



Social, Economic, Environmental Forestry Association of Ireland

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The Social Economic Environmental Association welcome the opportunity to input into the public consultation on the draft environmental report on the proposed CAP Strategic Plan. We state our submission will deliver a higher level of climate and environment ambition. The measures we propose will deliver significant improvements in the areas of biodiversity and water quality, as well as contributing to national and EU climate and environment targets, including through increased sequestration and carbon removal.



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1. Afforestation was not integrated into GLAS and was not compatible with GLAS and this has been repeated in REAP
 - a. This resulted in the number of farmers that planted land dropping from 852 in 2015 to 100 in 2020.
 - b. The number of landowners that planted land between 2015 and 2020, a term coinciding with GLAS, was 2655 which is between 5 to 6% of the farmers in GLAS
 - c. The majority of farmers will be in the AECM in the next CAP, excluding afforestation from the AECM will result in the demise of the afforestation programme.
 - d. Context needed between extensiveness of measures, example, low input permanent pasture levels (C. 250,000 ha in GLAS) versus declining afforestation levels, Is this good national policy?
2. Proposal for next CAP and the eco scheme in Pillar 1 and AECM in Pillar 2 is to integrated afforestation, tree planting and existing forestry into the eco schemes/AECM.
 - a. This will deliver increased afforestation, increased carbon sequestration & increased environmental benefits
 - b. Priority access to the AECM should be provided to farmers who take up these options.
 - c. Forester involvement is essential
3. The afforestation grant and premium and support schemes to continue to be funded under state aid.
4. Retain existing qualification for BISS on land already afforested and to be afforested
5. Additional environmental actions to be paid for under the eco schemes/AECM on land to be planted and existing forestry. This is the integration element required, proposed actions for both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 are provided in this submission.
6. This is a cost neutral approach and ensures.
 - a. An easier pathway for each farmer to secure the maximum payment under the eco schemes
 - b. More choice and less environmental actions necessary for the farmer on the land retained for farming
 - c. Optimum land use utilisation.
 - d. Farmers viewing forestry as an overall benefit to their main farming business.

7. To ensure success, the following is necessary
 - a. The options on land to be planted and existing forestry must be available to all farmers when the farm plan is being prepared by the Agricultural consultant and the farmer. Forester involvement where appropriate is crucial at this point.
 - b. Farmers that afforest land in the next CAP must have priority entry into the next Environmental schemes
 - c. Recognising the additional/increased carbon sequestered and environmental benefits, there must be no recoupment of monies already paid or penalties for farmers that convert from another AECM measure to afforestation during the term of the next CAP.
8. Integrating afforestation, tree planting and existing forestry into the next CAP in this manner with the mandatory involvement of professional foresters in the eco scheme in Pillar 1 & in the AECM plans will deliver for our climate change mitigation efforts and streamline scheme implementation in the DAFM.
9. Including foresters in the mandatory AECM training elements and KT will help to further integrate afforestation, tree planting and woodland/forestry management into mainstream agriculture and should possibly follow the model of the inclusion of Vets in the recent past in KT programmes.
10. Full integration whilst retaining state aid in the afforestation grant, premium and support schemes is the enabler needed for both the forest and agricultural sectors.
11. Foresters should be involved in the sustainable farm plan development where forestry exists or where afforestation/tree planting is proposed. The role of the forester should be greatly strengthened.
 - a. Tier 1 lands require professional ecology input, so why should forestry/tree planting not require forester input?
 - b. Co-operation measure, landscape and catchment measures, requires project team with Archaeology, hydrology, environmental specialists, are foresters proposed to be involved in this also as a standalone profession?
12. CPD should be available to foresters as is proposed to be available to agricultural consultants

In May 2019, the then Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine decided to establish **the CAP Consultative Committee** in order to facilitate stakeholder engagement in the CAP reform process. Despite representing in excess of 11% of the land area of Ireland, **the Forest Industry was not invited to be a member of the Committee and has since been refused entry by both the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Minister for State with responsibility for Forestry, Pippa Hackett.** The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine has stated on several occasions that various stakeholder organisations have representation on both the CAP post 2020 Consultative Committee and the Forest Policy Group to enhance coherence between both policy areas. These stakeholder organisations are listed by the Minister as;

- Irish Farmers Association
- Agricultural Consultants Association
- Teagasc
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Environmental Pillar
- An Taisce
- Bird Watch Ireland
- Irish Rural Link

The inference being that such stakeholder organisations are responsible for representing the forestry sector in the Cap Consultative Committee.

SEEFA are in support of a strong element of forestry & Woodlands & Tree planting in the new CAP. It is the considered view of SEEFA that a strong forestry & woodlands & Tree planting in the new CAP will facilitate expansion in the wider agricultural sector while helping make farms and farmers more resilient and sustainable.

SEEFA also note that it is a key priority in the programme for Government to achieve better integration between agri-environment schemes and the next National Forestry programme. It is further noted that the EU Farm to Fork strategy details carbon farming and specifically forestry related activities as being eligible for inclusion in new eco or environmental schemes in the next CAP.

It is also clear that **complementary environmental measures in forestry can be funded in any new Eco or Environmental schemes under Pillar 1 and 2 of the new CAP whilst the forestry programme could be delivered under state aid.**

Core Principles:

1. Forestry & Woodland & Tree planting both existing and new must be not only compatible, but also complimentary or of enhancement value to each applicant in the new CAP.
2. All forestry & woodlands, both existing and new are assessed and treated equally, recognizing the need for both commercial and environmental forestry & woodlands.
3. Existing qualification for basic payments on recently afforested land must be maintained ensuring forestry & woodland is viewed as an intrinsic part of the farm. Qualification for the basic payment, now to become the BISS has been in place since 2009
4. There must be no penalty or repayment of any monies received by the applicant should the applicant's circumstances change, and they wish to convert a greater portion of their holding to Forestry & Woodland during the duration of the new CAP.

There is an urgent need to integrate forestry activities in the new CAP to achieve multiple national and EU objectives, not least climate change mitigation. **The current lag in the afforestation programme has brought into sharp focus the need to dramatically change the way in which Ireland's agriculture and forestry policies are implemented. The most important step in this process is to integrate forestry into all elements of the new CAP.**

The existing CAP, **particularly the environmental schemes has driven a wedge between forestry and other land uses.** Farmers have perceived forestry and other land uses as being in direct competition as there is no effective integration. This is borne out by the current low afforestation programme in which it is estimated that **farmers accounted for less than 40% of the area afforested in 2019. Furthermore, it is now known that the number of farmers that afforested during the duration of GLAS dropped from 852 in 2015 to 100 in 2020, an 88% drop. This drop in farmer planting is directly linked to its exclusion from the GLAS as well as the licencing debacle.** The lack of integration of forestry into CAP has resulted in both the farming community and the forestry sector suffering. SEEFA are certain that an analysis of the total area of land **sterilised to afforestation due to the terms and conditions of GLAS needs to be undertaken immediately.** This analysis also needs to determine the number of farmer participants in GLAS that afforested a part of their holding during the term of GLAS. The technical reasons as to why land was sterilised to afforestation are well understood by all, indeed this mistake has been continued in the REAP scheme. The quantification of this needs to be detailed and understood to ensure such mistakes do not occur in the next CAP. This is essential as data suggests the following.

- **Sheep farmers accounted for 52% of GLAS participants.**
- **Cattle farmers accounted for 37% of GLAS participants.**
- **Dairy farmers accounted for just 13% of GLAS participants.**
- **The total area of Low-input permanent pasture action in GLAS was 249,757 hectares.**

With an afforestation rate of less than 2500 hectares currently, one must accept such metrics have contributed significantly to the decline in the afforestation rate. This is grievous from the wider agricultural sector perspective as the **Teagasc Greenhouse Gas Marginal Abatement Cost Curve for Irish Agriculture** published in 2018 uses or relies on an afforestation rate of 7000 hectares per year over the period 2021 to 2030. It is acknowledged by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine that *"Afforestation is clearly the largest opportunity in the land use sector to remove carbon dioxide from the Atmosphere"* SEEFA are fully aware of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine intention to have as many farmers as possible in the eco and environmental schemes in the next CAP.

Clearly, significant changes are necessary to the status quo to achieve a minimum of 7000 hectares per year. The COFORD Council is currently preparing a range of papers which examines the important role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation. These papers are expected to detail the annual afforestation rates necessary to achieve climate change targets, as such, this may detail an annual afforestation rate greater than 7000 hectares. In this regard the following is of particular importance.

Ireland's National Forest Accounting Plan (NFAP) 2019 reported a decline in the national forest sink **and transition to a net emission for the period 2034, 2036 and 2037.** The entire estate then becomes a net removal increasing to 3MtCO₂ eq. per year by 2050. These projections are based on an afforestation rate of 8,000 ha per year, business as usual forest management practice and levels of harvest as specified in the COFORD All-Ireland Roundwood Forecast.

The changes in the forest sink overtime are due to a number of factors, which include high rates of

afforestation achieved in earlier decades, a projected increase in sustainable harvest and future deforestation that may occur. When examining the existing forest estate, it is important that afforestation continues over the next decade and beyond to ensure that the forest estate remains a net sink out to 2050. Carbon modelling estimates suggest that an afforestation level of approximately 12,000 hectares per year would reduce the impact of the entire estate being a source towards 2035. However, this is also dependent on future levels of deforestation, harvest and forest management practices.

It appears that similar to previous CAP programming periods, the new CAP regulations allow for the planting of trees as part of the new Agri-Environment and Climate measures. Also, it appears that the next CAP strategic plan, while not yet finalised, is not expected to include support for forestry planting, although the planting of trees on farms is being considered. In this regard it is important to note the following.

In terms of carbon reporting and accounting, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine currently reports and accounts for all forests that meet the definition of a forest as described in the **Forestry Act 2014 and Land Use, Land Use Change and Forest (LULUCF) regulation**. The definition of a forest is defined as areas which are 0.1 hectares or more in size and which have the capacity to reach at least 5 meters in height and with a minimum canopy cover of at least 20%. Ireland uses this definition as defined in the LULUCF regulation to account for all forest plots that meet this criterion.

Although Individual trees and groups of trees are important for biodiversity and do sequester carbon, they are not recorded against the forest land use categories as defined in the LULUCF regulation. Individual trees are similar to hedgerows in that they can only be accounted in other cropland and grassland categories if there are detailed national inventory data to support their inclusion. Ireland does not account for hedgerows or individual trees specifically.

More detailed work is required to determine and map the extent of such features in the landscape which is a significant task. It is also worth noting that, if such features are recorded, Ireland could only account for the additional trees and hedgerows planted. If there were less hedgerows and individual trees recorded than in previous years, Ireland would have to account this as an emission of carbon dioxide.

Therefore, it appears to be the case currently, **that tree planting measures previously included under CAP and any proposed for the next CAP will not contribute towards carbon accounting at a national level, whilst at the same time, forestry does contribute in a really significant manner.**

All schemes in CAP 2020 must contain attractive forestry options for farmers and landowners. Forestry must be integrated to an extent that it provides an ideal partner, not competitor, delivering social, environmental, and economic benefits to both the agricultural industry and wider society.

The environmental credentials of the forest industry are underpinned by the 312 million tonnes of carbon that is sequestered in Irish forests. This number is being added to by 3.8 million tonnes of carbon dioxide each year. Forestry is recognised as being our most significant potential carbon sink. In addition, our forests contribute to Ireland's renewable energy targets, our national biodiversity, recreational facilities, water protection and flood prevention.

There is no way that Ireland will meet its forestry policy ambitions or mitigate its agricultural emissions without forestry providing a strong element in CAP 2020. This will satisfy much of the requirements of the CAP relating to carbon farming and green investment.

