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We cannot afford another broken CAP

NGOs joint letter to Commissioner Hogan ahead of Cork 2.0: call for a Fitness Check of the CAP

CEEweb for Biodiversity, the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) and BirdLife Europe have sent a joint letter to the Agriculture Commissioner Phil Hogan warning that his proposals to revitalise rural areas and promote sustainable farming will be useless if the current structure of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) remains the same, as it works against these new objectives.

Our call for a Fitness Check of the CAP is even more relevant now that the Cork 2.0 Declaration has shown consensus amongst civil society and stakeholders to move towards an agricultural policy founded on sustainable development. Rural Development objectives can no longer be an afterthought – they must be moved front and centre in a new Food and Farming Policy for Europe.

The future CAP should be one which reconnects and reconciles agriculture, people, the environment and food and the only way to get there is to start with a full, honest and inclusive assessment of the current policy and its failures, hence a fitness check.

You may read the full letter [here](#).

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