



# Delivering on CAP Strategic Plans: 2023–2024 highlights

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This factsheet summarises the key findings from the ‘CAP Strategic Plans underway’ report. The 2023–2027 CAP is built around ten specific objectives including **economic, social and environmental sustainability** dimensions as well as the cross-cutting goals on **knowledge, innovation and digitalisation**.

## KEY FACTS

- ▶ The **Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)** is the main policy for **agriculture, forestry and rural areas**
- ▶ The CAP Strategic Plans 2023–2027 enable a **secure and affordable food supply**, provides **support to income and resilience of the farming sector**, fosters the transition to **environmental and climate sustainability** as well as the **development and promotion of dynamic rural areas**
- ▶ Member States are performing well in areas like **income support, environmental schemes, young farmer support, and innovation**

Most interventions are on track or exceeding milestones, specially:

Income support  
reaching  
**5.6 million  
farms**

Support to nearly  
**164 000**  
young farmers,  
including **55 000**  
young women

**58 %**  
of farmland  
covered by  
eco-schemes



## Advancing a fair and competitive agriculture

- Supporting viable farm income and competitiveness remains a key CAP goal
- 5.6 million farms received €36.9 billion in direct income support, including eco-schemes

### KEY FIGURES

- ▶ Over **34 million ha** in areas with **natural constraints** (20% of EU farmland) received additional **income support for natural constraints**
- ▶ **Redistributive payment** was granted to **44% of EU agricultural area** and it increased **income support by 8% per hectare** on average
- ▶ **294 000 small farmers** benefited from the simplified **Small Farm scheme** allowing simplified support
- ▶ **Coupled income support** (worth **€4.4 billion**) targets 18 sectors, **reaching 16% of farms**
- ▶ **760,000 farms** supported for participation in **producer groups, quality schemes, short supply circuits**
- ▶ **161,000 holdings** (1.6%) received **risk management support** for managing the risks from weather conditions and extreme events
- ▶ **50,000 holdings** supported for **farm modernisation** at the start of the programme cycle





## Climate and environmental objectives

- Nearly **28%** of total CAP public funding goes to environmental and climate area-based interventions
- Good progress on soil protection, carbon storage, improving nutrient management and biodiversity
- **26,000** farms carried out green investments

### KEY FIGURES

- ▶ **Eco-schemes implemented** on nearly **94 million ha** (58% of EU farmland)
- ▶ Agri-Environment-Climate Commitments (AECC) carried out on **16.1 million ha** (10% of EU farmland)
- ▶ Actions to **protect soils and increase carbon sequestration** carried out on **50%** and **35%** of EU farmland

- ▶ **Sustainable nutrient management practices applied to 14%** of EU farmland
- ▶ **Biodiversity conservation and restoration commitments cover 23%** of EU farmland (**35 million ha**)
- ▶ **Organic farming supported on 9.5 million ha** (6% of EU farmland)





## Advancing social sustainability

- Actions include support for young farmers, Local Actions Groups LAGs and animal welfare
- CAP supports generational renewal, vibrant rural areas and social inclusion

### KEY FIGURES

- ▶ Nearly **164,000 young farmers** supported for **setting up businesses** and receiving complementary income support
- ▶ Nearly **200,000 jobs created**, mainly through support for **young farmers** and **rural development**
- ▶ Around **2,700 Local Development Strategies** planned under LEADER. Many LAGs are now active
- ▶ Over **22 million livestock units** (nearly 20% of total) benefited from **CAP support for improved animal welfare**





## Improving knowledge, innovation and digitalisation

- In 2024, **€40 million** was dedicated to **knowledge exchange** and **information sharing** across the EU
- CAP Strategic Plans are **boosting innovation** by **connecting farmers, advisors and researchers** through **AKIS** and **digital tools**

### KEY FIGURES

- ▶ More than **290 new Operational Groups** approved involving a variety of partners such as **farmers** and its **organisations, researchers, advisors, and other stakeholders**
- ▶ **317,000 beneficiaries** accessed **advice, training** or took part in **EIP-AGRI Operational Group projects**
- ▶ **4,000 advisors** supported and integrated into **Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS)**
- ▶ All Member States launched **CAP Networks** with events, campaigns and communication tools to help implementing the Plans
- ▶ Over **20,000 farms** received support to adopt **digital technologies**

