as LEADER
- Fostering rural tourism and recreation, including through the provision of landscapes benefits, cultural values and traditional local food
- Creating and maintaining jobs in rural areas, including in primary agricultural production
- Providing connectivity and digital solutions
- Contributing to societal and cultural capital for rural areas to stay vital living spaces and to establishing mutually beneficial rural-urban linkages

What are the main barriers to becoming a farmer?



How can the CAP encourage:

Young farmers & young rural entrepreneurs



Further information will be available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/consultations/cap-modernising/2017_en

Thank you for your attention!