

Coupled Income Support

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DISCLAIMER

This presentation is based upon the Commission's **legislative proposal** that was adopted in June 2018.

Considering that discussions within and between the EU institutions are still under-way, the proposed EU rules may be subject to further changes.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VCS IN THE SHEEP&GOAT SECTOR TODAY IN A NUSTSHELL

- Currently about 260 measures in 27 MS
- 4.2 billions EUR earmarked annually for VCS
- About 10% of the DP
- « Animal sectors » (= Beef & Veal ; Milk and Milk products; Sheep & Goat) = $\frac{3}{4}$ of the envelope allocated to VCS
- S&G sector = the 3rd most supported sector: 21 MS; 38 measures; approx. 35 million animals; 12% of the envelope allocated to VCS

FUTURE? → LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR POST-2020

- R1307/13 will be repealed by the new basic act: Voluntary Coupled Support (VCS) will cease to be available
- Instead: Coupled Income Support (CIS)
- Many similarities between CIS and VCS

COUPLED INCOME SUPPORT: MAIN ELEMENTS (1/2)

- Granting CIS remains **optional** for the Member States
- If granted, the Member State's support decision remains subject to **strict conditions**:
 - Only sectors/types of farming that undergo certain **difficulties** may be **targeted**. The Member States shall justify the need for support (as part of the needs assessment/SWOT analysis) based upon the identified difficulty.
 - **New element**: **aim** of the support. The Member State shall show how the intervention will **address** the identified difficulty by improving **competitiveness, quality, or sustainability**

COUPLED INCOME SUPPORT: MAIN ELEMENTS (2/2)

- Remains only available to **certain sectors** (21 ,old' + 1 ,new')
- Remains subject to a strict **budgetary limit** at Member State level (10+2%)
- **More flexibility to adjust** amounts needed for each coupled support intervention (indicative allocations)
- Remains an **annual payment** per hectare or animal (based upon the Member State's multi-annual support strategy)

OUTCOMES OF THE EP COM AGRI VOTE IN APRIL

- Re-introduction of the production limiting character as present (post-omnibus) VCS rules.
- Non-food crops (for bio-economy) removed from the list of eligible sectors.
- By granting support MS shall ensure that there is environmental/socioeconomic need, no internal market distortion, livestock sector support consistent with the water framework directive

Thank you for your attention!