

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP consultation
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:04:57

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Hi there,

I hope you and your loved ones are keeping well. I am emailing to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Warmest thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027/Rewilding Needed
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:05:14

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to the prevailing scientific evidence on the urgent need for a new approach to land management in Ireland.

This is an incredible - an unmissable - opportunity for rewilding.

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

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:11:30

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To whom it may concern,

As a member of a rural community [REDACTED] I live surrounded by farmland and small farmers. I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

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Yours sincerely,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:17:31

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To Whom it may concern,

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

Thanks so much for your time.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Submission
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:21:13

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Hi

I would like rewilding included in the options for farmers/land managers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

I would not like to see farmers feel they have to clear wildlife habitats that are deemed as unproductive land to receive CAP payments. This should not be a payment option.

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Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:34:04

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Hello,

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

It's time to have rewilding recognised officially as government policy. We are in a climate and ecological crisis, let's start acting like it.

Mise le meas,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:34:44

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Dear Sir/Madam

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

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAPS
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:37:23

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Dear Sir/Madam

I come from a small farming background [REDACTED] In an area with poor ground that isn't really suitable for most forms of commercial farming, and requires a lot of extra work to sustain a high level of use.

I and many others see rewilding as one of the most beneficial uses for these areas of marginal land. The benefits are huge for farming families in these often impoverished areas. And also for climate change, for the biodiversity and environment of Ireland as a whole. And also the huge untapped market of tourism in these beautiful areas. We're developing great resources in these areas such as greenways, blueways etc... But often there isn't much else in the areas to draw tourism in. So rewilding would go hand in hand with those types of tourists who come for walking, boating, adventure holidays etc...

For these smaller family farms to have a future, they must be sustainable and have the ability to benefit both the farming families, and the country as a whole. At a time of great chance in farming, the environment, and our world. This form of farming, has incredible potential to beneficial in so many ways.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Urgently Needed
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:38:41

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It is a matter of THE GREATEST urgency that REWILDING be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

There is an URGENT climate crisis

We are farmers that are desperate to do everything we can to enable wildlife & biodiversity to recover & thrive but are bizarrely being paid to continue to destroy the environment with grazing sheep.

It is heartbreaking - we & others like us (on disadvantaged area highlands) desperately need support to protect & restore these invaluable carbon-sinks/potentially rich wildlife habitats.

Thank you in anticipation

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:39:25

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

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:45:55

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Please, include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.
Thank you!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:46:50

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To whom it may concern,

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding and Management of Farmland For Wildlife as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:49:24
Attachments: [OpenPGP_signature.dat](#)

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of a small town [REDACTED] I live surrounded by farmland and small farmers. This is my submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

So far, CAP has been geared towards maximising production and has transformed Irish farming into an industrialised, extractive practice. We are in the midst of a biodiversity crisis that, with the concurrent climate crisis, will almost certainly lead to the total collapse of our ecosystems unless we stop it now.

Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crises. It is particularly needed for the restoration of peatlands, river flood plains, and native forests. Farmers must be paid for these vital services to our ecology and economy.

Given that Ireland declared a Climate Emergency in 2019. Thus far there is very little evidence in our community that the climate and biodiversity crises are being treated as such. We cannot miss the opportunity to change policy and introduce rewilding in Ireland as a viable addition to farming practices, and remove the incentives to denude the landscape in return for acreage payments.

The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural communities, and above all, for farmers themselves. This policy would give them an option to act as providers and stewards of the land and thriving habitats. Our collapsing Irish wildlife desperately needs this, along with we humans.

Le meas,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 13:50:07

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Hello,

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

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:00:04

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Hello,

It is of utmost importance that Farmers have the choice to rewind there land if that's what they decide.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:02:16

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To whom it concerns,

PLEASE INCLUDE REWILDING IN THE CAP STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE NEXT DECADE.

CAP policy until now has massively eroded wildlife and biodiversity. We need action to encourage wildlife, plant more NATIVE forests and put aside vast quantities of land for NATURE.

Mise le meas,

[REDACTED]

From: 
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:02:18

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my wish that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of Cap payments.

Giving space to nature and restoring natural eco-systems is more important now than ever before.

Thank you,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payments - rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:04:21

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I live in [REDACTED]

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

Thank you.
Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:04:24

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Cap Strategic Plan Request
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:09:12

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Hi,

I am writing to ask you to consider including **rewilding** in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments,

Yours,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:10:13

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Hello,

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

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:11:33

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Strategic plan consultation
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:13:36

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Hello,

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

This is important in view of the biodiversity emergency and COP26 undertakings.