To ensure the core principles are delivered upon, there must be consultation by professional foresters in the agri environmental schemes where there is existing forestry & woodland or where new forestry, or woodland creation or Tree planting presents the best option on parts of the farm. The professional forester must be involved in preparing an appropriate plan outlining the objectives and deliverables.

Professional foresters must be involved in any new scheme involving planting along riparian margins, to act as carbon sinks and interceptors of nutrients such as that currently being developed by Minister of State for Forestry, Pippa Hackett. It is also essential that private sector professional foresters are involved in any training and support provision to Agricultural consultants and farmers in the roll out of this scheme and the existing REAP scheme.

Professional foresters must be involved in any training programmes in the new agri environmental schemes focusing on the benefits of trees to climate change, biodiversity, sustainability.

Some detail on proposed actions and benefits of forestry & Woodlands and Tree planting are outlined on further in this submission. The most appropriate actions are selected from a suite of measures by the landowner and the forester, which in turn determines the payment the landowner receives under the new agri environmental schemes. Should there be priority entry criteria for entry into Eco or Environmental schemes, SEEFA suggest the following options for priority entry criteria are necessary.

- **Take up one of the options on the attached “Forestry and Woodland Creation and Tree planting” scenarios**
- **Take up one of the options on the attached “Existing Forestry and Woodland” scenarios**
- **Secure Forest Management Certification to FSC and PEFC standard on existing forestry and woodland.**

New forests & woodlands created in this planned manner involving the farmer, the agricultural consultant, and the forester, is essential as it provides long term advice and planning for the farm in a structured manner. This will also result in enhanced farm resilience as output from forests and woodlands can provide both income security & localised protection in times of extreme weather conditions.

Specific requirements for Forestry & Woodlands and Tree planting in CAP 2020

- Retain eligibility for BISS under prevailing conditionality.
- Increased flexibility across all schemes for farmers and landowners in relation to forestry is an absolute must.
- DAFM use a single mapping system for forestry combining with BISS, Agri environmental schemes etc, in order to eliminate mapping issues affecting/delaying owners’ payments.
- Integrate with new agri environmental schemes in both pillar 1 and 2.
- Forestry incentives must be included in other schemes relating to:
 - Farm regeneration/supports for young farmers.
 - Water quality
 - Emissions and Organic Farming
- Forestry consultants must be involved in areas such as
 - Knowledge transfer schemes across all enterprises

- Environmental training programmes
 - Training of Advisors initiatives
 - AKIS activities
 - Farmer training and Health and Safety initiatives
 - Baseline measurements of biodiversity initiatives
 - Carbon Navigator
- ANC payments must be payable on areas to be afforested in designated ANC areas
 - Any redistribution of entitlements value must incentivise forestry as part of the redistribution.
 - A Woodland Environmental Planning Grant is required to neutralise upfront costs for farmers and landowners considering afforestation.
 - Frontloading of payments to be conditional on afforestation of a part of the farm. Such an upfront payment to be based on carbon sequestration potential. The Woodland Environmental Fund is a good example of the benefits of an upfront payment to farmers.
 - Review afforestation grant and premium rates in line with the current real-world costs and labour availability and alternative land uses.
 - No penalty to farmers for diverting to forestry from other schemes during the duration of the next CAP
 - A fit for purpose reconstitution scheme is required to deal with natural occurrences that are not insurable against.
 - All Mandated grants such as afforestation, forest road, woodland improvement, should not be subject to attachment orders where the person/entity the grant is mandated to is tax compliant.
 - Existing forestry support measures to be retained but brought into line with the current real-world situation.
 - Re-imagine the design of the Agro forestry scheme to work in an Irish situation
 - Newly afforested areas to be eligible for Nitrates calculations

It is noted that membership of the Cap Consultative Committee was drawn from a broad range of invited stakeholders of which the forest industry was not included. This does not dovetail with the programme for Government objectives as outlined in this proposal. The Forest Industry were not invited to be part of the CCC and have been refused entry by Minister of State for Forestry, Pippa Hackett.

The actions and additional environmental measures are detailed in the following tables.

<u>Pillar</u>	<u>Proposed action</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Benefits accruing to</u>	<u>Payment method to landowner</u>	<u>Professionals involved</u>	<u>Annual Inspection</u>
1	Assess farm for forestry & woodland creation potential	Broadleaf and conifer	Biodiversity, Climate change mitigation	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	Yes
1	Determine the number of hedgerow Ash on the farm	Ash	Biodiversity, Preserve landscapes	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
1	Determine the area of Ash plantation infected by Ash dieback on the farm	Ash	Biodiversity, Climate change mitigation	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	
1	Assess forestry and woodland on the farm for achievement of Forest Management Certification to FSC and PEFC standards	All species	Social, environmental, and economic sustainability	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	Yes
1	Assess organic farming opportunities on the farm and associated organic forestry opportunities	All species	Climate change mitigation, Animal welfare	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
1	Assess existing forestry on a farm and prepare a regeneration or restructuring or other management plan as appropriate	All species	Biodiversity, water, soil, climate change mitigation	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
1	Determine area of overmature Christmas tree plantations on farms	Conifers	Biodiversity, water, soil, farm income	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
1	Determine area of existing groves or such woodland on the farm	conifers and broadleaves	biodiversity, water quality, farm income	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes

1	Determine locations for hotspot planting to ameliorate leaching	conifer and broadleaf	water quality, enhance ecosystem services	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
1	Determine area of forestry or woodland designated as Hen Harrier SPA	conifer and broadleaf	biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
1	Determine area of forestry or woodland in a designated area for the Fresh Water Pearl Mussel	conifer and broadleaf	biodiversity, water quality, farm income	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
1	Determine opportunities for rewilding of existing forestry on farms	conifer and broadleaf	biodiversity, water quality, preserve habitats	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
1	Assess opportunities for securing brush from conifer clearfell on farms for animal bedding	conifer and broadleaf	animal health, efficient use of natural resources	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
1	Assess the farm for invasive plant species	invasive species	biodiversity, farm income, preserve habitats	On the report created	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
	<u>Forestry and Woodland Creation and Tree planting</u>					
2	New afforestation projects - in conjunction with any afforestation scheme	Broadleaf and conifer	Soil, water, Carbon sequestration, farm income	on a per additional actions basis from menu of options - see tab attached	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Organic Forestry and Woodland Creation	Broadleaf and conifer	Animal health, farm income, water, soil	Increased payment for forestry and woodlands created on organic farms	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Native conifer forestry or	Yew, Scots pine, Juniper	biodiversity, preserve	Increased payments for	Agricultural consultant and	yes

	woodland creation		habitats and landscapes	farmers that plant native conifers	professional forester	
2	Shelter belt forestry	Broadleaf and conifer	Animal health, landscape, food, water, carbon seq.	On a per hectare planted basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Agro Forestry	Broadleaf and Conifer	Carbon sequestration, Animal health, farm income	On a per hectare planted basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Hotspot planting adjacent to watercourses to ameliorate leaching	Broadleaf and Conifer	Water quality, carbon sequestration, farm income	On an areas basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Hedgerow landscaping to counteract Ash dieback disease	Broadleaves other than Ash	Landscape, preserve habitats, climate change mitigation	On a per tree planted basis in hedgerows	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Individual specimen tree planting	Broadleaves and Conifers	Landscape, animal health, climate change mitigation	On a per tree planted basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Tree landscaping around farmyards and buildings	Broadleaves and conifers	landscape, water quality, air quality	on a per tree planted basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Social forestry	Broadleaf and conifer	Human health	On specific actions facilitating social forestry	Agricultural consultant and Professional forester	Yes
2	Convert overmature Christmas Tree plantations to Native Woodland	Broadleaf and conifer	Biodiversity, water, Carbon sequestration	On a per hectare basis	Agricultural consultant and Professional forester	yes
2	Riparian planting and fencing along riverbanks	broadleaf and conifer	Biodiversity, water quality, air quality	On a per tree planted and linear meter of fencing completed	Agricultural consultant and Professional forester	Yes
	<u>Existing forestry and woodland</u>					
2	Regenerate/restructure existing forestry and woodland	broadleaf and conifer	Water quality, carbon sequestration	on specific measures basis, plan drawn up principally by	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes

				a professional forester		
			Increased retention of existing habitat	see below for further details		
2	Secure Forest Management Certification to FSC and PEFC standards	Broadleaf and conifer	Social, environmental, and economic sustainability	on a per hectare of forest certified by a group scheme	Professional forester	yes
2	stock proofing existing groves or woodlands to enable natural regeneration	broadleaf and conifer	biodiversity, carbon sequestration	on a per linear meter of stock proof fence erected	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Restructure forestry and woodland in Hen Harrier areas	Conifer	Hen Harrier	On a per action basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Implement actions in forestry beneficial to the Fresh Water pearl Mussel	conifer and Broadleaf	Fresh Water Pearl Mussel	on a per action basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Implement actions for rewilding of existing forestry on farms	Conifer and broadleaf	Biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services	on a per action basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Secure brash from conifer clearfell for animal bedding	Conifer	substitute for peat in animal bedding	on a per hectare of brash recovered	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	yes
2	Implement eradication/control measures on invasive plant species		Biodiversity, Farm income	On a per action basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	Yes
2	Attend training on management of biodiversity and environmental enhancement and rehabilitation in forestry and woodland	conifer and broadleaf	Biodiversity, water quality, farm income	on a per training event attended	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	Yes
2	Replace infected Ash dieback infected plantations with	conifer and broadleaf	Biodiversity, carbon sequestration, farm income	on a per hectare basis	Agricultural consultant and professional forester	Yes

native species or minor conifer species					
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Afforestation Additional environmental Actions

<u>Pillar</u>	<u>Action</u>
2	Create new habitat such as ponds or extend existing ponds or wet areas
2	Provide deadwood for invertebrate populations
2	Create wildlife corridors between habitats
2	Augment wildlife food supply, plant fruiting/berry bearing species or crab apple etc in areas of biodiversity enhancement
2	Register with birdwatch ireland and participate in surveys
2	Increase average setback from roads or houses by 5 meters and use additional setback to establish undulating edges using local tree and shrub species
2	Where appropriate increase riparian zone or setback and plant with a suitable species
2	Leave 20 meters unplanted corridors for future harvest road development and open spaces for loading areas, turning bays, on site chipping areas
2	Retain local field names by signage
2	Attend a prescribed woodland management course
2	Join the woodland environmental fund initiative
2	Certify the forest to be established FSC and PEFC forest management certification status
2	Attend training on management of biodiversity and environmental enhancement and rehabilitation

Biodiversity area not limited to a specific percentage; biodiversity linked to the site level detail.

Actions to regenerate existing forestry or woodland

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2	Increase average setback from roads or houses by 5 meters and use additional setback to establish undulating edges using local tree and shrub species
2	Where appropriate increase riparian zone or setback and plant with a suitable species
2	Detail existing biodiversity
2	Retain local field names by signage
2	Attend a prescribed woodland management course
2	Underplant with understory species
2	Management of Archaeological sites
2	Attend training on management of biodiversity and environmental enhancement and rehabilitation
2	Certify the forest to FSC and PEFC forest management certification status



FII Proposals for CAP 2023

1. Background

The value of forestry to Ireland

Forestry and timber deliver enormous value to Ireland and its people across the economy, society and environment. In summary:

- **Economic Value:** The Forest & Timber Industry contributes circa €2.3 billion to the Irish economy. This is an Export oriented industry, with the value of Exports estimated at €420m per year.
- **Rural Jobs:** Forestry in Ireland supports 12,000 jobs mostly in rural Ireland. The sector is growing and will double in 15 years; creating thousands of new 'green-tech' jobs. Forestry puts money and jobs into Rural Ireland and Local Communities.
- **Building Materials:** Our forests provide essential Building Products. Timber is a valuable commodity with many uses including construction timber, pallets, fencing and wood-panels. It is a fully sustainable and renewable product that is becoming more and more relevant as we need to reduce our carbon footprint.
- **World Class Industry:** The timber industry in Ireland is highly developed and efficient, with some of the most technologically advanced sawmills in Europe. It enjoys close proximity to the U.K. which is the second largest timber importer in the world. This ensures that the very best value is returned from our timber products.
- **Climate Change:** Forestry helps to combat Climate Change by absorbing CO₂ from the atmosphere. Our forests absorb 5 million tonnes of CO₂ every year and currently sequester over 300 million tonnes of carbon.
- **Biodiversity & Nature:** Forestry provides rich and important habitats for nature in Ireland. Over 20% of our state forests are managed primarily for biodiversity and over 30% of all new forests are dedicated to increasing diversity in our countryside.

