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# Update on recent Commission initiatives relevant for LEADER



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# Corona virus: emergency response

- CAP flexibility:
  - Fewer on-the-spot checks for investment operations
  - Possibility to replace in situ visits for investment projects with alternative evidence
  - MS can review their decisions of transfer between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> pillar

# Rural Development under CRII+

- No amendment of Partnership Agreements in case of further programme amendments
- Expenditure of operations suspended or partly implemented due to Corona remains eligible (Force majeure)
- Rapid RDP reprogramming, to introduce measures linked to COVID, reinforce measures, reallocated envelopes to respond to Coronavirus crisis eligible as of 1 February 2020
- Amendments of RDPs in response to COVID do not count for the max number of modifications
- Accelerated procedure has been put in place for the Commission services to assess MS requests to modify their RDPs in response to the outbreak of the coronavirus (5 working days).

# MFF and Recovery plan

- In May Commission revised proposal for Multiannual Financial Framework
- And proposed a recovery package
- July Council:
  - 386,6 bln EUR\* for CAP (incl. 95,5 bln for EAFRD)
  - EAFRD allocation includes 8,07 bln EUR\* under Next Generation EU
  - All EU expenditure to be consistent with Paris Agreement
- Discussion ongoing with the European Parliament too, following some proposals from the DE Presidency

\*in current prices

# State of play CAP reform proposals

## Council

- RD main issues: - environmental/climate ring-fencing  
- indicator system and new delivery model (in particular performance review)
- DE Presidency aims for general approach in October

## European Parliament

- Amendments expected in plenary in Oct/2020

# State of play Transitional Regulation proposal

- *Commission proposed to extend implementation of RDPs by 1 year, to be funded from new MFF + measures to facilitate transition*
- DE Presidency: 2-year transition, include Next Generation allocation in RDPs
- Last trilogue expected in 2020, adoption subject to MFF

# LEADER under Transitional Regulation

- LEADER can be supported until the end of the implementation period of the RDPs (if 2-year transition: max. until 2025)
- 5% ring-fencing applies to the whole extended RDP budget (but not funds transferred from DP)
- The possibility to support preparation and implementation of multi-funded CLLD according to the rules of new CPR: technical issue to be addressed

# LEADER under Transitional Regulation

- To sum up: current strategies continue + possibility to prepare (and select) new multi-funded strategies
- Council proposal: possibility to prepare also mono-funded strategies
- If delay in adoption of CPR: technical solution to be found to support preparation and implementation of new strategies