Thank you and kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re: Please
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:14:31

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Ps The main reason for my email, is to ask if you could please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. Thank you.

On Sun, Dec 5, 2021 at 1:26 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

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](#)
Subject: Rewilding CAP payments
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:21:09

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Hi

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

Rewilding as part of the CAP payments options would be a great way to make our farming sector more sustainable.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:23:15

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Hello.

My name is [REDACTED]..

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

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Renegotiations Public Consultation
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:24:50

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Dear Department of Agriculture,

I'm writing to you today to implore that the renegotiation of the Common Agriculture Plan (CAP) to include an option for rewilding to farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

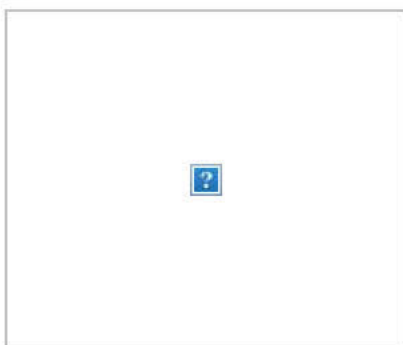
Ireland is the most deforested country in Europe (and one of the most deforested in the world) despite our climate being absolutely ideal for tree growth. Instead of relying on expensive technological solutions to combat climate change, the growth and preservation of native forests could capture and store massive amounts of carbon, while cleaning our air, water, nurturing our soil, and promoting biodiversity as well. Not only are we in a biological crisis (which Ireland was the first in Europe to declare, but has taken little to no action so far in addressing), but human health and wellness depend on access to a healthy, natural environment.

Please promote rewilding as a realistic option for CAP payments as agricultural lands account for 64% of Ireland's landmass, therefore there are huge opportunities for maximizing ecosystem services on these lands which will provide benefit to farmers as well as the public as a whole.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: agricultural farms
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:28:23
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Hi

I am writing to ask that farmers are given the option to rewild their farms if they choose to do so.

Thanking you

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Strategic plan
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To whome it concerns,

I believe that rewilding should be included in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:35:56

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To whom it may concern;

Due to the increasing threat of climate change and biodiversity loss, I am asking that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. Rewilding can enhance biodiversity and restore ecosystems. By allowing peatlands to be rewetted, rivers to flow naturally and native woodlands to regenerate, carbon emissions could potentially be reduced and water quality increased. Farmers should be rewarded for making space for nature through rewilding, if they choose to do so.

Please consider rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. Thank you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Renegotiations Public Consultation
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:39:32

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Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re-wilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:49:16

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Hi,

Can rewilding please be included as an option for farmers who receive the CAP payments in the future.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Cap rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:50:36

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Please can you add rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:52:21

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Afternoon

Please see my contact details below. I am not a representative of, nor do I hold a post in, any organisation in the "green" area. I'm writing therefore as an ordinary citizen.

I understand that the government is discussing the way to finance farmers who get CAP payments for the next ten years. I do consider that rewilding is a great way for farmers to find a viable alternative to for example beef farming. As far as I can tell just from talking to the few I know, many of them make little or no money from beef farming and it seems to be too wet to sow grain in the West of Ireland.

I urge you to include the rewilding options in the package for farmers. Thanks for reading.

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Is mise le meas,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
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To whom it may concern,

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This is an incredible - an unmissable - opportunity for ecological restoration or rewilding to be included as an option for farmers in receipt of farm payments.

Allowing a farmer this option gives them more options when it comes to obtaining their income and allows them to do their bit for biodiversity and the climate while not still being able to make a living.

While in some cases this option would simply mean a farmer allows a section of their land to develop into native woodland, it could also involve the blocking of drains to restore peatlands or other wetlands, the clearing of invasive species for example, or payments for the presence of specific biodiversity and other ecosystem services, for example.

This opportunity to change policy and introduce rewilding in Ireland should not be missed! Policy has driven farmers towards increased production and intensification for years. This has had devastating impacts on our habitats and wildlife and created a divide between the farming community and environmentalists, when in truth farmers were simply following policy.

In allowing this new option, we can bridge that gap and put farmers back at the forefront of the recovery of our ecosystems and improving our climate resilience. We don't 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 for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: rewinding fields
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 14:58:37

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Hi,

I am aware that farmers must utilise all of their land and when not in use they can rent land to other farmers.

Going forward, allowing farmers to "rewild" some of these lands is an important step in contributing to positive climate action and change. In cooperation with other neighbouring farmers, connecting fields or "corridors" through out Ireland can be set up.