Forest Statistics

- Forested Area – Ireland: 11%
- Forested Area – EU average: 40%
- Forested Area – Finland: 71%

The Importance of Forestry to Farmers

- Diversified Income: Forestry provides a very valuable, consistent and reliable source of income to farmers and landowners. Forestry payments come on top of CAP payments for farmers.
- Valuable Timber Asset: Forestry provides farmers with an excellent lump-sum benefit on clear-fell for retirement or for the education of their children.
- Return from the Land: Investment in a hectare of forestry can yield over €20,000 in net revenue when the crop is harvested, plus the payment of premiums from the state for the first 15 years. This means that forestry can return an IRR of 4% which is favourable to many other land uses.
- Supports Farming: Farmers are currently turning to forestry as a reliable and predictable income stream. It will financially outperform every other farming activity other than dairy. Forestry is actually keeping many farmers in their communities and increasing their viability and that of rural Ireland in creating a sustainable future and diversifying income as well as future pensions.

2. Introduction to forestry and the CAP

Forest Industries Ireland (FII) supports a strong element of forestry, woodland creation and tree planting in the new CAP. The European Commission has called for much greater tree planting under the CAP and has recognised that, to date, the CAP has achieved little in the battle against climate change. For its part, the Irish Government has a stated ambition to plant 18% of the country with trees and achieve an annual afforestation rate of 8,000 hectares.

As discussed below, the current iteration of the CAP has had a profoundly negative impact on the planting of new forestry on farms as farmers have been tied into CAP environment schemes and this has taken away their option to plant forestry. This situation must change under the new CAP.

The forest sector is gravely concerned that forestry has been ignored to date in discussions on the CAP and the forest industry has not been represented on the CAP Consultative Committee.

In addition to providing farmers with the flexibility to plant forestry, the new CAP must go further and create tangible incentives for farmers to plant trees and manage the existing forestry and woodland on their farms. The environmental benefits of woodlands are well established both in terms of ecosystems and climate change. The priority attached by the EU to these CAP objectives must be reflected in Ireland's CAP schemes. The need to support for woodlands and forestry as a primary vehicle is self-evident.

FII notes that it is a key priority in the programme for Government to achieve better integration between agri-environment schemes and the next National Forestry programme. It is further noted that the EU Farm to Fork strategy details carbon farming, and specifically forestry related activities, as being eligible for inclusion in new eco and environmental schemes in the next CAP.

It is clear that complementary environmental measures in forestry can be funded in the new Eco or Environmental schemes under Pillar 1 and 2 of the new CAP whilst the forestry programme could be delivered under state aid. Integration will be key to the success of both.

Core Principles:

1. Forestry, woodlands and tree planting (both existing and new) must be not only compatible with, but also of real enhancement value to each applicant in the new CAP. Incentives must be built into the CAP.
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3. CAP, Forestry and EU Climate Action Strategies

According to the European Commission, the new CAP will support the transition towards more sustainable agriculture with increased ambition on climate and environmental actions.

Specifically, the new CAP National Strategic Plans should be designed in line with the Green Deal, the Farm to Fork, Biodiversity, and Forestry strategies and enable them. These strategies underpin the importance of sustainable forestry in realising agreed climate action goals at EU and member state levels.

Under the new CAP, offering eco-schemes will become mandatory for Member States. The new voluntary instrument will reward farmers for implementing climate and environmentally friendly practices such as organic farming or agroforestry.

Green Deal Alignment

CAP Plans will contribute to the targets of the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies and will be updated to take into account the changes in the climate and environmental legislation from the European Green Deal. It is likely that it will also contribute to the targets set out in the new Forestry strategy due. According to Commission Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, *"aligning the CAP with the Green Deal is now possible."*

Forestry Strategy Alignment

The new Forestry Strategy is designed to build on the new Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and sets out a vision and concrete actions for increasing the quantity and quality of forests in the EU and strengthening their protection, restoration and resilience. The proposed actions will increase carbon sequestration through enhanced sinks and stocks, thus contributing to climate change mitigation. With the new Forestry Strategy, the Commission will be seeking to balance three objectives:

- reducing CO₂.
- preserving natural habitats for biodiversity; and
- sourcing raw materials to replace fossil fuels used for energy.

The EU Forest Strategy aims to improve the quality, quantity and resilience of EU forests. It supports **foresters and the forest-based bioeconomy** while keeping harvesting and biomass use sustainable, preserving biodiversity, and setting out a plan to plant **three billion trees across Europe by 2030**.

The Strategy **commits to strictly protecting primary and old-growth forests, restoring degraded forests, and ensuring they are managed sustainably** – in a way that preserves the vital ecosystem services that forests provide and on which society depends.

The Strategy also foresees the development of **payment schemes to forest owners and managers for providing alternative ecosystems services**, e.g., through keeping parts of their forests intact.

The Forest Strategy also includes a legal proposal to step up forest monitoring, reporting and data collection in the EU. Harmonised EU data collection, combined with strategic planning at Members States' level, will provide a comprehensive picture of the state, the evolution and the envisaged future developments of forests in the EU. This is paramount to making sure that forests can deliver on their multiple functions for climate, biodiversity and economy.

The forest sector is concerned that the Irish government is paying little attention to the European Commission's calls for more effective climate change measures under the CAP and calls for the CAP to stimulate greater tree planting across the EU. FII is in conversation with the European Commission to express its concerns in this regard.

European Green Deal – Fit for 55

As part of its Fit for 55 package to implement the European Green Deal, the European Commission has proposed legislation to review and revise the Regulation on Land Use, Forestry and Agriculture (LULUCF).

Under current EU legislation adopted in May 2018, EU Member States must ensure that accounted greenhouse gas emissions from land use, land use change or forestry are balanced by at least an equivalent accounted removal of CO₂ from the atmosphere in the period 2021 to 2030 (the so-called "no debit rule"). The LULUCF Regulation implements the October 2014 agreement between EU leaders that all sectors should contribute to the EU's 2030 emission reduction target, including the land use sector.

Among others, the Regulation is designed to **support foresters through greater visibility for the climate benefits of wood products, which can store carbon sequestered from the atmosphere and substitute for emission-intensive materials**.

Under the revision, the [Regulation on Land Use, Forestry and Agriculture](#) sets an overall EU target for carbon removals by natural sinks, equivalent to 310 million tons of CO₂ emissions by 2030. By 2035, the EU should aim to reach climate neutrality in the land use, forestry and agriculture sectors, including also agricultural non-CO₂ emissions, such as those from fertiliser use and livestock.

The new CAP, amongst others, provides a real opportunity for joined up thinking across the EU climate action strategies, to provide targeted support for farmers in sustainable forestry activities and as a vehicle to help facilitate the objective under the Forestry Strategy to plant three billion trees across Europe by 2035.

4. Need to integrate CAP with the Forestry Programme

In order to achieve the multiple national and EU objectives, not least climate change mitigation, forestry activities must be clearly supported and integrated into the new CAP. The current lag in the afforestation programme has brought into sharp focus the need to dramatically change the way in which Ireland's agriculture and forestry policies are implemented. The most important step in this process is to integrate forestry into all elements of the new CAP.

The existing CAP (particularly the environmental schemes) has driven a wedge between forestry and other land uses. Farmers have perceived forestry and other land uses as being in direct competition as there is no effective integration. This is borne out by the current low afforestation programme in which it is estimated that farmers accounted for less than 40% of the area afforested in 2019. Furthermore, it is now known that the number of farmers that afforested during the duration of GLAS dropped from 852 in 2015 to 100 in 2020 - an 88% drop. This drop in farmer planting is directly linked to its exclusion from GLAS, as well as the licencing debacle. GLAS and afforestation were in direct competition. The lack of integration of forestry into CAP has resulted in both the farming community and the forestry sector suffering. An analysis of the total area of land sterilised to afforestation due to the terms and conditions of GLAS should be undertaken immediately. This analysis also needs to determine the number of farmer participants in GLAS that afforested a part of their holding during the term of GLAS. The technical reasons as to why land was sterilised to afforestation are well understood by all, indeed this mistake has been continued in the REAP scheme. The quantification of this needs to be detailed and understood to ensure such mistakes do not occur in the next CAP. This is essential as data suggest the following:

- Sheep farmers accounted for 52% of GLAS participants.
- Cattle farmers accounted for 37% of GLAS participants.
- Dairy farmers accounted for just 13% of GLAS participants.
- The total area of low-input permanent pasture action in GLAS was 249,757 hectares.

Low impact permanent pasture would be a major competing land use with forestry, and this has to be taken into account.

5. The climate change imperative

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine stated that, "*Afforestation is clearly the largest opportunity in the land use sector to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere*". It is also the Minister's stated intention to have as many farmers as possible in the eco and environmental schemes in the next CAP. This indicates the importance of getting CAP right for the benefit of climate change.

Significant changes are necessary to achieve 8,000 hectares planting per year. The COFORD Council is currently preparing a range of papers which examines the important role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation. Nonetheless, there is no doubt that forestry and tree planting are recognised worldwide as vital in combatting climate change. Currently, our forests contain 312 million tonnes of carbon and absorb an additional 5 million tonnes of CO₂ annually. We currently have a forest estate of 777,000 hectares. If we can achieve an annual afforestation programme of 8,000 hectares, we will create a million-hectare forest estate by mid-century and will have added one million tonnes of carbon to the sequestration in our forests and woodlands. This should be the goal and the CAP will play an pivotal role in achieving this.

All schemes in the next CAP should contain attractive forestry options for farmers and landowners. Forestry should be integrated to provide an ideal partner, not competitor, delivering social, environmental, and economic benefits to both the agricultural industry and wider society. Forestry is recognised as being our most significant potential carbon sink. In addition, our forests contribute to Ireland's renewable energy targets, our national biodiversity, recreational facilities, water protection and flood prevention.

6. Active participation of foresters in the new CAP

Ireland will not meet its forestry policy ambitions or mitigate its agricultural emissions without forestry providing a strong element in CAP 2020. This will satisfy much of the requirements of the CAP relating to carbon farming and green investment. The European Commission consistently points to the importance of using the CAP to promote tree planting across the EU .

To ensure the core principles are delivered upon, there must be consultation with professional foresters in the development of the Eco Scheme and the ACEA. Management of existing forestry and woodland and the creation of new woodland will frequently present the best option on parts of the farm. The professional forester must be involved in preparing an appropriate plan outlining the objectives and deliverables.

Professional foresters can advise on involving planting along riparian margins, to act as carbon sinks and interceptors of nutrients such and should be involved in any training and support provision to Agricultural consultants and farmers in the roll out of this scheme and the existing REAP scheme.

Professional foresters must be involved in any training programmes in the new agri environmental schemes focusing on the benefits of trees to climate change, biodiversity, sustainability.

