

STARCH EUROPE view on the CAP and Coupled Income Support

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Starch Europe position on the CAP

1. Supply of agricultural raw materials
 - a. of good quality
 - b. in sufficient quantities
 - c. at competitive prices
- Sufficient budget to address increasing challenges
- Strong risk management tools to help farmers manage price fluctuations
- EU R&D funding to help farmers meet sustainability challenges (e.g. less PPP)

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2. Market orientation and sustainability of the CAP

- Greater market orientation of the CAP contributes to secure availability and quality of raw materials
- Support the sustainability of CAP-compliant raw materials

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3. Warns on the risk of greater subsidiarity

no distortion of competition between farmers and industries across the EU

4. Supports the €10 billion to be dedicated to Horizon Europe

notably for supporting food, agriculture, rural development and the bioeconomy under the « food and natural resources » cluster

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5. Fair competition between farmers and industries across the Member States
 - particularly with the inclusion of Coupled Income Support (CIS) in the CAP Strategic plans - and
 - preservation of the integrity of the single market

Voluntary Coupled Support

- Until 2012, the EU potato starch sector was covered by the potato starch regime
- As from 1 July 2012, all coupled payments came to an end and starch potatoes became eligible to Voluntary Coupled Support (VCS)

Voluntary Coupled Support

- Starch potato is part of the list of eligible sectors to VCS under ongoing CAP
- Granted in 5 Member States: Czech Republic, Poland, Latvia, Finland and France
- View of Starch Europe is that VCS should not prevent fair competition on the EU single market

Voluntary Coupled Support

- Starch Europe position on VCS:

“if granted, the applicable conditions must be closely scrutinised by the EU institutions to ensure fair competition across Europe between starch potato farmers and between the factories they supply their potatoes to”



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