



CAP, rural bioeconomy & climate action



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Supporting climate action in bioeconomy value chains through RDPs

Rural development (2014-2020) provides a varied toolbox which can support:

- all aspects of the rural bioeconomy*
- climate action in agriculture and rural areas*



RDP support

Support can go beyond agricultural/ biomass production/ land management:

- planning process, identifying opportunities*
- awareness raising, capacity-building, advice*
- engaging the key players, mobilising local actors (LEADER)*
- investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency*
- diversification of rural economy*
- innovation, cooperation*



CAP post 2020

- *More flexibility for MS to design intervention in line with their needs*
- *Results based approach*
- *Climate change mitigation and adaptation, and promotion of the bioeconomy part of specific CAP objectives*
- *Increased environmental and climate ambition*
- *Annex IX: link to EU legislation on climate, energy, environment*



CAP post 2020

- *CAP Plans to take account of analysis and targets of relevant legislation/ planning tools*
- *Appropriate contribution to address the needs identified*
- *New environmental architecture: strengthened conditionality, eco-schemes under pillar 1, continued support for AECM and other rural development interventions*



CAP post 2020

Europe - climate neutral continent by 2050?

How to best use the CAP to promote integrated approaches which:

- reduce GHG emissions in agriculture and along the value chain*
- sequester carbon*
- fostering resource efficiency*
- reducing the reliance on fossil fuels*
- exploit the opportunities of the bioeconomy to revitalize rural areas*