7. Specific requirements for forestry, woodlands and tree planting in CAP

There are a number of prerequisites and requirements that will underpin success of woodland measures in the next CAP:

- Retain eligibility for BISS under prevailing conditionality.
- Flexibility is key. There must be no penalty to farmers for diverting to forestry from other schemes during the duration of the next CAP.
- Increased flexibility across all schemes for farmers and landowners in relation to forestry is an absolute must.
- DAFM should use a single mapping system for forestry combining with BISS, Agri environmental schemes etc, in order to eliminate mapping issues affecting/delaying owners' payments.
- Integrate the forestry programme with new agri environmental schemes in both pillar 1 and 2.
- Forestry incentives should be included in other schemes relating to:
 - Farm regeneration/supports for young farmers.
 - Water quality
 - Emissions and Organic Farming
- Forestry consultants must be involved in areas such as:
 - Knowledge transfer schemes across all enterprises
 - Environmental training programmes

- Training of Advisors initiatives
- AKIS activities
- Farmer training and Health and Safety initiatives
- Baseline measurements of biodiversity initiatives
- Carbon Navigator
- ANC payments must be payable on areas to be afforested in designated ANC areas
- Any redistribution of entitlements value must incentivise forestry as part of the redistribution.
- A Woodland Environmental Planning Grant is required to neutralise upfront costs for farmers and landowners considering afforestation.
- Frontloading of payments to be conditional on afforestation of a part of the farm. Such an upfront payment to be based on carbon sequestration potential. The Woodland Environmental Fund is a good example of the benefits of an upfront payment to farmers.
- Review afforestation grant and premium rates in line with the current real-world costs and labour availability and alternative land uses.
- A fit for purpose reconstitution scheme is required to deal with natural occurrences that are not insurable against.
- All Mandated grants such as afforestation, forest road, woodland improvement, should not be subject to attachment orders where the person/entity the grant is mandated to is tax compliant.
- Existing forestry support measures to be retained but brought into line with the current real-world situation.
- Re-imagine the design of the Agro forestry scheme to work in an Irish situation
- Newly afforested areas to be eligible for Nitrates calculations

8. FII Proposals for CAP

The most appropriate actions on any given farm can be selected from a suite of measures by the landowner and the forester. This, in turn, determines the payment the landowner receives under the new schemes.

Should there be **priority entry criteria** for entry into Eco or Environmental schemes, FII suggest the following options for priority entry criteria are necessary.

- Take up one of the options on the attached “Forestry and Woodland Creation and Tree planting” scenarios on the proposed action tab
- Take up one of the options on the attached “Existing Forestry and Woodland” scenarios in the proposed actions tab
- Secure Forest Management Certification to FSC and PEFC standard on existing forestry and woodland.

New forests and woodlands should be planned by the farmer, the agricultural consultant and the forester. The forester can provide long term advice and planning for the farm in a structured manner. This will result in enhanced farm resilience as output from forests and woodlands can provide both income security and localised protection in times of extreme weather conditions.

The importance of ‘triggers’ in the CAP

The concept of having ‘triggers’ in the CAP that incentivise farmers to look at the forestry option is critical. There will have to be very specific criteria or incentives or entry requirements that suggest to the farmer that they could look to forestry. Triggers or entry qualification criteria for the Eco Scheme and the AECM will have to be developed and implemented.

The CAP will be a major deciding factor in whether the country can reach its annual afforestation target of 8,000 hectares, Furthermore, the EU is seeking to use the CAP to combat climate change and increase biodiversity through the planting of trees and the management of forests and woodlands.

Professional foresters should be involved in all instances where tree planting takes place on farms and in any instance where training or support to farmers relating to environmental and climate mitigation aspects of forestry is being extended to farmers from advisors.

Without effective triggers and incentives built into the CAP, the link between forestry and land use decisions under the CAP will continue to be broken.

Pillar I

Extract from CSP consultation document

Pillar I Eco-Schemes

New voluntary annual agri-environmental schemes, known as Eco-schemes, will strengthen the environmental and climate outcomes achieved by Pillar 1 payments, by building on baseline improvements achieved through conditionality.

While allowing for some flexibility, the Regulations require at least 25% of the Pillar I CAP budget to be devoted to Eco-Schemes. Ireland proposes to introduce an Eco-Scheme “for all farmers” with the objective being to maximise farmer participation to achieve climate and environmental improvements across all farmed lands.

Purpose

The aim of this intervention is to provide additional direct income support to farmers for undertaking actions beneficial to the climate and the wider environment. Ireland’s SWOT Analysis and Needs Assessment identified several issues relating to climate change, the unsustainable use of natural resources, and the degradation of habitats and landscapes. Eco-schemes are intended to address these needs.

Proposed Structure

This intervention will be implemented annually, with farmers having the opportunity to opt in or out on an annual basis. Farmers will apply through the BISS application from 2023 onwards. The “agricultural practices” or actions that constitute the Eco-Scheme will be over and above conditionality requirements.

The scheme will be implemented through targeting of relevant “agricultural practices” and will provide the opportunity for as many farmers as possible to take up the most appropriate actions or intensity of actions on their farm. The scheme will seek to maximise the benefits for the environment and may include actions that will contribute to:

1. climate change mitigation, including reduction of GHG emissions from agricultural practices, as well as maintenance of existing carbon stores and enhancement of carbon sequestration.

Proposed action for trees, woodland and hedgerows under Pillar I Eco Scheme

Introduction

The Pillar I eco scheme has a number of objectives that can be met by the introduction of a specific action for the assessment, protection, improvement of trees, woodland and hedgerows, and their augmentation with additional planting.

The Department estimates that €297 million will be paid annually to farmers through the Pillar I Eco Scheme.

Proposed action No. 1: Farm woodland and hedgerow audit and advisory

This action would involve carrying out a complete audit of all farm trees, woodland and hedgerows by a registered forester. The forester would provide a report to the farmer with advice on how to maintain and manage the existing woodland and trees on the farm.

The purpose is to enable the farmer to manage the wellbeing for trees on the farm, manage for biodiversity, ensure healthy ecosystems and water quality, and assess the farm for further woodland creation opportunities.

Rationale:

The proposed action will contribute to many of the stated objectives of the Pillar I Eco Scheme including:

- Climate change adaptation
- Water quality
- Soil protection
- Protection of biodiversity and habitats
- Creation of landscape features

Detail of actions to be included:

<u>Proposed action</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Benefits accruing to:</u>
Assess farm for forestry and woodland creation potential	Conifer and broadleaf	Biodiversity, Climate change mitigation
Determine the number of hedgerow Ash on the farm	Ash	Biodiversity, Preserve landscapes
Determine the area of Ash plantation infected by Ash dieback on the farm	Ash	Biodiversity, Climate change mitigation
Assess forestry and woodland on the farm for achievement of Forest Management Certification to FSC and PEFC standards	All species	Social, environmental and economic sustainability
Assess organic farming opportunities on the farm and associated organic forestry opportunities	All species	Climate change mitigation, Animal welfare
Assess existing forestry on a farm and prepare a regeneration or restructuring or other management plan as appropriate	All species	Biodiversity, water, soil, climate change mitigation

<i>This is principally aimed at forestry or woodlands not in receipt of annual forestry premia</i>		
Determine area of overmature Christmas tree plantations on farms	Conifers	Biodiversity, water, soil, farm income
Determine area of existing groves or such woodland on the farm	Conifer and broadleaf	biodiversity, water quality, farm income
Determine locations for hotspot planting to mitigate leaching	Conifer and broadleaf	water quality, enhance ecosystem services
Determine area of forestry or woodland designated as Hen Harrier SPA	Conifer and broadleaf	biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services
Determine area of forestry or woodland in a designated area for the Fresh Water Pearl Mussel	Conifer and broadleaf	biodiversity, water quality, farm income
Determine opportunities for rewilding of existing forestry on farms	conifer and broadleaf	biodiversity, water quality, preserve habitats
Assess opportunities for securing brash from conifer clear-fell on farms for animal bedding	conifer and broadleaf	animal health, efficient use of natural resources
Assess the farm for invasive plant species	invasive species	biodiversity, farm income, preserve habitats

Pillar II

Extract from CSP Consultation document:

(1) Agri-Environment Climate Measure (AECM)

Purpose

The aim of this intervention is to deliver a range of environmental, climate and biodiversity benefits by supporting farmers to undertake appropriate actions. The nature of the actions will be determined by the needs of the land and environs.

The SWOT Analysis and Needs Assessment identified numerous challenges emerging as a result of climate change, the unsustainable use of natural resources and the degradation of habitats. The national agri-environment climate measure accordingly consists of actions to address these biodiversity, water, soil and climate challenges. The underpinning principle for the scheme will be ‘the right action, in the right place’, in order to ensure effective targeting of measures to deliver biodiversity, water and climate action in an integrated manner on farms. The integration of results-based actions and the locally led approach into this flagship agri-environment scheme will build on the success of the Burren Programme and the European Innovation Partnership – AGRI Groups delivered under the RDP 2014-2020.

Proposed Structure

Any eligible farmer in any part of the country will have the opportunity to participate in the general scheme. Participating farmers will be required to address priority assets (e.g., critical source areas for water, priority habitats) on their farms (similar to previous agri-environment, climate measures). These will constitute the basic actions required for entry into the scheme. It is intended that these

actions will be a combination of prescription-based measures (at a fixed rate of payment) and results-based measures (where the level of payment is based on the results achieved). The scheme will take a landscape approach and may mean that farmers in areas identified by the Department as having higher environmental priorities will participate in specific co-operation actions. Such actions may attract higher payments depending on the actions required

Any additional bespoke farm/landscape measures required will be implemented with the assistance of a Local Project Team at local level. This co-operation element will support a landscape approach in these areas for the management and restoration of priority habitat/species, carbon storage, water quality, and biodiversity through improved land management and resilience. It is also expected to positively impact on problems facing these landscapes, for example landslides, flooding, mountain fires, management of commonages, invasive species, predator control, etc. The eligibility to participate in these will be clear from the application phase, with farmers' lands falling in defined co-operation areas able to avail of these additional supports.

*Given the climate imperative of proposed actions under the next CAP, there will be a dedicated and attractive action for farmers under this intervention for land re-wetting. This may be one of the cooperation measures, or a separate action under this measure. Similarly, **significant tree-planting measures will be included here, including agro-forestry and riparian planting. This will help deliver co-benefits, along with climate, for water quality and biodiversity. Mandatory planting of broadleaf trees on some farms may also be included.***

Farmers who choose to participate in the AECM will have one agri-environment climate measure contract only. Results based approaches will be used, where appropriate, and support for non-productive investments will be provided when necessary to help improve habitat scores.

[Proposed actions for forestry, woodland creation and tree planting under the AECM](#)

Introduction

The planting of trees, woodland and forestry on farms will provide climate, biodiversity and habitat benefits in line with the ambitions of the AECM.

The consultation document for the CSP notes, *“significant tree-planting measures will be included here, including agro-forestry and riparian planting. This will help deliver co-benefits, along with climate, for water quality and biodiversity.”*

Proposed action No.2: Forestry and Woodland Creation and Tree planting

The proposed action involves the planting of new woodlands and forestry on farms. The specific type and structure of woodlands to be planted can be determined by the location, soil type and other factors of the specific farm.

The action should be fully integrated with the national forestry programme and the national policy to increase the proportion of the country that is forested to 18%.

It must be borne in mind that the current annual afforestation rate is not much more than 2,000 hectares per annum while the target rate is 8,000 hectares per annum. This demonstrates the clear need for additional actions to increase the rate of farm afforestation in Ireland.

The European Commission has been explicit in its calls on EU Member States to increase woodland creation under the CAP, having been disappointed at the level of climate change action under the current and previous CAPs.

The Department of Agriculture has conducted extensive research into climate change actions in Irish agriculture and has concluded that the potential abatement from forestry and woodland is greater than all other agriculture measures combined.

The recent Teagasc Forest Carbon Tool defines the level of carbon sequestration that can be achieved with new forestry and woodland. For example, new GPC 3 afforestation will sequester 5.63 tonnes of CO₂ per hectare per annum, or 327 tonnes of CO₂ over two crop rotations.

