



## 7. State of play / on going discussions: G7/G20, FAO and OECD

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# Agriculture at the G7 in 2023

- Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA & EU (full member, minus rotating presidency).
- Formerly G8 until Russia expelled over Crimea in 2014.
- G7 the “place to get things done” – like-minded progressive democracies.
- 2023 Japanese G7 Presidency: steady hand, show of geopolitical and economic unity, incl. vis-a-vis Russia and China.
- G7 Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting in Miyazaki – Communiqué incl. “Miyazaki Actions”
  - Balance short-term & long-term challenges
  - Resilience via diversified supply chains
  - Open trade & market transparency
  - Sustainability through innovation & nature-positive practices
  - Reduce food loss & waste, promote healthy diets & improve consumers’ access to information
  - Decouple agri production from deforestation



# Agriculture at the G20 in 2023

- Broader membership incl. Russia & China – consensus disrupted over Ukraine since 2022.
- 2023 Indian G20 Presidency couldn't overcome gridlock – on G20 Agriculture communiqué.
- G20 Leaders' endorsed two initiatives at Delhi Summit:
  - “Maharishi” – Millets & Ancient Crops Research Initiative
  - “Deccan” Principles of Food Security
- India used its first G20 Presidency as major domestic & international PR opportunity → elections in 2024.
- EU safeguarded its strong bilateral relations with India without compromising on our “red lines” (incl. sustainability, rules-based trade, condemnation of Russia's invasion & its food security fallout.)



# Agriculture at the G7 & G20 in 2024

- Italy will host the 50<sup>th</sup> G7 Summit in Puglia (June 2024), with a G7 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting expected in the spring.
- Considered “safe pair of hands”: well-received Italian G20 Presidency in 2021 despite COVID-19; successful Agri Ministerial held in Firenze; team at Agri Ministry unchanged.
- Will likely emphasize continuity & stability, and build on the work of the 2023 Japanese G7 Presidency.
- Brazil to hold its first G20 Presidency, priorities announced:
  - Social inclusion & fight against hunger;
  - Energy transition & sustainable development;
  - Global governance institutional reform.
- G20 Agriculture Ministerial may take place before or after EP elections in June 2024 (EU represented by Agri Commissioner).





# State of play / on going discussions: FAO

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# Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD)

“Policies for the future of farming and food in the EU”



*CDG International, 17 October 2023*

# How did the report come about?

- The OECD promotes cooperation on “Better policies, Better lives”
- 22 (+3) EU Member States are full members, plus the EU
- The OECD conducts periodic reviews of member agriculture policies using the “Productivity-Sustainability-Resilience Framework
- The most recent were on Norway – now Spain & Netherlands
- The Commission was looking for an outside look on innovation
- CAP Strategic plans and Farm to Fork Strategy were out of scope
- WTO in parallel was carrying out the “EU Trade Policy Review”

# What's the substance of the report?

- The EU agro-food sector and the CAP are in a critical juncture
- **Assessment:** performance to date is mixed
  - **Productivity** keeps growing even if at slower pace than others
  - **Environmental sustainability** shows some improvements (nutrient balances) but there is some stalled progress (GHG, biodiversity)
  - CAP reforms have been positive but there is an “**implementation gap**” and there is relatively **low effort to support innovation**
- **Recommendations:** 15 proposed actions for the future of EU agriculture, for the **current & next programming period**



# What do the recommendations point to?

- Payments
- Regulations
- Innovation
- Data strategy
- Environmental services

# Which recommendations stand out?

- Payments – **targeted income support**, fewer barriers to entry
- Regulations – **refocus cross-compliance**
- Innovation – link to **sustainability**, build up **skills**
- Data strategy – **agro-food scope**, digitalisation, data gaps
- Environmental services – **collective action**, results & reporting

# There is more to read



# Where to find more



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