

FUTURE OF EU AGRICULTURE A CAP REFORM FIT FOR PURPOSE

THE ORGANIC MOVEMENT'S VISION FOR THE CAP POST-2027



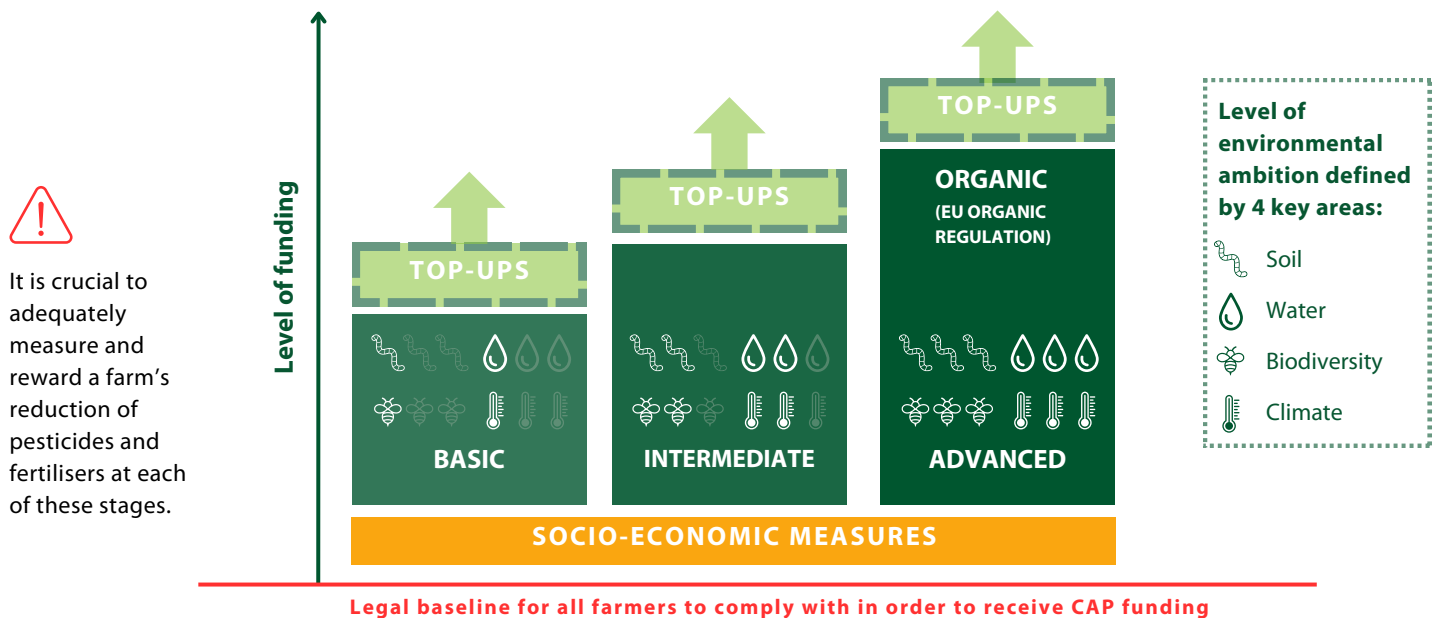
In 2024, the Strategic Dialogue called for a reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post-2027, recommending to:

- **Ensure adequate CAP funding** to support conversion to and maintenance of organic farms
- **Change the logic of the income support payments** to better support farmers 'who need it'
- **Set up clear "ringfencing" for eco-schemes** and agri-environmental and climate instruments

"Farmers who manage nature and biodiversity in a sustainable way and help to balance the carbon budget must be properly rewarded" - Ursula von der Leyen

A new CAP structure can realise this change. Our three-point proposal.

1. **Establish a simpler system, based on three stages of contribution to ecosystem services.** Base this system on a whole-farm approach instead of rewarding changes in singles practices, with organic on top.
2. **Ensure proportionality between a farm's level of environmental ambition and the funding it receives.** Base this on four key environmental areas of the farm's operations: soil protection, impact on water, climate, and biodiversity
3. **Redesign the basic income to a socio-economic budget targeted to the farmers who need it the most.**



LEGEND	RESPONSIBLE	WHAT IS THIS FUNDING FOR?	PAYMENT BASED ON ...
ADDITIONAL TOP-UPS	Member States	Extra measures not completely or not covered in the main stages	Priorities decided at national/regional level
STAGES OF CONTRIBUTION TO ECOSYSTEM SERVICES	EU	Funding for a farm's environmental ambitions based on a whole-farm approach	Calculated with hectare and/or livestock unit, factored on the EU's level of ambition (impact on soil, water, climate & biodiversity)
SOCIO-ECONOMIC MEASURES	EU	Budget dedicated to socio-economic measures	Socio-economic criteria designed to target farmers who need it the most



3 arguments in favour of a simplified CAP, delivering better benefits for the farmers and the environment

- 1 **It rewards organic farmers proportionally** to the high environmental benefits their farming systems deliver; so organic farming, the only legally regulated sustainable whole-farm approach system, is at the highest stage
- 2 By introducing an intermediate level of remuneration based on a whole-farm approach, **it rewards farmers who are doing more to work with nature**, but are not at the environmental level of organic farming systems
- 3 **It separates income support and remuneration** for the contribution to ecosystem services ensuring a more efficient, streamlined support for farmers

IN THE CURRENT CAP

IN OUR FUTURE CAP



ADMINISTRATION

Too complex for farmers & administrative authorities. Various challenges are coming with the design and implementation of many uneven environmental schemes with different levels of ambition all over the EU.

Reduction of the environmental schemes: instead, 3 stages based on 4 key areas and harmonized at EU level. MS still have flexibility via national/regional top-ups.



PAYMENTS

"Direct payments" per hectare farmed:

- Mainly untargeted (solely area-based payments)
- Do not ensure a fair distribution of public money since 20% of the largest farms receive 80% of this funding

- Farmers' income support & environmental sustainability ambitions are separated for a more efficient, streamlined support to farmers
- The basic income is based on a socio-economic budget targeting farmers who need it most



ENVIRONMENT

Overly focused on single practices

Low levels of environmental delivery as national 'eco-schemes' are not ambitious enough to trigger significant improvement of environmental delivery.

Three stages based on the contribution to ecosystem services reward whole-farm approaches based on soil protection, impact on water, climate & biodiversity.

A dedicated ringfencing budget for these stages:

- To reward for pioneers like organic farmers for the environmental benefits they provide
- To support the transition towards sustainable farming of those who want to do better

More information

- [The European organic movement's full vision on the CAP post-2027](#) (2024)
- [Infographic with organic's benefits for climate and biodiversity](#) (2023)
- Examples of environmental benefits in our previous [CAP position paper](#) (pyramid page 6) (2017)

