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Dutch collective approach and result- based AECM

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Background: what did we want to achieve?



- Long term Goal (2020 ->): sustainable rural areas with a vital agricultural sector;
 - supported by a new farmland-linked CAP delivery model;
- Short term goal (2014-2020): Nature efficiency;
 - supported by a collective approach for AECM;
 - started on 1^e January 2016;
- Key-rôle for farmers to improve biodiversity and water quality;
- It comes together in rural areas, with groups of farmers (collectives) in a central position.



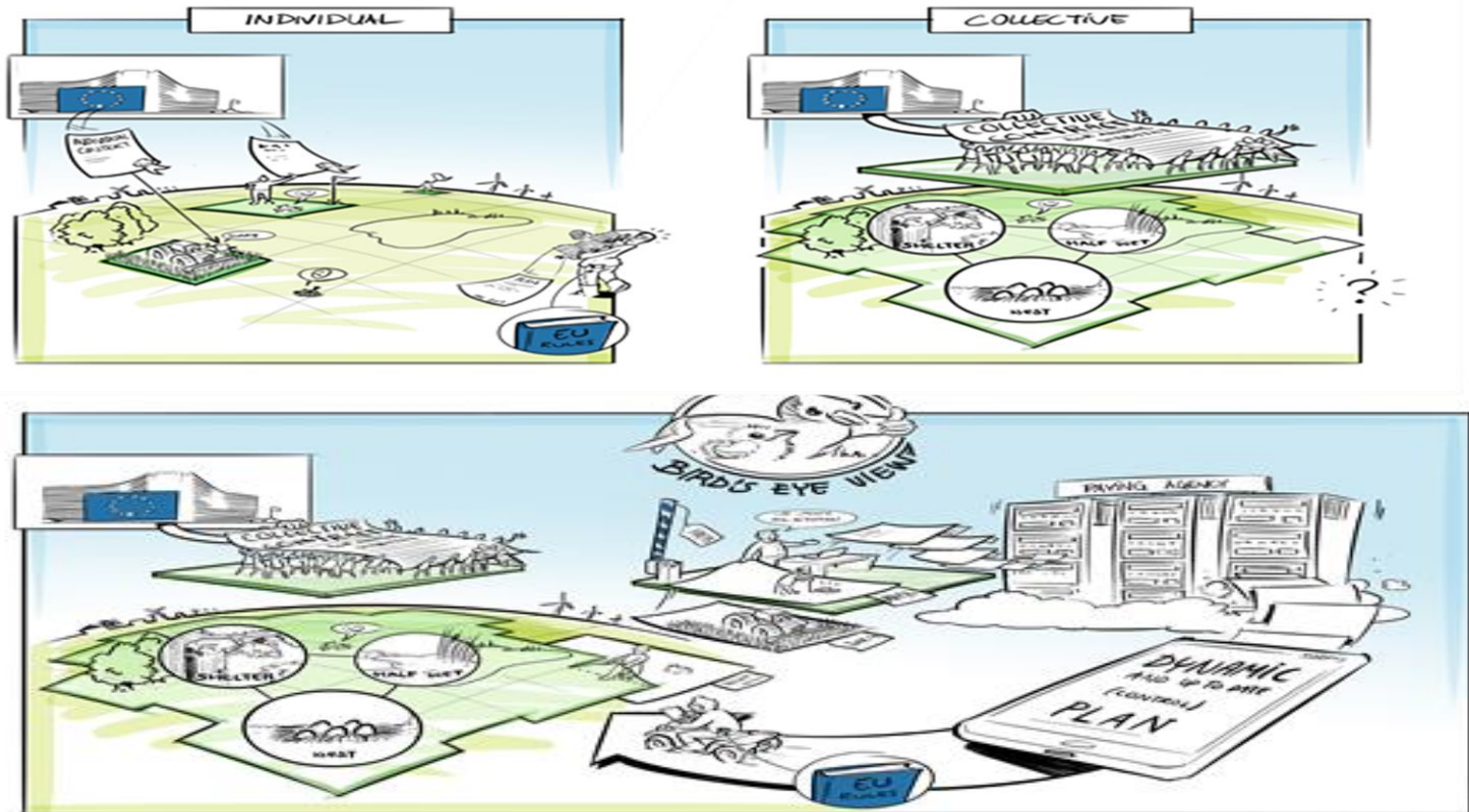
A new approach to agri-environmental delivery

- Focus on creating good habitat conditions for rare species and water quality protection (regionally) instead of commitments on farm level;
- 40 certified collectives as final beneficiaries to:
 - enhance effectiveness;
 - improve efficiency;
 - improve knowledge-skills;
 - make better use of local skills and energy;
- Improve policy monitoring: goals versus commitments;
- Flexibility to respond to changes in nature and climate.



