

Coalition of **AGRIREGIONS** MANIFESTO

**For a fair and sustainable
Common Agricultural
Policy at the service of the
regions**



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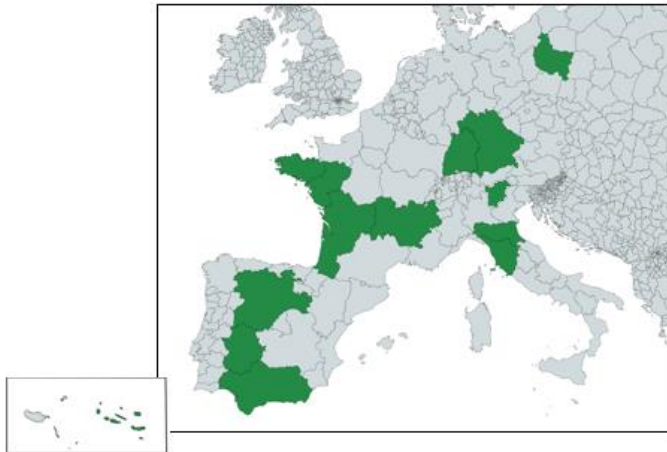
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THE COALITION OF AGRIREGIONS

The AGRIREGIONS Coalition is the voice of European regions mobilised to defend a fair and sustainable future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the role of regions in its implementation. The AGRIREGIONS Coalition is a European network for exchanging and sharing of reflections on the future of European agriculture. The AGRIREGIONS Coalition's approach is based on a bottom-up process relying on regional knowledge, experience and needs.



- 14 regions* from 6 Member States :
 - France
 - Italy
 - Spain
 - Portugal
 - Germany
 - Poland
- ≈ 13% of the EU population
- ≈ 18% of the EU's UAA

* Açores, Andalusia, Autonomous Province of Bolzano – South Tyrol, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, Brittany, Castilla y Leon, Emilia-Romagna, Extremadura, Nouvelle Aquitaine, Pays de la Loire, Tuscany, Wielkopolska.

A RISK FOR REGIONS

- The AGRIREGIONS Coalition welcomes the transition to a CAP based on performance.
- The AGRIREGIONS Coalition welcomes the enhanced subsidiarity, the performance principle as well as the pursued simplification of the CAP but sees practical and operational problems in terms of implementing the proposed new model.
- The AGRIREGIONS Coalition fears that this model leads to a transfer of legislative and administrative competences – especially for the second pillar – to the remote capitals of Member States. The AGRIREGIONS Coalition fears that therefore this model generates less possibilities to adapt or respond to different local contexts as well as to economic, health or climate hazards.
- Many European regions currently have responsibilities as managing authority or intermediate body. Some regions even have exclusive competences. **The proposed model threatens the benefits of a regionalised CAP.**
- The AGRIREGIONS Coalition points out that the proposed new model does not guarantee at all **the responsibility of regional authorities in the actual design of the CAP national strategic plans.**
- **The AGRIREGIONS Coalition calls for a CAP based on a maintained budget, able to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural population, to address the different challenges such as protection of the environment and climate as well as to support the agroecological and food transitions. The CAP must, in fact, meet the expectations of farmers, citizens and consumers and must contribute to the economic development and dynamism of rural areas.**

THE AGRIREGIONS' MODEL

The AGRIREGIONS Coalition considers that:

- The regional level is key for promoting and achieving the agroecological transition, the competitiveness and the attractiveness of farms and rural areas.
- The management of the EAFRD must be in synergy with the public policies already carried out by European regions.

The AGRIREGIONS Coalition requests to maintain the Regional Managing Authorities within the framework of a single national CAP strategic plan for each member state.

The AGRIREGIONS Coalition requests **full responsibility of each Regional Managing Authority**, which implies:

- A regional strategic program, with a clear definition of needs and issues.
- The implementation of the EAFRD at regional level in response to local needs.
- A facilitated modification of regional intervention programs providing quick responses to new and unforeseen new needs.
- The achievement of realistic regional objectives set in advance as part of the performance.

A COLLECTIVE AMBITION FOR EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE

- The AGRIREGIONS Coalition advocates to strengthen rural development, to improve the viability and competitiveness of European farms, to restore, preserve and strengthen the agricultural and forest ecosystems as well as to promote the transition and modernisation of farms and to promote social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas.
- For these reasons, the AGRIREGIONS Coalition believes it to be necessary to maintain the regional competences in the planning and implementation of rural development programs in the next CAP.
- **The European agriculture draws all its richness heterogeneity of its regions and the variety of its products. The European Union must value this diversity and ensure that the needs of all European rural regions are met.**

SIGNATURE OF THE COALITION OF AGRIREGIONS MEMBERS

