



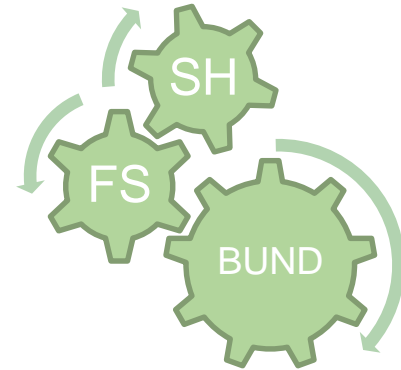
# Preparing the CAP Strategic Plans: Programming Regional-Level Interventions

Insights from Germany

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# Organization of CAP-SP preparation

- ❑ Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BUND) is responsible for the coordination of CAP-SP whilst respecting the divisions of competence between federal and regional governments (Federal States)
- ❑ Close cooperation and exchange between BUND and federal states:
  - ❑ multiple working groups (e.g. for designing interventions) lead by federal states representatives
  - ❑ Additional establishment of a steering group that ensures the participation and coordination with the regional governments (+contact persons in each state)
- ❑ 5 workshops with stakeholders to discuss certain parts of the CAP-SP + regional participation events in the federal states



# What are the challenges?

- ❑ Single CAP-SP vs. 13 EAFRD-programmes in the past
- ❑ level of detail can not be as in the past (otherwise 13 plans)
- ❑ Federal states/regions with different emphasis, e.g. regarding beneficiaries – flexibility for the implementation in the federal states is needed
- ❑ Uncertainties on EU-level (draft regulation and draft indicators, updated template, implementation COM-Strategies (Green Deal, F2F, Biodiversity))
- ❑ Implementation of CAP-first pillar (on federal level) with some interdependence to AEEM (on regional level)

# Solutions?

- ❑ German approach: overall intervention design as a framework for the federal states - no regional interventions needed
  
- ❑ Key elements:
  - ❑ abstract level of descriptions in the CAP-SP: focus on necessary information (“*need to know*”) for the Commission
  - ❑ flexibility for federal states to decide on details of certain elements on their level (“*pick and choose*”)
  
- ❑ GER will provide detailed information on federal state level for performance clearance/review
  
- ❑ Definition of conditionality and eco-schemes within first pillar as a task on federal level have to consider special needs of design of AECM at regional level within second pillar.

# Example of Interventions

## 5.B DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVENTIONS UNDER EAFRD

Member States will fill in the following table for each type of intervention foreseen in the CAP plan<sup>1</sup>.

Intervention “Environmental, climate and other management commitments— Improving climate protection”

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| + | Fund  | EAFRD  |
|   | Type of intervention <sup>2</sup>   | Environmental, climate and other management commitments (Art. 65 CAP SP Regulation)  |
|   | Territorial Scope <sup>3</sup>  | Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany   |
|   | Related Specific Objectives and where relevant sectoral objectives <sup>4</sup> | Article 6 (1)(d) of the CAP SP Regulation contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as sustainable energy  |
|   | Result indicator(s)   | R.12 Adaptation to climate change  |
|   | Eligible Beneficiaries <sup>5</sup>   | Article 6 (4) CAP SP Regulation: Farmers and other beneficiaries (e.g. collective applicants) which enter into management commitments on a voluntary basis which are considered to be conducive to the achievement of the specific objectives referred to in Article 6(1). |



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Wide definition – federal states can restrict

specific design/requirements of the assistance ensuring an effective contribution to the specific objectives (s)

| Code | Name   |
|------|--|
| D.1  | Reduction of GHG emissions in agricultural production    |
| D.2  | Securing and improving carbon storage and sequestration  |
| D.3  | Adaptation of agriculture and forestry to climate change |

Following needs from the needs assessment are relevant:

Support will be granted to:

- Conversion of arable land into permanent grassland / grassland: (Code 1301-xx-01)
  - Conversion of arable land into permanent grassland / grassland
- Extensive grassland management: (Code 1301-xx-02)
  - Compliance with a maximum number of cattle in the entire farm
  - Management of constraints on usage
- Peatland protection measures: (Code 1301-xx-03)
  - Rewetting, including maintaining of peat soils
  - Paludiculture compatible with nature conservation
- Agroforestry systems: (Code 1301-xx-04)
  - area funding
- Water retention in the landscape: (Code 1301-xx-05)
  - Tolerance of temporary overflow of partial areas

Additional requirements:

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The federal states can provide further requirements and restrictions in their guidelines.

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Framework - federal states specify criteria outside CAP SP



# Example of Interventions

## 5.B DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVENTIONS UNDER EAFRD

Member States will fill in the following table for each type of intervention foreseen in the CAP plan<sup>4</sup>.

Intervention “non-productive investments in forestry land”

Specific design/requirements of the assistance ensuring an effective contribution to the specific objectives (s)

Following needs from the needs assessment are relevant:

| Code | Name   |
|------|--|
| D.2  | Securing and improving carbon storage and sequestration  |
| D.3  | Adaptation of agriculture and forestry to climate change |

Support will be granted to:

- Forest conversion including rebuilding after damaging events.
- Establishment and improvement of systems to monitor the occurrence of forest fires
- Preventive measures against calamities in forests as well as preparation and implementation of aviatechnical defense measures against large-scale, forest-destroying insect calamities.
- Soil protection liming.
- Afforestation of agricultural land.
- Preparation of forest management plans.



„Pick and choose“

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Aggregation of federal state-specific information („bottom-up“)



Planned unit amount(s) of support and indicative financial allocation for the intervention

+1607: non-productive investments in forestry land

|  | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Baden-Württemberg (BW, 08)             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-08-01 UA €/ha                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-08-01 UA €/ha                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-08-01 0.20 number of ha           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-08-01 financial allocation Mio. € |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Bayern (BY, 09)                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-09-01 UA €/ha                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-09-01 UA €/ha                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-09-01 0.20 number of ha           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-09-01 financial allocation Mio. € |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Berlin (BE, 11)                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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| 1301-11-01 financial allocation Mio. € |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Sachsen-Anhalt (SA, 12)                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-12-01 UA €/ha                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1301-12-01 UA €/ha                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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# Design of the future monitoring committee

2023: Just one exclusive monitoring committee on federal level

- ❑ Challenge 1: Covering all groups of interests but remain operable!
- ❑ Challenge 2: Influence of the regional level should continue in some way!
- ❑ Potential solution 1: “Speaker principle” - Selected members of the committee operate as mediator/distributor for a relevant group of interests.
- ❑ Potential Solution 2: Existing monitoring committees on regional level remain in an inofficial task. Problems there identified as more general have to be submitted to the relevant stakeholders in the exclusive monitoring committee.

# Outlook

What comes next:

- ❑ Interventions have been sent to GeoHub in December – feedback will be important for further development of intervention design
- ❑ Review of interventions by ex ante-evaluation team ongoing

What we need:

- ❑ certainty on legal framework is needed as soon as possible - development of interventions is closely related to current discussions on EU-level
- ❑ Updated templates on structure of strategic plan and on financial plan by Commission is needed



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