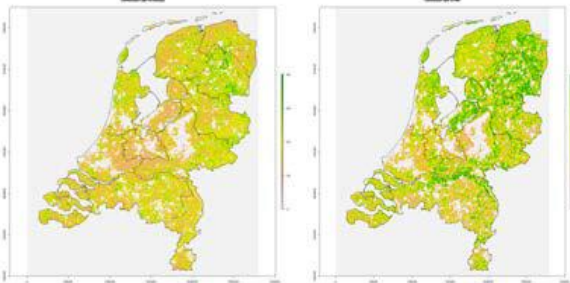


A collective approach on a landscape level

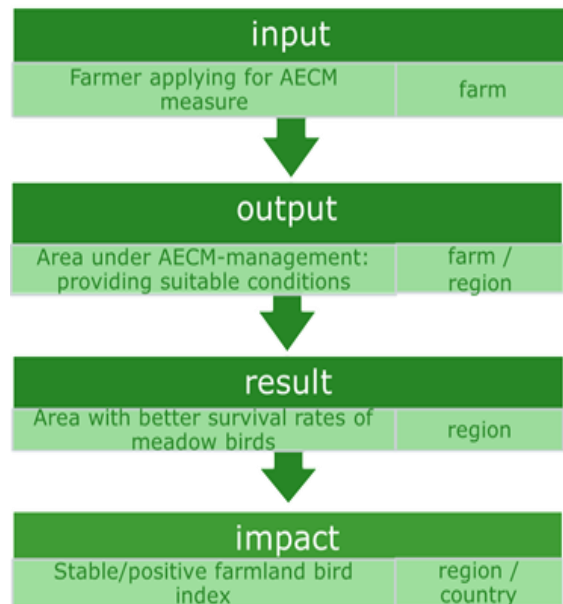




Output and objectives



- Local output: yearly management plans for habitats, made by the collectives;
- Regional objectives: Regional nature conservation plans (habitat / focus area);
- National objectives: species that are largely dependent of farmland:
 - defining habitat characteristics;
 - national map of species and promising areas;
- EU Objective: Birds- and Habitat Directive conservation objectives.





Front door – back door

AUTHORITIES

government contract
(areas, qualities)

accountability
cost-effectiveness

COOPERATIVES

regional fine-tuning

individual contracts,
controls,
payments

LAND MANAGERS

no. 1
no. 2
no. 3
no. 4
no. 5
etc.

government checks
- administrative
- financial

on-the-spot checks
by cooperative and
authorities



Lessons learned: what are the policy needs for a good management of habitat/waterways?

- a regionally targeted approach;
- flexibility in nature management;
- support of cooperation between farmers, and other stakeholders;
- strengthening of monitoring and a knowledge network;
- assurance of a sound implementation under EU and national regulations;
- **a good coordinator!**





Looking towards the future CAP

- An area based CAP delivering public goods and ecosystem services related to soil, water, biodiversity, air quality, climate action and the provision of landscape amenities;

- A better connection between the two pillars in the CAP: all area-based CAP support in one regional / targeted approach as a new concept for delivering SDG's;

- Improve the result-based component of the scheme;

- National and regional sustainable development plans with (groups of) farmers as final beneficiary, depending on the measure;

- Adjusting the compliance framework and new possibilities for control and application;

