



Future of the European Common Agricultural Policy

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The EU's farm sector and rural areas are crucial for the Union's well-being and its future. The EU agriculture provide food security and also environmental benefits offering essential carbon sinks and supply of renewable resources for industry and energy. The European Common Agricultural Policy needs to take into account these multiple aspects and respond to the needs expressed by the EU farmers and the EU citizens. The CAP must be smarter, modern and sustainable.

The presentation will focus on these challenges putting them in the larger agro-environmental-climatic policy framework. To respond to these challenges, possible and already enabled interactions between agriculture, technology, knowledge and innovation will be shown. Emphasis will be given to resource efficiency and smart farming in the context of new technologies collecting and analysing big data, providing for a more efficient nutrient management planning increasing production. Finally, a proposed new performance-based delivery model for the CAP, providing more responsibility, accountability and also more subsidiarity to the EU Member States designing their CAP strategic plans, will take advantage of the same technologies to monitor agricultural policy performance.