

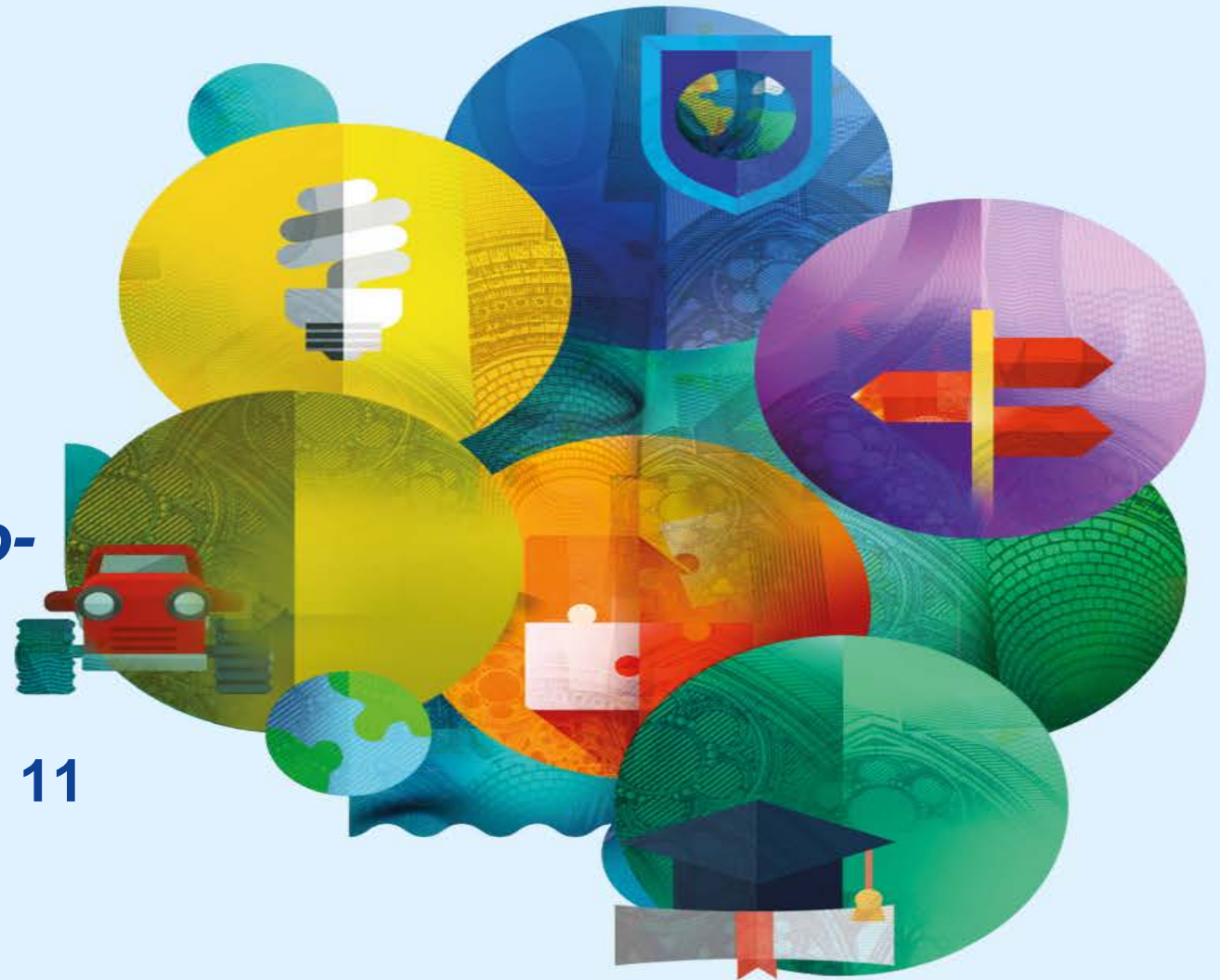
COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

post-2020

*State of Play of CAP reform co-
decision process*

CDG Direct payments and greening 11
October 2019

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CAP reform proposals – European Parliament

- June 2018: **presentation** by the Commission of reform package in COMAGRI
- **April 2019: Vote** and adoption of COMAGRI reports (1/04 CMO, 2/04 SPR, and 8/04 HZR)
- May 2019: European Parliament **Elections**
- **4 September 2019: COMAGRI decision to resume** work on CAP proposals and submit reports to Plenary, but not before November.
- Mid-September 2019: rapporteurs confirmed
 - SPR – Jahr (EPP/DE)
 - HZR – Mueller (RE/DE)
 - CMO – Andrieu (S&D/FR)
- Mandate from Coordinators to rapporteurs to explore possibilities of tabling extra amendments – report expected by 8 October
- Adoption in Plenary between December 2019 and...

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COMAGRI key issues

➤ Direct Payments:

- Mandatory elements kept (e.g. reduction of payments/capping – but watered down, genuine farmer, redistributive payment)
- More prescriptions in basic act (e.g. definitions, support to young farmers, redistributive payment, small farmers, coupled support)
- Full internal convergence
- Ring-fencing of funds for most types of interventions (e.g. basic income support + redistributive – min 60%, eco-schemes – min 20%)

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COMAGRI key issues

➤ Green architecture:

- Conditionality: GAECs/SMRs watered down or become eco-schemes
- Eco-schemes: less flexibility for MS
- Management commitments: allow incentive payments, and financing requirements of national legislation

➤ NDM - Performance clearance and performance review

- Fear risk of renationalization – more EU-based requirements (compliance >< performance)
- Milestones should be multi-annual
- No clear stance on annuality of performance

CAP reform proposals – Council

- June 2018: **presentation** by the Commission of reform package in AGRIFISH
- December 2018: **AT** Presidency final **Progress Report** on 3 Regulations
- June 2019: **RO** Presidency final **Progress Report** on 3 Regulations
- July 2019: **FI Presidency**
 - Informal Council (September) – Carbon sequestration
 - **October Council** – state of play
 - **November Council** – Higher environmental-climate ambition of the CAP
 - December 2019: highly depending on conclusion of **MFF** deal

CAP reform proposals – Council

Key issues

➤ Direct Payments:

- General trend for turning down proposals for improved targeting; i.e. voluntary reduction of payments/capping, optional application of genuine farmer and redistributive payment
- Fine-tuning of definitions (e.g. eligible hectare)

➤ Green architecture:

- Mixed positions on ambition level: some in favor of e.g. limiting conditionality or making eco-schemes voluntary, but other oppose...
- 30% ring-fencing in PII includes ANC
- Requests for lower minimum spending on ENV/CLIM also in the sectoral types of interventions (F&V, wine ...).

CAP reform proposals – Council

Key concerns

- **NDM - Performance clearance and performance review:**
 - Technical discussions on practical aspects of performance clearance, especially for non-area/animal related measures
 - Content and deadline of annual performance reporting
 - Broad opposition to annual nature of performance review exercise and to proposed possible actions by Commission (e.g. triggering level of deviation for possible action plan)

CAP reform proposals – What's next

- Once each Institution will have adopted their **negotiating position**; i.e. vote in Plenary for EP and (partial) general approach for Council
 - **Trilogues** will start
 - Swift conclusions on the CAP are the primary objective
- But **transitional arrangements** likely to be necessary as deadline for submitting the Plans as per Commission proposal is 1 January 2020. Timing and content to be confirmed