These corridors would have hedgerow fencing instead of the standard posts and wires. Left to rewild, these corridors would begin to attract a much higher amount of biodiversity.

We must remember that 80% of our biodiversity means we are speaking of worms, insects, fungi and other such biodiversity. This means the soil can not be treated with faux fertiliser, any longer.

Clover is an excellent plant to retain water for summertime droughts and Clover is also an excellent plant to retain "methane gases" in its roots, so farmers with Cattle on their land, should be encouraged to border each field with the Clover plant, to be used as a counter balance plant to retain methane gases. There is also another plant(name?), in the offaly bogs, that can be used for the same purpose, but Clover would have the cheapest and quickest response time in this situation.

The soil is what we need to look after, as many areas of land soil, are now infertile, and thus requires more faux fertiliser. As the price of this faux fertiliser has grown to extraordinary amounts, it is now, no longer cost effective or viable to use this faux fertiliser.

These are 3 or 4 small simple steps that can be taken, but will give enormous cheap and quick results for farmers to comply with regulations and to improve climate statistics for Ireland.

So please Let Farmers REWILD their land. The expertise is there, at ground level to help farmers, if we were allowed by government regulations,

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 15:06:53

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Dear Sirs,

I would like to voice my support for the reform of the CAP to incentivise Irish farmers to re-wild their land to encourage the restoration of our farming land to encourage biodiversity and the restoration of our rivers and bogland and the reduction of our greenhouse gas emissions which we are so urgently required to do.

Please lobby for reform of the CAP to allow farmers who wish to rewild.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP renegotiation
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 15:07:35

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Dear agriculture team,

I am writing to you for this consultation [REDACTED] and custodian of land in Ireland that options for farmers and landowners to re-wild sections of land are included in the subsidy scheme.

In this biodiversity crisis we know rewilding supports soil regeneration, pollination through increased insect diversity, can prevent erosion and flooding as well as from my own medical perspective supports health and well being on a variety of levels.

We are in a climate emergency witnessing ecosystem collapse and CAP in the past has been directly linked in playing a role in this. Now is the time to use this system to turn things around. Please include rewilding in your payment scheme

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re wilding and CAP
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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to ask that you please include rewilding into the CAP payment for farmers. I have land here in [REDACTED] and have been planting trees and doing conservation efforts throughout the land. It is obvious that the global warming is happening and we need all the help we can get so I trust you will hear this and help in any way to help the planet at this time.

In anticipation of change,

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: 
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Subject: Rewilding options
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 15:23:02

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rewinding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 15:30:34

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Hello

I wish to see rewinding included in CAP

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Submission on C.A.P
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A Chara,

I am a farmer in [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of CAP 2023 _ 2027.

I strongly urge that farmers would have the option of rewinding their land rather than farming while continuing to receive farm payments at the same level. This would involve scrapping the G.A.E.C.

The benefits would be huge for wildlife in particular but also for climate and Ireland's reputation. It would be a brave measure but one that would show that we think long term not just short term. It would show that we can think outside the traditional CAP box. I am surrounded by intensive agriculture in the South East and can see how very little space is left for wildlife despite what the farm organisations say.

You are welcome to visit any time.

Mise le meas

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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To whom it may concern.

As a farmer I would like to see rewilding as an option under option farmers can avail of. Up till now DAFM have completely failed biodiversity on farms. Failed to support farmers who tried their best to keep habitats on their farms. It is entirely possible to farm profitably whilst also making space for biodiversity. This is now DAFM's chance to right the decades of destruction driven by policy set by DAFM. Support farmers to make space for nature. All measures should be ecologically sound, drawn up and overseen by ecologists and not agriculture inspectors or consultants who do not know what they are talking about.

Kind regards.

[REDACTED]
Farming in Tipperary and Galway.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding - CAP payments
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 15:51:45

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Hello,

I would like to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. I believe this would be a hugely valuable step in helping to address the current biodiversity crisis.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: [Marketing Mail] Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 15:51:55

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Hi folks

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

Thanks and regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Request that rewilding option be included in CAP payments
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 15:52:20

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Dear team

Given our Biodiversity and Climate Crisis we all need to take urgent action. It is imperative that CAP rewards and incentivizes Farmers to work with and for Nature. The CAP needs to include providing income for rewilding for Farmers.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Kind Regards :

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Make rewinding an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payment.
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 15:55:59

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Dear Sir/Madam

As a small scale organic vegetable grower and as a resident, lover and advocate for Irish nature and countryside. I request that REWILDING be an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payment.

