European Climate Initiative: An unavoidable step after Paris: Cutting Emissions from farming

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Figure 1: Greenhouse gas emissions by sector in Hungary

Sources: EEA, 2017a and 2017c.
WHY AGRICULTURE & CC?

- Biological processes more difficult to mitigate, cannot be zero
- Source of GHG emissions, but also first victim of CC
- Also a sink for GHG
- Trade-offs at different levels
The new Common Agricultural Policy proposal
Emphasis on environmental and climate ambition
Knowledge based and result based approaches
More power of the MS

Commission rhetoric is difficult to take seriously given:
✓ Lack of specific targets
✓ Absence of references to sanction mechanisms
✓ Silence on the redistribution of budgets between pillar one and two
EU SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

**Resilience**
- support viable farm income and resilience
- enhance market orientation and increase competitiveness
- improve the farmers' position in the value chain

**Environment / Climate**
- contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as sustainable energy;
- foster sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources such as water, soil and air
- contribute to the protection of biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services and preserve habitats and landscapes;

**Socio-economic**
- attract young farmers
- promote employment
- improve the response of EU agriculture to societal demands on food and health, including safe, nutritious and sustainable food, food waste, as well as animal welfare.
CAP strategic plans

• Ex-ante evaluation

• Member States shall establish CAP Strategic Plans based on the SWOT analysis and an assessment of needs.

• Quantitative targets and milestones

• The targets shall be defined using a common set of result indicators ➔ how much lands under each schemes?

• Extensive list of annexes to provide including an consultation of the partners and need to make reference to existing environmental legislations

• Evaluation during the programming period carried by independent expert