- **Pilots**

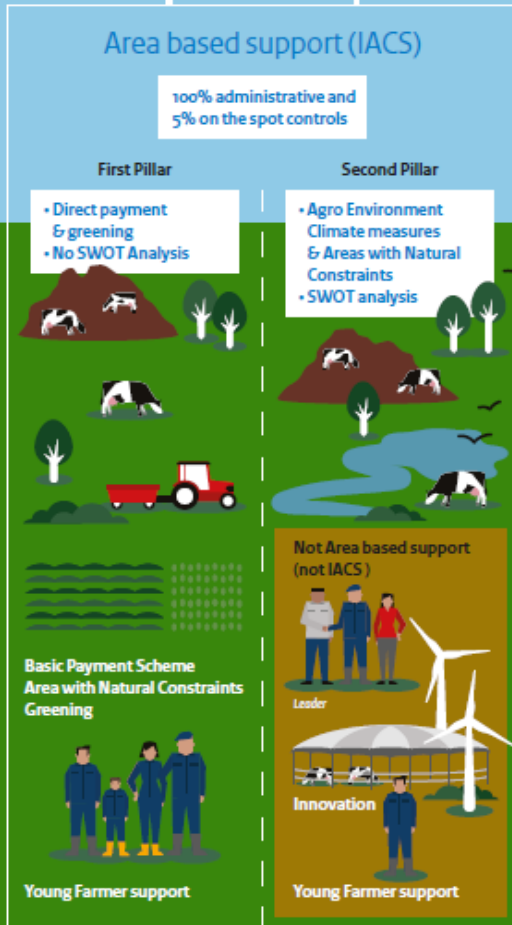
THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CAP TO THE SDGs



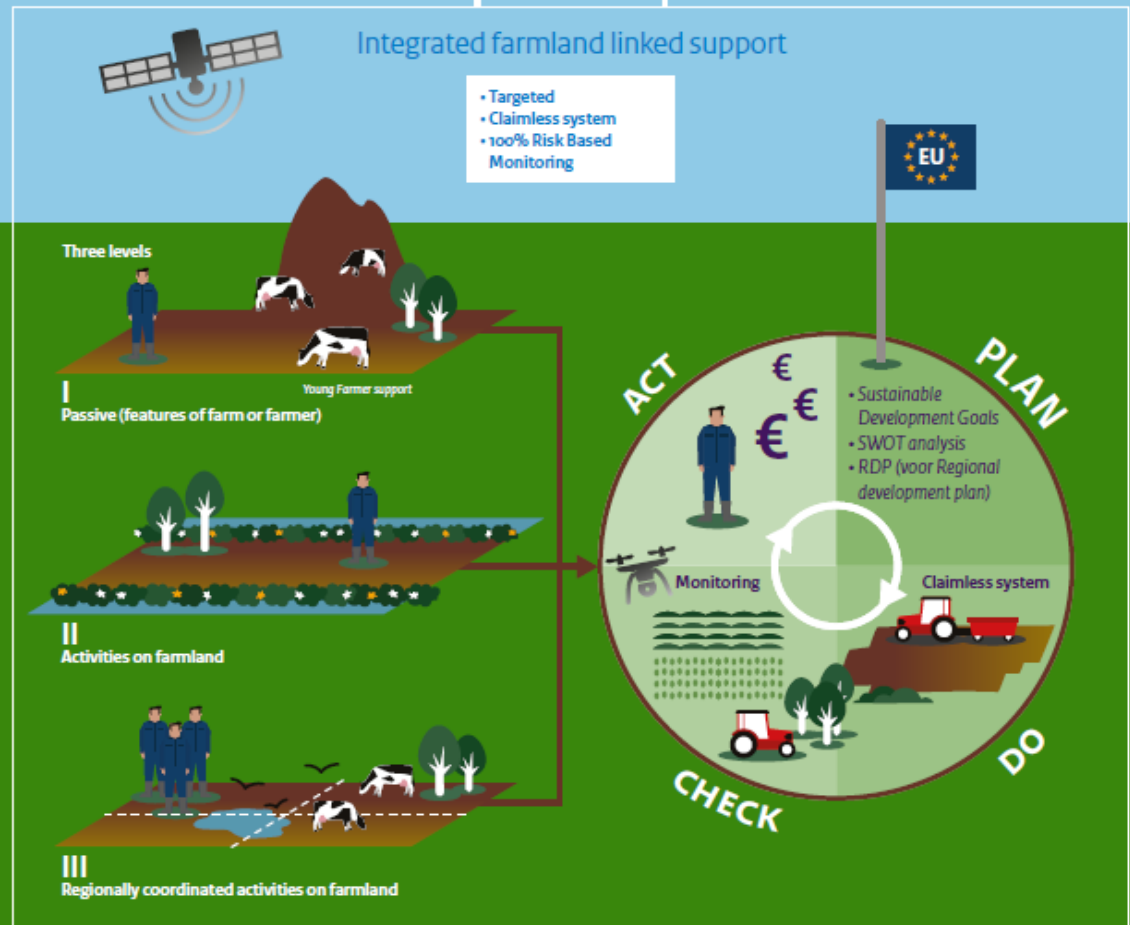


Farmland linked CAP support

OLD SYSTEM



NEW SYSTEM





Thank You!

