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# **Simplification of the CAP State of play**

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## What has happened so far ?

- ✓ Internal screening exercise of the entire agricultural acquis
- ✓ MS, EP and stakeholders contributed to the exercise
- ✓ Council - adoption of Council conclusions
- ✓ COMAGRI
- ✓ Civil dialogue groups and ENRD Assembly
- ✓ EESC and Committee of the regions – own initiative report

# Proposals

- Direct payments and IACS: **Greening, IACS**, active farmers, young farmers scheme, small farmers scheme, cross-compliance,
- CMO: **fruit and vegetable sector**, marketing standards, safeguard measures, trade mechanism, reporting requirements, ...
- Rural Development: **programming and approval of RDP's, double funding**, controls, checks, simplified cost options, reporting
- Horizontal issues: **reporting**, audits, error rates, financial corrections.





# Simplification Framework

## 3 guiding principles:

- Respect 2013 political decisions
- Ensure sound financial management
- Concentrate on simplification for farmers



## Our actions so far - 1

- ✓ Adoption of two regulations
  - delay of application date for aid applications
  - flexibility for Voluntary Coupled Support
- ✓ DA: ethyl alcohol - objection EP

## Our actions so far - 2

### Changes to current guidelines on direct payments

- Only need to map declared EFA elements
- Flexibility as regards the identification of certain EFA elements in the EFA layer
- Allow hedges or wooded strips with gaps to 4 meters
- Certain flexibility with regard to adjacent EFA
- Reduced requirements for identification of some specific types of permanent grassland in LPIS
- Compensation of missing EFA by another EFA



## In the pipeline

- DA on direct payments (VCS, Young Farmer)–November 2015
- IA on IACS, (5 elements of simplification, voted in Committee) - December 2015
- CMO: (alignment of the Commission level rules to the new CMO Regulation) Public intervention, private storage, import and export licenses, producer organisations – December 2015



## Forthcoming

- greening: review rules on greening, including Ecological Focus Area (EFA) in spring 2016. Proposals before the summer holidays
- Cross-compliance – review in spring 2016, proposals if needed
- CMO: (alignment) wine support schemes, F&V, trade mechanisms, carcass classification, MS notifications – first half of 2016





# Rural Development

- **High Level Group on Simplification for ESI funds**
- **Council Conclusions**

## Next steps (Rural Development)

- Early 2016: IA on programming rules for financial instruments and potentially information obligations for smaller beneficiaries
- Common ESIF simplification study (2016)

## Longer term

# Opening of Basic Acts?



**Thank you for your attention**