Rationale:

The proposed action will contribute to many of the stated objectives of the AECM including:

- Climate change mitigation
- Carbon storage
- Biodiversity and habitats
- Water quality
- Soil protection

Detail of actions to be included:

Forestry and Woodland Creation and Tree planting		
New afforestation projects - in conjunction with any afforestation scheme	Broadleaf and conifer	Soil, water, Carbon sequestration, farm income
Organic Forestry and Woodland Creation	Broadleaf and conifer	Animal health, farm income, water, soil
Native conifer forestry or woodland creation	Yew, Scot's pine, Juniper	biodiversity, preserve habitats and landscapes
Shelter belt forestry	Broadleaf and conifer	Animal health, landscape, food, water, carbon seq.
Agro Forestry	Broadleaf and Conifer	Carbon sequestration, Animal health, farm income
Hotspot planting adjacent to watercourses to mitigate leaching	Broadleaf and Conifer	Water quality, carbon sequestration, farm income
Hedgerow landscaping to counteract Ash dieback disease	Broadleaves other than Ash	Landscape, preserve habitats, climate change mitigation
Individual specimen tree planting	Broadleaves and Conifers	Landscape, animal health, climate change mitigation
Tree landscaping around farmyards and buildings	Broadleaves and conifers	landscape, water quality, air quality
Social forestry	Broadleaf and conifer	Human health

Convert overmature Christmas Tree plantations to Native Woodland	Broadleaf and conifer	Biodiversity, water, Carbon sequestration
Riparian planting and fencing along riverbanks	broadleaf and conifer	Biodiversity, water quality, air quality

Proposed action No.3: Management, regeneration and restructuring of existing forestry and woodland

The proposed action involves improvement works to existing forestry and woodland.

Many woodlands will benefit from interventions to improve the benefits they deliver for the environment, habitats and biodiversity.

The specific actions would be dependent upon the nature of the existing woodland and the benefits being sought in each case. These could relate to specific species such as hen harrier or freshwater pearl mussels or could be more general actions to promote biodiversity or other benefits such as the harvesting of brush as a renewable resource for use on the farm.

Forest and timber certification is a well-recognised requirement in Ireland as the proportion of timber coming from the private estate increases. There is a need for this timber to be certified, In addition, the certification of woodlands under FSC and PEFC is a very rigorous process which ensures that woodlands are managed to the highest standards and achieve optimal environmental outcomes. The CAP is an ideal mechanism to facilitate many more Irish woodlands being certified.

Rationale:

The proposed action will contribute to many of the stated objectives of the AECM including:

- Climate change mitigation
- Carbon storage
- Biodiversity and habitats
- Water quality
- Soil protection

Detail of actions to be included:

Existing forestry and woodland		
Regenerate/restructure existing forestry and woodland	Conifer and broadleaf	Water quality, carbon sequestration Increased retention of existing habitat
Secure Forest Management Certification to FSC and PEFC standards	Conifer and broadleaf	Social, environmental and economic sustainability
Stock proofing existing groves or woodlands to enable natural regeneration	Conifer and broadleaf	biodiversity, carbon sequestration
Restructure forestry and woodland in Hen Harrier areas	Conifer	Hen Harrier

Implement actions in forestry beneficial to the Fresh Water pearl Mussel	Conifer and broadleaf	Fresh Water Pearl Mussel
Implement actions for rewilding of existing forestry on farms	Conifer and broadleaf	Biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services
Secure brash from conifer clear-fell for animal bedding	Conifer	substitute for peat in animal bedding
Implement eradication/control measures on invasive plant species		Biodiversity, Farm income
Attend training on management of biodiversity and environmental enhancement and rehabilitation in forestry and woodland	Conifer and broadleaf	Biodiversity, water quality, farm income
Replace infected Ash dieback infected plantations with native species or minor conifer species	Conifer and broadleaf	Biodiversity, carbon sequestration, farm income

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Forest Industries Ireland Submission

The CSP is failing on woodland creation and climate change.

FII considers it a great failure of the current CSP proposals that they will do nothing to support the creation of woodland and will 'lock away' potential forestry land for the period to 2027. It is hard to understand why such an important environmental activity is being omitted from the CSP. Particularly in relation to climate change, the planting of new woodlands is by far the most important measure that can be undertaken.

Weak tree planting measures:

Eco Scheme:

4a Planting of Native Trees - Where a farmer selects to plant twice the commitment, that is, six trees per eligible hectare or two metres of hedgerow per eligible hectare, this will count as two practices and qualify a farmer for the full Eco-Scheme payment.

The envisaged Eco-Scheme measure (4a) for the planting of small number of trees or small lengths of hedgerow will have little impact on climate change and pale into insignificance in comparison to planting a few hectares of real woodland.

AECM:

Tier 2: Priority Environmental Actions

An applicant may also be considered under Tier 2 if s/he adopts at least one of the tree planting actions i.e.

- **Planting Trees – in Rows, Groups or Parkland**
- **Planting Trees in Riparian Buffers**
- **Tree Belt for Ammonia Capture at farmyard**

TABLE 2: Proposed Indicative actions under the Co-operative AECM

- **Appropriate woodland/forestry**

These envisaged tree planting actions under the AECM will not create substantial woodlands.

It is essential that a mechanism is introduced whereby a farmer can enter into the AECM and plant real woodland on that same parcel of land. This mechanism will facilitate the creation of

new woodlands and prevent land being locked away from afforestation.

There is a great opportunity to boost woodland creation through the implementation of key measures in the CAP. It will help farmers, it will help our climate objectives, and it will help deliver our afforestation targets.

We have four items that we are asking to be included in the CAP:

1. Afforestation and existing forestry must be integrated in the eco schemes in Pillar 1 and the agri-environment climate measure (AECM) in Pillar 2. The exchequer will continue to fund the afforestation grant and premium scheme and the additional environmental actions undertaken by the farmer will be funded by the CAP.
2. Afforestation and existing forestry options under the AECM must be part of the decision making process between the farmer and the Agricultural Consultant when preparing the CAP application. It is a major omission to exclude a conversation about woodlands at this stage. Once farmers have made their decisions and submitted their CAP applications, the door is closed to woodland creation.
3. Afforestation and existing forestry must be not only be compatible but also complementary, or of enhancement value, to each applicant in the next CAP. For example, measures proposed such as *low input permanent pasture*, *extensive livestock production* and *limiting chemical nitrogen usage* will compete with afforestation and will be a death knell for land availability for afforestation.
4. Having mandatory professional forester involvement in the sustainable farm plan development, AECM training elements, and Knowledge Transfer will help to further integrate afforestation, tree planting and woodland/forestry management into mainstream agriculture and can follow the model of the inclusion of vets in recent past in KT programmes.

Not only does the CAP provide an enormous opportunity for farm forestry in Ireland but, without it, the next Forestry Programme is likely to achieve very little as a standalone measure. I hope we can use the short time left to us to make these improvements.

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Good afternoon,

I back the WASG recommendations that the Department should take on board when developing CAP plans.

- That women with at least a Level 6 in Agriculture or who have been head of a farm holding for at least three years qualify for the TAMS 60% grant.
- The 60% TAMS age limit must be raised to the incoming pension age of 67 - this is vital in the context of ensuring that older women who are active on family farms are given the support to become equal partners before reaching pension age and avoid repeating mistakes of the past.
- Those women joining a formal farm partnership with a minimum level 6 qualification in agriculture who meet the eligible age criteria can obtain a 60% TAMS grant within the partnership.

Yours sincerely,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: WASG CAP recommendations
Date: Friday 3 December 2021 22:17:13

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- Those women joining a formal farm partnership with a minimum level 6 qualification in agriculture who meet the eligible age criteria can obtain a 60% TAMS grant within the partnership.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP plan development
Date: Friday 3 December 2021 23:36:00

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- Those women joining a formal farm partnership with a minimum level 6 qualification in agriculture who meet the eligible age criteria can obtain a 60% TAMS grant within the partnership.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 17:59:24

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Dear Sir/Ms

Please consider that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

We need to see more biodiversity, the restoration of our native woodland, and most importantly - to be good ancestors.

We have to stop the short-sightedness and unsustainable growth, the greed and the short-term gain. Quality of life can not be measured this way.

We have a duty to be good ancestors, to do the right thing.

Thank you

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Include rewinding in CAP strategic plan
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 18:00:13

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Hi there,

This is a citizen notice to please include rewilding funding within the imminent CAP strategic plan publication. It is a high yield and cost effective intervention in restoring our natural landscape and associated ecosystem services (carbon sequestration, biodiversity, etc.). It simply must be included, and disregarding it is negligent of scientific evidence and world leading interventions.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 18:04:44

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Please consider deciding that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 18:08:32

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Dear All

Please add rewilding to the cap reform.

I would ask like to see wood pigeon protected as they are officially recognised as a game bird. we have no national flock now due to intensive, unsustainable over shooting. Our national flock is the smallest in Europe per acre. We have absolutely destroyed this native gamebird.

Please pay the farmers to leave stubble in longer and to leave some grain on the fields for a few weeks. Stop outfitters bringing in foreign shooting parties who shoot the bird all year particularly during the summer nesting season

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 18:22:03

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Please include rewilding as one of the options for CAP payments

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding in CAP
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Include rewinding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 18:41:53

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Dear colleagues,

I would urge you to consider rewilding in your strategy. Everything I've read about it lately in countries that have implemented it has been good. I feel this could be a major advancement on a variety of levels.

Biodiversity, climate change etc.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Cap Strategic Plan
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Hi,

I think re-wilding should be included as part of the CAP Strategic Plan.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan
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Would appreciate if you could include re-wilding as part of the CAP strategic plan.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 18:59:39

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Dear Sir / Madam:

I kindly ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Ireland
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:05:46

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Hello

I would like rewilding to be included in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

In particular I would like you to look at hill sheep. Hill sheep are not very good money earners by themselves. The wool is more expensive to shear than it is worth. The sheep have quite a hard life. And their meat is not worth much. Hill sheep are kept going by subsidies and causes environmental harm.

The subsidies are about 10 euro per sheep. The number of sheep increased after 1973 when we joined the EEC. If we paid the farmers not to keep the sheep the hillsides would rewild. Larger trees and bushes would regrow which would absorb carbon.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:06:22

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:06:22

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding to be included in CAP
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:15:08

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Hi there,

I would like to see rewilding to be included in CAP plans.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:19:17

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please could you include rewilding as a an option for farmers in receipt of the CAP payments in future. Rewilding is a efficient and cheap way to restore ecosystems and also helps mitigate carbon emissions by functioning as carbon capture.

Thank you for your consideration of this idea.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:22:18

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To whom it may concern

I am asking that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 - Public Consultation on Proposed Interventions
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:28:04

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To whom it may concern,

As part of the public consultation process for the CAP strategic plan, can rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Inclusion in CAP Strategy
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:28:48

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to advocate for the inclusion of rewilding in the CAP Strategic Plan.

Ireland is suffering from immense ecological devastation, with the erasure of our native woodlands, farming runoff in rivers, farmers destruction of hedgerows, and CAP's general preference for extensive industrial agriculture.

Allowing farmers to rewild their land as part of their CAP funding would have enormous benefits for Ireland's biodiversity, and contribute much more to our efforts to combat climate change.

There is such a limited timeframe before we pass ecological tipping points, and this is a chance to mitigate the worst while embracing an easy and cost-effective solution.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP - Opportunity for Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:28:54

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To Whom It May Concern,

As I'm sure you are well aware, we are in the middle of a global biodiversity and climate crisis.

I believe the CAP review is the perfect opportunity for the department of agriculture to include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments, allowing for a solution that would benefit both farmers and biodiversity.