Your sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Public Consultation on the Environmental Assessment of the draft CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027
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To Whom it Concerns,

As part of their submission to the future of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) the Irish Wildlife Trust (IWT) is calling on the government to support the 'rewilding' of land in certain areas.

I would like to support this call from IWT and provide a new, additional opportunity for farmers to make a living from their land .

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Re Cap Payments.

Please include REWILDING in options for all farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

many thanks

[REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to take this opportunity to ask that re-wilding be an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Rewilding can be a great choice for some sections of farms in certain areas to support biodiversity. Forcing farmers to put all of their land to traditional use no longer makes sense when the benefits of biodiversity are now so well understood.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP payments for Irish Farmers
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Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Yours faithfully

[REDACTED] **Small Farmer**



From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Include rewilding for farmers in receipt of CAP payments
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Hello!

My name is [REDACTED] and I would strongly encourage the dept of agriculture to include rewilding in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Rewilding will be major step forward in the fight against climate change and ensuring that our beautiful native flora and fauna are preserved for future generations to enjoy.

In terms of agriculture, the improvements in bio diversity would certainly be a benefit!

Thank you,

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP strategy review- rewilding
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Hi,

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Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: rewilding
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Hi there,

Please make rewilding part of your environmental strategy for farmers receiving CAP subsidies. Its important to maintain or increase biodiversity.

Rewilding - a process where nature is allowed to reclaim land is the most suitable way we can protect wildlife, pollinators and ourselves by increasing the optimal biodiversity under threat from climate change. If a farmer can do this to part of his land not only will his crops benefit from the pollinators but the whole biodiversity will improve in the area as well. This is a no brainer - and a win win improvement for everybody.

kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Renegotiations Public Consultation
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 16:12:39

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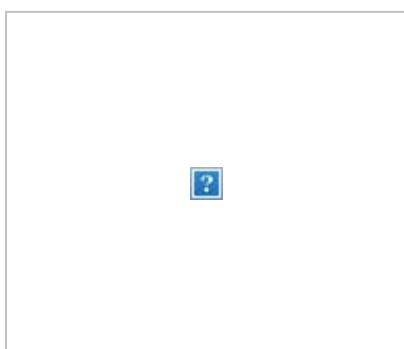
I'm writing to you today to implore for the renegotiation of the Common Agriculture Plan (CAP) to include an option for rewilding to farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Ireland is the most deforested country in Europe (and one of the most deforested in the world) despite our climate being absolutely ideal for tree growth. Instead of relying on expensive technological solutions to combat climate change, the growth and preservation of native forests could capture and store massive amounts of carbon, while cleaning our air, water, nurturing our soil, and promoting biodiversity as well. Not only are we in a biological crisis (which Ireland was the first in Europe to declare, but has taken little to no action so far in addressing), but human health and wellness depend on access to a healthy, natural environment.

Please promote rewilding as a realistic option for CAP payments as agricultural lands account for 64% of Ireland's landmass, therefore there are huge opportunities for maximizing ecosystem services on these lands which will provide benefit to farmers as well as the public as a whole.

Regards,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

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Dear Sir /Madame

Please can rewilding programmes be included in cap financing considerations. The countryside is evermore devoid of biodiversity and nature. That which was once abundant and considered normal now, sadly, no longer exists to the same extent. As guardians of the soil and of diversity we need to encourage and support farmers to support nature for all living creatures.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rewilding in Ireland
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Hello All,

May I ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments, please?

Thank you and Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Hi there,

I live in a rural community where current CAP incentives have decimated natural habitats for wildlife. There are farmers in this area who want to be supported to provide space for wildlife and start reversing the horrendous declines they have noticed, particularly in bird and insect populations. But they cannot do it under current rules.

Therefore I believe the new CAP must include, as an option, payments for farmers who rewild a proportion of their land, for example allowing for marginal areas and ditches to be left alone, but also providing for larger areas to be rewilded also.

Please include a rewilding option in the new CAP strategic plan.

Thanks and best regards,



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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding options for farmers
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 16:19:29

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Hi,

I believe our nation's awful environmental record should take a turn in the right direction by including rewilding options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. We have destroyed so much natural beauty on our island, I think it's only right we make steps to change that.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan - Rewilding
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To whom it may concern,

I refer to the draft CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 and wish to ask that rewilding is included in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Rewilding
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Hi there,

I am writing to say that I would like to see rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED].

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Dear Official,

I am writing to ask you to please include Rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in Ireland
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Hello,

I would like to see rewilding in Ireland included as an option for CAP payments to farmers in Ireland. This is badly needed to encourage agriculture to return to the 30% of land we need for nature in Ireland.

