



European
Commission



Agriculture
and Rural
Development

ENRD LEADER Lab Climate change mitigation and adaptation

*Christine Falter, Policy Officer
Unit F1, DG Agriculture and Rural Development*



The climate crisis

- **Paris Agreement: keep global warming “well below” 2°C (aiming at 1.5°C)**

- **Alarming trends:**

IPCC analysis:

- **2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (4 warmest years on record)**
- **Heading for 3-4°C (importance of adaptation!)**
- **Close to tipping points**

European Environment Agency report:

- **urgent action to achieve climate & environment goals for 2030 & 2050, all MS are lagging behind**
- **« challenges of unprecedented scale and urgency » (climate change, biodiversity loss, natural resource use)**



The climate crisis

- **EP: declared global “climate & environmental emergency” (20/11)**
- **European Green Deal (Communication 11 Dec)**
- **Climate neutrality by 2050**
- **Farm to Fork strategy, Biodiversity strategy, Forestry strategy, new Circular Economy Action Plan...**
- **A just transition, leaving no one behind**
- **55% reduction of GHG emissions by 2030 (current target: 40%)**



The climate crisis

Adaptation: anticipating the adverse effects of climate change and taking appropriate action to prevent or minimise the damage they cause, or taking advantage of opportunities that may arise



CAP post 2020

- *More flexibility for MS to design intervention in line with their needs*
- *Results based approach*
- *4 out of 9 CAP specific objectives relate to climate change, environment and bioeconomy*
- *Increased environmental and climate ambition*
- *30% of EAFRD on environment and climate obj.*
- *Annex IX: link to EU legislation on climate, energy, environment (water, air, biodiversity, pesticides)*



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 green architecture: strengthened conditionality, eco-schemes under pillar 1, continued support for AECM and other rural development interventions*



CAP post 2020

- *promote the bioeconomy*
- *reduce GHG emissions*
- *enhance carbon removals*
- *adapt to climate change*



LEADER – help making it happen

Action needed at all levels.

« Change has to come from the bottom» (Barack Obama)

*LEADER – well placed to help make it happen?
Helping local communities to meet the most
pressing challenges of our time?*



LEADER – help making it happen

- *laboratories of change, testing out new ideas*
- *know what works best at local level*
- *mobilisation, support community action, empowerment*
- *multi-sectoral, integrated approaches*
- *bring in necessary expertise*
- *engage broad variety of local stakeholders/ key players (widen partnership?)*
- *identifying opportunities, support planning process*
- *awareness raising, advice*



Commission
européenne

The 2050 Long Term Strategy