I urge you to please consider this option.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:30:58

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Please include rewinding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis. It is particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP strategic plan submission
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:32:14

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Hello,

Just a short email to ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. Rewilding is a quick, easy and inexpensive way to restore natural ecosystems to help us tackle climate change and the biodiversity crisis.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Ireland CAP strategic plan 2023-2030: submission
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:32:36

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To whom it may concern,

In relation to the proposed CAP strategic plan 2023-2030, I believe that rewilding should be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. It is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis. It is particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests and farmers should be paid for this. If it is included in the CAP payments it will encourage farmers to rewild their land, increase biodiversity and protect the environment, while also assisting agriculture in achieving the required reduction in carbon emissions.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Offsetting the damage we have already done
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:32:59

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A Chara

Can we ensure that 'rewinding' is included as an option in the plan - and will be able to attract funding at farm level.

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Le Meas

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:33:18

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Dear Sir/Madame,

I ask/suggest that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis.

It is particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests and farmers should be paid for this.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Recognise REWILDING as government policy
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:41:57

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to see rewilding recognised officially as government policy. I just learnt that the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade.

This is an unmissable opportunity for rewilding.

I strongly urge that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis. It is particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests and farmers should be paid for this.

Ireland declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, yet we see scant evidence that the EMERGENCY is being treated as such.

This opportunity should NOT BE MISSED! We do not have time to waste, the Climate and Biodiversity Crisis is moving full steam ahead, so we must do all that we can to deal with it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Funding Allocation
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:43:51

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To whom it concerns

I wish to put forward my wish to have grants made available to Irish farmers for rewinding initiatives. We are at a crossroads with our planet, with both climate change and loss of biodiversity posing big threats. Farmers can play a huge part in fighting the good fight and should be rewarded for same.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding and CAP payments
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:45:47

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To whom it may concern,
I request that rewilding be included as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.
Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding and CAP payments
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:45:47

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re draft strategic CAP 2023-2027
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:46:02

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Hi,

I'm wrtiting to ask that farmers be given the option to rewild areas of their land as one way to recieve payments until the revised CAP.

Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis. It is particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests and farmers should be paid for giving a portion of their land over to this.

I would like to see rewilding become government policy!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan Feedback
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:47:54

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Hi,

I just have one point about the CAP plan that I feel is very important for Ireland's future.

I think that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Please note my comment as part of the feedback.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:49:36

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Hi,

Hope you're well.

I'd like to see rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in CAP strategy
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:50:07

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Hi,

I am deeply concerned about the impact of climate change on our country.

I would like to ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:50:35

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Hello

I have a request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments please.

Thank you

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding CAP Plan
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:51:57

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Please allow rewilding be added as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP additions
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 19:54:28

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Good morning,

I'm writing to ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 20:02:46

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Hi there,

Please include rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 20:03:28

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To whom it may concern,

I am requesting that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Cap Strategic Plan request
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 20:07:36

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Hello,

I'm writing to add my voice to the request that the new CAP plan offer rewilding as an option to farmers who are in receipt of the payment. This is so important for Ireland, and our children.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Wicklow

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 20:08:09

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 20:08:22

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Hi

Can you include rewilding of the land in the CAP subsidies for farmers?

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 20:09:42

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Hi,

I hear that plans are being made with regard to CAP. Please can rewilding be included as part of the plan for farmers receiving CAP payments. It's hugely needed.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Submission
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 20:18:10

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Hello,

Please add rewilding to the list of options that are available for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Payments
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 20:15:35

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Rewilding is a simple means of restoring natural ecosystems while addressing the climate and biodiversity crises. It is particularly needed fire peatland restoration, on river flood plains and native forests.

Farmers should be encouraged and paid fit such services.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dept. of Agriculture, Food
and the Marine

4th December 2021

R.e.: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027

Dear Sir/Madam,

[REDACTED] I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

I strongly urge that farmers be given the option of rewilding, rather than farming, their land while continuing to receive farm subsidies at the same levels. This would require entirely scrapping the GAEC (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition) condition as it currently stands.

The benefits of such a policy change would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural communities and, above all, for farmers themselves, giving them another option that would allow them to act as providers and stewards of the thriving habitat our collapsing Irish wildlife so desperately needs.

Finally, thank you for reading this submission.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Ireland
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 20:36:32

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Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-27
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Please can you include rewilding as an option for farmers who get the CAP payment?

Regards

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Hello,

I would like to see rewilding included as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. I believe rewilding to be a cost effective an low effort way to address the escalating biodiversity crisis and I believe many farmers would support this if it didn't reduce their incomes.

Le meas

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
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Please can you include rewilding as part of the cap strategy.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: idea
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I believe farmers should have the option to rewild land in return for CAP payments. The benefits are not instant and there maybe some risks in the short-term, such as fire but we do not have better options to restore biodiversity.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP plan reform
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To whom it may concern,

I'm emailing to ask that rewilding be included within the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

The rewilding of land has the potential to increase local biodiversity, store carbon, retain water, allow for the commotion of native species and aid in the prevention of spread of disease between livestock herds.

These rewilded areas should be in receipt of CAP payments for farmers who wish to make an effort to help nature in their local area.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Strategic plan
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A chara,

With reference to the CAP strategic plan, I ask you to consider enabling farmers to restore their land, or part thereof, to nature. Such ecological restoration must now be considered crucial to reaching our climate and biodiversity goals, whilst ensuring a just transition for land owners.

I am not a farmer, but have lived in rural Ireland all my life. I am aware of the crucial economic necessity of farm payments to my family, friends and neighbours, but am also aware of, and have witnessed how, the current CAP incentivises habitat destruction and biodiversity loss. In many cases, I understand that this is to bring land into a “productive class” which has actually been shown to be economically unviable. For example, I understand that most sheep and suckler farming in Mayo is a loss making exercise, and the families involved rely on farm payments for their livelihood. In such cases, it seems illogical to fund a farming model which is not viable, but which brings with it substantial ecological degradation. There is surely an appetite amongst a proportion of farmers for returning some land to nature, whilst still retaining the basic farm payment.

Future generations require us to be brave, and think imaginatively.
Imagine the future where our fields and hedgerows are once again filled with birds, our rivers with Pearl mussels and salmon, and our uplands with trees.

Now imagine the alternative. We don't have time.

Is mise le meas

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
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To Whom it may Concern,

Farmers need to be paid to restore biodiversity, restore woodlands and protect water ways.

This is a simple way to address the climate crisis, nurture the love farmers have for their land and foster a sense of solidarity and community to combat poor mental health in rural areas.

Please consider this, as I believe it is a solution to many problems in Irish society.

Many thanks,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 21:28:52

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To whom it may concern.

Please ensure rewinding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 21:42:20

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Dear Sir/madam,

I would like to see taxpayers money spent on rewilding under CAP. This option should be included for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Yours sincerely,





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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding as an option plan
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 22:02:15

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I'd like to see rewilding included on the strategic plan 2023-2027 as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments

Thank you
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding option to be included in farmers CAP grant
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 21:52:28

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To whom it may concern,

Please include rewinding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 22:10:50

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To whom it may concern,

I am aware of the planning going ahead for spending over the next 10 years. Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to retire natural habitats and ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis that is ever present in Ireland. Therefore, I ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments as it will play a vital role in tackling the climate emergency in the next 10 years.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Suggestion
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Hello there,
Include in the Plan that Rewilding actions be compulsory for those in receipt of CAP payments.

Le meas,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan
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To whom it may concern,

I would like to see rewilding included as an option for Farmers in receipt of CAP.

Thank you

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Subject: Rewilding option for Farmers CAP
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Hi there

I'm writing regarding the upcoming CAP initiatives for farmers over the next decade and 10 billion in funding .

As a tax paying citizen and incredible concerned about the degradation in our wild places (.1 % native woodlands left) rivers polluted , ancient fish runs with weirs and broken fish gates , agri land taking preference over ecosystem collapse.

I would be incredibly relieved if a massive push for funding ,education was given to farmers in receipt of tax payer money to rewild strategic lands , upgrade the use of chemicals that leech into our river systems etc .

It should be a duty as citizens to finally accept we are part of our ecosystem and for the benefit of us extracting our wealth and food from the land we should repay that debt in fixing and growing our wild places .

To the benefit of the Irish and visitors , giving the land the respect it deserves .

For access to CAP payments , significant moves in rewilding must be done .

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Submission on farm payments under the next CAP stage
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 22:40:44

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To whom it concerns,

As someone who is concerned about the biodiversity and climate crisis, I strongly urge that farmers be given the option of rewilding land instead of farming while retaining their CAP subsidies.

I know this would require getting rid of the GAEC but I think Irish wildlife and nature would benefit as a result.

Please, please consider taking this step. Without biodiversity farming and everything else will fail.

Many thanks for reading.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 22:41:11

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I **would like** that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding for farmers in receipt of CAP payments
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 22:42:35

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please include rewilding as an options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. This is what our countryside, nature and future generations need.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently heard of a proposal from a small farmer that farmers should continue to receive subsidies if they decide to rewild their land. I believe this is an exciting proposal and stand behind it wholeheartedly.

If this proposal is rejected I would like to hear why? It is common sense and could make a major impact to our wildlife and biodiversity.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan, public consultation
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Re. Public Consultation on Common Agricultural Policy, proposed rule changes

To Whom it Concerns,

[REDACTED]

I would very much like to see an end to penalties under direct payment rules for natural areas, archaeological features, old farmyards, hedgerows, country lanes and other landscape features.

Instead, I would like to see all payments made dependent on good practice, with results-based rewards for favourable ecological indicators and financial support for the refurbishment and utilisation of vernacular architecture, stone walls and other historic features.

Current rules have caused untold damage to Irish heritage, landscape and ecology. At present only the last of these has been in any way quantified and I am sure you are aware that our wildlife is in steep decline across all parameters. Of the others, I can only state that I have witnessed dozens of demolished farmsteads, utter neglect of hundreds more, as well as endless clearances and land renewal schemes, to the detriment of heritage and biodiversity.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] t's ironic that GLAS pays money for bat boxes, while DAFM punishes new habitats.

[REDACTED] the massive destructive momentum of widespread land restructuring that Leinster witnessed in the 1970s and '80s, is today in full flow. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bog, wet woodland with scrub of willow, birch, rowan and aspen; rocky areas where lizards could be seen lounging in summer; small hidden ponds used by frogs and newts.. all are currently being piled and driven into broken mounds, while the new drains gush brown water [REDACTED]

This is happening because the little wilderness that existed here is seen to be holding the farm back and costing the farmer money.

I do not blame the farmer in question. [REDACTED] but I abhor the system that makes him do this terrible thing.

It is a moral outrage in this epoch, knowing what we know, but today it is sadly, by no means unusual.

Destruction of bogs and remaining wilderness areas will surely one day be considered a climate crime, as thousands of tonnes of carbon are released, and it should also be an ecological one. But it is effectively encouraged and rewarded by these utterly obsolete rules, which were written for a nineteenth century ethos rather than that which we need to foster, if we are to survive as a species.

We are losing too much. We have lost too much already.

These rules must be reversed, and quickly.

Please do what you can to make it so.

Buíochas leat, thank you for your consideration.

Le meas,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: rewilding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 23:12:49

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Hi there,

Can rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 23:36:57

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Hi there,

Can I please make a request of the new CAP, as a young farmer in Ireland. That it includes a significant amount of support for rewinding.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Please include rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Dear Sirs,

I most strongly believe that rewilding should be part of the government policy for CAP going forward.

Rewilding in other countries is a proven way to restore flora and fauna and fight global warming.

Rewilded areas are sinks to absorb greenhouse gases.

Farmers should be compensated under CAP to allow their land to be part of a rewilding program. In particular marginal land would be ideal but there should be rewilded areas throughout the country.

Rewilded areas can benefit greatly from tourism as people will want to visit these areas and there will be economic benefit for the local communities.

There is an estate in Southern England called the Knepp Estate. The land is heavy and difficult to farm, so the owners decided some years ago to allow the land to rewild. The benefit to flora and fauna conservation has been huge, but also the estate is making alot more money for the owners now than it was as a farmed estate.

Please include rewilding as part of the CAP program.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CaP strategic plan
Date: Saturday 4 December 2021 23:58:26

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Please include rewilding included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rewinding
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To whom it may concern

This is a request for rewinding to be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

If you really care about the environment, and this country in which we all hold dear. This needs to be made a priority. Please!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: 10 billion Fund
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 00:32:20

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Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis.

It is particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests and farmers should be paid for this.

Please include rewilding in this plan, to safeguard the future of this beautiful country and all who live on it including our beautiful wildlife.

Kind Regards, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Rewilding should be included as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. Natural regeneration of land is urgently required to meet the Paris Agreement's goal of 1.5 C of warming. Natural regeneration is the cheapest, technically easiest option and yields 40 times more carbon storage than plantations.

Furthermore, this regeneration could be used to pioneer agroforestry. It would transform Ireland into a true world leader in sustainable farming. Business as usual will hurt us all and hurt farmers themselves the most. This is our decade to seize the moment. It is our last opportunity to act, to prepare.

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Urban Farmer.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 01:37:07

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To whom it may concern,

I hereby request that “rewilding” be included as an option for farmers eligible for CAP payments.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: WASG CAP Recommendation
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 05:35:05

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Good afternoon,

I back the WASG recommendations that the Department should take on board when developing CAP plans.

- That women with at least a Level 6 in Agriculture or who have been head of a farm holding for at least three years qualify for the TAMS 60% grant.
- The 60% TAMS age limit must be raised to the incoming pension age of 67 - this is vital in the context of ensuring that older women who are active on family farms are given the support to become equal partners before reaching pension age and avoid repeating mistakes of the past.
- Those women joining a formal farm partnership with a minimum level 6 qualification in agriculture who meet the eligible age criteria can obtain a 60% TAMS grant within the partnership.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 05:41:43

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Please consider having rewinding as an option for farmers in receipt of cap payment.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 05:55:10

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Dear Dept of Agriculture
Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in CAP payments
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 06:41:48

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Hello,

I hope you're well.

Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments!

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Proposal 2023
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 06:51:42

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Hello,

I understand you are taking suggestions for redrafting the CAP. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I would like to suggestion rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. The lands need native growth to sustain them, not exploitive farming. And us citizens need a sustainable future in balance with our environment.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 07:45:19

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A Chara,

I am contacting you to ask you to include rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Rewilding is one of the cheapest and easiest ways to restore ecosystems especially peatland, river flood plains and native forests. Farmers should be paid for this work.

We have a unique opportunity for rewilding.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Payments
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 07:54:49

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Hi.

Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP, & saving our biodiversity.
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 08:07:42

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Dear sir/madam,

Please consider supporting the farming community in reducing the amount of destructive grazing herds by working with farmers to increase their wild habitat on their land. Mostly sheep on our uplands are creating ecological dead zones, without providing farmers with a decent income. I ask that CAP give greater opportunity to reduce destructive sheep grazing, particularly in uplands & commonages, as well as dairy & suckler herds, and instead to financially support farm rewilding in all landscapes across our country. Rewilding and Rewetting will store far more carbon, and save many flora, fauna, invertebrates, improve downstream flooding, immediately provide cleaner rivers & lakes and allow farmers to discover real custodianship of the land for all future generations.

Yours, hopefully,

[REDACTED]

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in Ireland
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 08:30:30

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Hi,

I am a young farmer coming to age of succession. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] As a family we are looking at viable ways to farm. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and want so much to have at least some of our land support habitats & biodiversity within the CAP schemes . There is much fear among farmers, especially older generation farmers, to allow any land fall away from being calculated within the entitlements that they need to survive in their livelihoods . This means that without recognition & inclusion within the CAP farmers cannot genuinely consider areas for rewilding without government recognition.

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payment consultation
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 08:37:45

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please include rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of the CAP payment.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: REWILDING
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 08:42:22

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Please include rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP.

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Good morning

I think the idea to support rewilding is very much worth pursuing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We see the benefits in areas where we are allowing hedgerow to encroach and in our wetlands leaving large areas uncut have brought a huge influx of winter birds.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan submission
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 08:54:06

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Please ensure rewinding is included as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP funding. This will help with both climate and our biodiversity crisis.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Inclusion of rewilding as option in CAP strategic plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 08:56:07

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Hello,

As part of the CAP strategic plan could you please include rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Thanks in advance,
[REDACTED] Dublin.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Rewilding inclusion in CAP 2023-2027
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 08:57:06

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Good morning,

As part of the public consultation for the 2023-2027 CAP Strategy I would like put forward my support for the inclusion of rewilding as an option for farmers receiving payment through the CAP. I believe rewilding should be included in the strategy and should become government policy.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:05:56

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Please provide for Rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

I would also favour return of sugar beet and encouragement of hemp as a crop suitable for our climate.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Hazelnut Orchards
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:08:50

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Hi,

I would like to see greater focus on agroforestry, specifically hazelnut orchards in the CAP strategic plan. Hazelnut trees are native to Ireland. This is a method of agri-food production that sequesters carbon in its production. Grants for the establishment of orchards make sense. Funding research on environmental variables as well as commercially viable and disease resistant strains, will support the viability of this future green agriculture.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED],
Limerick.

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All the best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in Ireland
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:27:29

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please include rewilding in the CAP Strategic Plan. Rewilding is the quickest, cheapest and easiest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis.

It is particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests and farmers should be paid for this.

I trust you will consider my above points carefully.

Thanks and kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Ireland
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:33:15

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Hi Dear

In name of humanity present and future generations and all biodiversity of our beautiful and diverse planet, I would like to ask that rewilding to be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Thank you for your attention and your great work.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in CAP payments
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:33:27

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Hello,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to ask that the department chooses to include rewilding of land as a category for payments attached to the CAP system.

Thanks,

All the best,

[REDACTED]

Wexford.

From: [REDACTED] ([he/his pronouns](#))
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding helps irish biodiversity
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:42:33

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Good Morning

I am getting in touch to ask that the principle of rewilding be made part of the Irish strategy for CAP payments to farmers.

It is vitally important for the biosphere we all live in and depend on that space will be given to natural complexity. It is literally the web which upholds life. Farmers should be encouraged and rewarded to do this as much any other farming activity.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pledges 1% of its sales to environmental protection and is a proud member of [1% For The Planet](#).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re-Wilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:51:42

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Could one of the options be re-wilding,

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:54:45

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Hi,

As an Irish citizen who is interested in human rights and by extension sustainability I am disappointed in what activities are qualifying for CAP subsidies.

I realise the move away from animal agriculture will be slow, but at the very least I would like rewilding to be included as one of the options for farmers under the current plan.

Thanks for taking the time to deal with my email,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding as an option for Farmers receiving CAP
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:57:22

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Dear sirs/madams,

I am writing in relation to the CAP strategic Plan.

I would like to propose that farmers undertaking rewilding be included in the CAP payments scheme. A significant driver of habitat loss under the existing CAP is the requirement for all land to be in agricultural production, regardless of whether it is suitable for this purpose.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding as an option
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:58:02

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Dear Madam/sir,

I write as a tax-payer to ask that rewilding is included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 09:58:35

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Please include rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in the options for farmers
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:00:50

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Hello,

Hope you're doing well!

I'm emailing as I wish to ask of you to include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of the CAP payment!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Submission to Ireland's draft CAP Strategic plan 2023-2027
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:01:42

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Dear officials

I want to ask you to include **rewilding** as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments to allow them to regenerate the natural world, sequester carbon and repair ecosystems.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding included in CAP payment options
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:02:09

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Hi there,

I would like to ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:04:04

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to see rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewild Ireland
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:08:56

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To whom it may concern,

I'm requesting that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. 3/3

Ireland has the lowest forest cover of all European countries, according to Teagasc. Land cover here is 11% while over 40% of all land in the 33 member states is wooded. Over the last centuries, Ireland experienced a near-total destruction of its forests, mainly because of human activity and climate change; from an initial forest cover of around 80% to less than 1%. We are the only country in Europe where such complete destruction took place.

Let's fix this together and rewrite the wrongs that were committed against our homeland. Ireland deserves better.

Regards,

[REDACTED].

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding ireland
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:10:29

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To whom it may concern
Please include rewilding for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments

Regards

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Include Re wilding in CAP plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:10:49

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Please include re wilding in options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. --

yyyyyy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding under CAP plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:11:54

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To whom it concerns:

As a deeply concerned citizen for the welfare of our seriously endangered ecosystems, may I ask that the strategy of rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments in the near future?

With best regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Draft interventions for CAP Strategic plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:15:05

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Dear Sirs,

I would like to submit my support for including the option of rewilding for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: European Union's CAP (Common Agricultural Policy)
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:25:54

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Hello,

On behalf of Digital Ballinrobe and Ballinrobe Town Hall, I wish to make the following submission re the European Union's CAP (Common Agricultural Policy)

"Provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, provide funding in the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high-level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan."

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] Digital Ballinrobe / PRO, Ballinrobe Town Hall

CC: [REDACTED] Digital Ballinrobe; [REDACTED]
Ballinrobe Town Hall

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Final plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:32:16

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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is my strong belief that re-wilding of farm land, particularly wetlands, overgrazed uplands or lands adjacent to small existing pockets of semi-native woodland, should be included as a paid incentive, in future CAP grants.

This opportunity should not be ignored. Our great grandchildren will need it.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding for farmers
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:32:31

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Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis. It is particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests and farmers should be paid for this.

Looking forward to your response.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding as an option for farmers
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:36:59

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To Whom it may Concern,

I would like to request that farmers using their land for the purpose of rewilding be eligible for CAP payments.

Rewilding en mass is the cheapest and simplest way for us as a society to mitigate the effects of climate change, as well as helping to put an end to our current ecological crisis in Ireland.

Thanks from a hopeful citizen,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payments
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:36:59

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Please add rewilding to the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments, this is such a faster easier way to rebuild our economy system and to help off set climate change. Ease consider

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:38:43

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Please include rewinding as part of the national strategy
Thanks [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payments
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:36:59

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Please include rewinding as part of the national strategy
Thanks [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Include supports for biodiversity in CAP
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:40:23

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Hi there,

I am concerned about the maintenance and support of our biodiversity in this country. That's why I request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

If we rely on farmers to be the managers of our land we must incentives them to look after it's biodiversity.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding for carbon storage
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:46:27

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A chara,

Ba cheart feirmeoirí a íoc as fiántas a athbhunú ar an talamh s'acu, ar mhaithe le heiceolaíocht na tíre.

Please include payments to farmers for 'rewilding' to slow global warming and improve the Irish ecological situation.

Is mise le meas

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:48:09

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I would like to see rewilding included in the options for farmers who receive CAP payments.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan -
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A Chara -

We wish to propose that rewilding be included in CAP Strategic Plan the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Mise le meas -

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP strategic plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 10:58:46

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A Chara -

We wish to propose that rewilding be included in CAP Strategic Plan the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Mise le meas -

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in CAP payments
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 11:24:26

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Hello,

[REDACTED] and would love if rewilding techniques were included in the CAP payments. I see it as a great way of encouraging Irish farmers to improve natural ecosystems and store more Co2.

A system where farmers are paid for soil quality and for how much carbon the soil is sequestering from the atmosphere would be another great feature.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 11:29:51

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Hi,

Just writing a quick email to suggest that rewilding be included in the CAP Strategic Plan as an option for farmers receiving CAP payments. Rewilding has massive benefits for the environment including increased biodiversity, cleaner air, and reduced pollution. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding an official government policy
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 11:32:02

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I am requesting that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of the CAP payments.

Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis. It's particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests and farmers should be paid for this!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Submission
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Hi there

I would really like to see, and I suspect many farmers would also, that CAP payments would encourage and facilitate rewilding of fields in Ireland with native plants and trees, to encourage biodiversity and also provide improved shelter to farm animals and alternative foraging opportunities where there is cross over with farm animals.

Also, it could be an opportunity to test the waters on producing berries and nuts that we are currently importing eg hazel, juniper etc.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 11:53:12

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Hi,

I would like to suggest that rewilding be an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. This would be hugely beneficial for transitioning to a more environmentally friendly Ireland while supporting farmers.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 12:12:01

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To whom it concerns,

Please include rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Many farmers understand the crisis for biodiversity that exists in this country and throughout the world. Rewilding has been proven to be a highly effective means of both sequestering carbon and restoring biodiversity. There are farmers who would like to do their part in this regard, but would be financially penalised, should they wish to rewild some of their land.

Given the extent of the crises we face, this needs to be addressed. Farmers must receive CAP payments for rewilding.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Inclusion of Rewilding in new CAP
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 12:15:09

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As we move towards more sustainable futures it is important that Ireland does what it can for the environment. Farmers are set to be hit with restrictions from the recent signing of the COP26 agreement. One offset to this would be to award farmers for planting native species and allowing lands to be returned to nature. This is not just forestry, but rewarding farmers who rewild their lands and leave areas to return to nature. This will enhance the biodiversity of the country, help sustainability and not punish farmers who have unviable land. Land that is not sustainable for farming due to poor quality could be given over to nature and the new CAP should include a reward for these farmers who encourage biodiversity through Rewilding.

This would fit in with several government policies and be a win for Ireland over time as we reduce the national herd and encourage new farming practices.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Galway Mayo Institute of Technology

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Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 12:20:05

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Please encourage and support rewilding in consultation with the affected population.

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 12:21:41

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Hello,

Please consider giving farmers options to rewild their land and or incentives to make these efforts available for public use, parks, camping spots, woodland, meeting space for crafts fairs or farmers markets, community gardens etc.

The majority of the land on this island is being used for efforts that give little return to the farmer or their communities and wider population. Incentives to diversify could help so many in Ireland and help give life to a struggling rural Ireland.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: REWILDING TO BE INCLUDED IN CAP PAYMENTS!!
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Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Cap options
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 12:26:57

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Please include rewilding options for farmers in receipt of CAP. [REDACTED], Kilkenny

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Submission to CAP Strategic Plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 12:38:31

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Please include rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Le meas,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 12:42:15

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I would like if rewilding be included in the options for farmers availing of the cap payments .

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Regarding CAP payments & rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 12:47:39

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To whom it may concern.

I come from a farming background, and hope to take over stewardship of my family land at some point in the future, so the renegotiation of the CAP is of interest to me.

I ask that the policy of "rewilding" be included as an option for farmers in receipt of government subsidies.

It is absolutely vital that we give our farmers a path towards the restoration of our wild habitats that won't see them punished financially for their positive climate actions. It is also vital that it be done in a supportive manner so that they can become knowledgeable and informed stewards of the land in their care.

Rewilding is a vital part of our island's fight against climate change and will help restore Ireland's declining biodiversity. Farmers are a key part of that policy and so, the option to rewild without the loss of subsidies should be offered.

Thank you in advance.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payments and Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 12:52:51

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To Whom it Concerns,

I hope this finds you well.

I am writing today as a letter of intent to ask that rewilding be included in options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Our ancient land and nature is important to us and needs protecting. When it's gone its gone. We are too small an island to have the smallest amount of wild nature that we do, it's a shame and we need your help.

Thanks in advance.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Huawei phone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
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To whom it may concern,

I would like you to include rewilding in the options for ways farmers can receive cap payments.

At the moment our tax money is going towards incentives that lead to destruction of natural habitats and decimation of local wildlife. This is completely unacceptable. Farmers should be remunerated to take proper care of the land, stop pollution, enrich biodiversity, protect our water ways.

I hope this finds you well,

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding Ireland
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:00:11

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Dear sir, madam,

I am in favour of Rewinding Ireland and ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments **because**.

. "Rewilded ecosystems should – where possible – be self-sustaining requiring no or minimum-intervention management (i.e. natura naturans or “nature doing what nature does”), recognising that ecosystems are dynamic and not static.”

This week, the group published a two-page '[issues brief](#)' which highlights that:

Rewilded ecosystems can help mitigate climate change by increasing carbon removal from the atmosphere and protect against climate change impacts by reducing soil erosion and flood risk, for example. Rewilded ecosystems can also create socio-economic opportunities for local communities, reduce the effects of and costs associated with environmental hazards (such as flooding), and improve human health and wellbeing by improving access to nature."

<https://iwt.ie/the-urgency-of-rewilding/>

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP and rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:00:23

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

I hope this email finds you well.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Include Rewilding in CAP
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:07:38

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Dear CAP planners,
Please allow rewilding to be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding CAP option
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:08:45

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Hello,

I'd just like to add my support for the rewilding option for farmers in receipt of the CAP payment.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Submission
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I ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
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To whom it may concern,

I would like you to include rewilding in the options for ways farmers can receive cap payments.

Biodiversity and ecosystems have been destroyed due to (often heavily subsidised) agricultural land use. About 1% of land in this country is native forestry, our primary ecosystem which pre-clearance occupied about 80%.

At the moment our tax money is going towards incentives that lead to destruction of natural habitats and decimation of local wildlife. This is completely unacceptable. Farmers should be remunerated to take proper care of the land, stop pollution, enrich biodiversity, protect our water ways.

I hope this finds you well,

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:19:56

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Request: to include rewilding on the CAP agenda.
Le meas,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:25:02

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Due to our current climate change crisis and dwindling biodiversity, it makes perfect sense that farmers, who unfortunately contribute hugely towards our climate crisis, should have the option of rewilding in their CAPS.

Please consider this very important aspect to CAPS. Our future depends on it.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Please
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To whom it may concern

I am horrified to read that farmers are being rewarded for tearing up bogland, hedgerows and ponds so that it can be turned into usable pasture land. This is a crime against nature at a time when biodiversity is crashing and wild places are shrinking and disappearing.

This rule has to change. It is essential for the future of this country and the world.

Farmers should be rewarded for rewilding their land rather than sterilising it. This is the way of the future and things have to change for the better and soon.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:35:36

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Dear Sir/madam

I would like rewilding to be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments . Farmers have an incredible capability to influence the biodiversity crisis in a positive way and the farmers I know would love see biodiversity thrive on their farms. However farming is a business and in recognition of this they should be paid to do it!

Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:42:10

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Hi,

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COP 26 has highlighted on a global scale the need to take action and this is one way in which we can support our farming communities while restoring our natural resources. Please take this under serious consideration as this decision will impact our future generations.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding cap payments
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:42:51

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To whom it concerns, I would encourage you to allow 'rewilding' be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

I think it is important to explore all options when it comes to environmental issues, and incentivising farmers is certainly a great place to start. Especially in marginal land areas where land is unsuitable for food production.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: cap payment
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 13:58:20

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Hi,
please include rewilding in the options for payment for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

regards

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Payments for Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 14:08:30

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Dear Sir or Madam,

[REDACTED] I see the need to act responsibly and sustainably when planning for the future of both our environment and for farmers.

Let us us move forward with the knowledge learned from the negative environmental impacts of CAP and not make the same mistakes again.

Protecting habitats, biodiversity and vulnerable ecosystems is a long term investment and should should be supported in every way possible.

Please enable farmers who wish to play their part in the rewilding process to be supported in doing so by receiving CAP payments.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Request to include rewilding in options for farmers in receipt of CAP payment
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 14:10:38

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Good afternoon,

Please can you include rewilding in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments? We are seeing so much destruction to our beautiful island and we need to do everything possible to help it thrive.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payments
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 14:13:58

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Please include rewilding in options available to farmers under the CAP payments scheme.

For many years farmers have been penalised for allowing any of their land to be left for nature. Financial incentives in the form of CAP payments have encouraged farmers to drain wetlands, clear scrub and remove hedgerows. This has had a detrimental impact on our environment.

Farmers, as custodians of the land, should not be penalised for working in harmony with nature and there should be incentives to conserve nature and allow rewilding as part of their farming practices.

Please include this as an option for our farmers.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 14:22:32

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Please please include rewilding as an option for farmers who receive the CAP payment. We are in a CODE RED FOR HUMANITY and surely rewilding is the most basic , necessary and extremely supportive action farmers can take at this time. Rewilding should be a key component of any CAP payment

Signed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding allocations
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 14:25:23
Attachments: [signature.asc](#)

To whom it concerns,

I write to you to ask that of the €10,000.000.000 to be allocated within the upcoming CAP framework, a large enough portion of that money be allocated to the processes of rewilding in such a way as to make it a viable option for farmers going forward and at a level that makes it truly impactful.

My name is [REDACTED], I am a citizen of Ireland and a voter.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Cap strategic plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 14:27:27

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To [who.it](#) concerns,

As part of the public consultation i would ask that farmers get the option for rewinding their land if they choose to.

It must be financially viable for farmers to give back space to nature to reinstate and restore our native plants and animals and CAP must see this as a top priority.

Rewilding land is essential to restoring the flowers and plants that nature depends on for food. This can be done and CAP can influence and encourage this.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Ireland
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 14:41:05

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Hello,

Can rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments please?

Many Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
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To whom it may concern,

I am in favour of including rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding funding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:01:44

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Dear Dear Mister/Miss

I am emailing to ask that you include **rewilding** be in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Thanks you,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:05:12

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I strongly urge inclusion for farmers who revive CAP payments of the option for payments for rewilding. This decade is our chance to turn the tide for planetary health and the wellbeing of our own country and people

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payment submissiion
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:20:26

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please include rebuilding as an option for farmers who receive CAP payments. This is an important option to help Ireland become more sustainable and help mitigate the effects of the climate breakdown we are now experiencing.

Your faithfully

[REDACTED]
Co Kildare
Ireland

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:30:48

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Hello,

I would like to request that farmers be offered the opportunity to rewild there land and be subsidised but the government instead of farming the land.

To increase our countries biodiversity and assist the fight against climate change.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:33:25

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Hi,

I would like to see Rewilding as an option as part of CAP payments to farmers. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding for farmers
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:48:33

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Hi,

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Ireland
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:51:22

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Dear Sir/Madam/other

Simple request here.

Can I ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Regards [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding to be included for CAP farmers
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:51:53

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To whom it may concern,

I understand the government is finalising plans for almost 10 billion euro investment in public money over the next decade.

I believe that rewilding should be an integral part of its investment and has many benefits for the country's future. We need to act on balancing our environment and tackle our carbon output. This will save lives.

I request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: ReWilding included in CAP payments
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:52:30

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To whom it may concern,

I, an Irish citizen request that ReWilding be included in CAP payments, it is the right thing to do.

Mise le meas

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding agriculture
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:55:37

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Dear,

Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payment.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 15:58:42

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Please include rewinding for farmers on cap payments

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 16:03:21

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I'm ask that the option for rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments please

This is vital for Ireland's biodiversity recovery.

Thank you for reading this

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding Ireland
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 16:10:10

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To whom it concerns,

Rewinding should be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Cap strategic plan
Date: Sunday 5 December 2021 16:11:05

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To whom it may concern,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I would very much like to rewild most of this holding.
Therefore can rewilding be included in the CAP strategic plan

Kind Regards, [REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

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I ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments in the CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027.

Regards

[REDACTED]