This is not for forestry but rewilding of lands naturally many which are not suitable for high productivity agriculture.

Thank you for your consideration

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Rewilding
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Hi there,

I am writing to say that I would like to see rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP payments
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I'm asking that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. It would do a lot to restore natural ecosystems, biodiversity and natural woodlands,

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 16:41:47

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Hello,

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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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rewilding option for farmers
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I would like to ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Inclusion of rewilding in CAP
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To Whom It Concerns,

I'm writing to express my support for including rewilding in the CAP Strategic Plan.

The importance of restoring natural ecosystems and protecting land from over grazing and invasive species cannot be overstated and farmers should be given the option to rewild their land with the support of CAP in the future.

This would be massively beneficial to Ireland with benefits ranging from improved mental health and the creation of outdoor amenities, to both a national and global positive effect on the climate. Rewilded and protected land sequesters much more carbon than man made efforts and should be an option to anyone willing to dedicate their land to it.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding as part of CAP Strategic Plan for 2023 to 2027
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 16:55:10

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To whom it concerns:

I would like to see rewilding be included for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments and for rewilding to be included in the CAP Strategic Plan for 2023 to 2027 in Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 16:58:11

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A Chara,

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

I think this is a crucial step forward for our country in the fight against climate change and biodiversity loss.

Le meas,

[REDACTED]

Irish Citizen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: draft Environmental Report - public submission
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 17:04:54

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To whom it concerns,

I'd like to **strongly urge that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments, for both Pillar I Echo-Schemes and Pillar II**

Interventions. 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. Restoring native woodlands, rivers, bogs and other biomes is critical to fighting the climate emergency, and helping farmers do this and still make money is an excellent way to support this system change.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
(member of the public)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Renegotiations Public Consultation
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 17:05:54

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Dear Department of Agriculture,

I'm writing to you today to implore that the renegotiation of the Common Agriculture Plan (CAP) to include an option for rewilding to farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

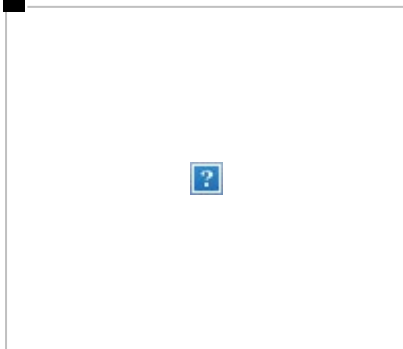
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Please promote rewilding as a realistic option for CAP payments as agricultural lands account for 64% of Ireland's landmass, therefore there are huge opportunities for maximizing ecosystem services on these lands which will provide benefit to farmers as well as the public, as a whole.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP strategic plan for 2023 to 2027
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To whom it concerns:

I would like to see rewilding be included for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments and for rewilding to be included in the CAP Strategic Plan for 2023 to 2027 in Ireland.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Plan Include Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 17:10:30

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Hi DAFM,

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

We are losing more and more of our natural wild areas and various hedgerows have disappeared over the past 20 years in my locality.

It would be great if farmers were rewarded for doing environmentally friendly activities rather than be rewarded for increasing farm outputs which in turn increases the removal of natural wild areas, be it hedgerows, peatlands, or marginal mountain areas.

Please include rewilding options in the CAP so farmers have the opportunity to help improve the environment we all live in.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan (CSP) consultation - my input
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 17:14:56

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find my input for this consultation:

1. That the 25% eco-scheme funding is maintained into the actual CAP 2023 package. That the options deliver much more for biodiversity. That a 'Hares Corner' type option be made available everywhere:
<https://burrenbeo.com/the-hares-corner-a-new-pilot-project-in-co-clare-to-help-landowners-make-a-little-more-space-for-nature-by-creating-mini-woodlands-ponds-and-orchards-on-their-land/>
2. That no eligible land penalties should apply when semi-natural habitats exist in farm units
3. That farmers be allowed a major Pillar 2 re-wilding opportunity.
4. That peatland/bogs that have been planted with sitka spruce be allowed to be re-wet following harvesting so that bogs can be re-established/repared. That the licence requirement to replant in these situations is removed.
5. That West Cork – rich in semi-natural farmed habitats (HNV farmland) - be included in the areas that could in-principle operate a locally-led EIP type package.
6. That a specific Pillar 2 strand is dedicated to those farmers that wish to help breeding wading bird populations recover. Best wishes,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 17:23:40

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A Cahra,

I am an urban dweller but have an awareness of the issues facing our rural and farming communities, particularly regarding the Climate Change issues.

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

As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to farmers and communities who want to see the land farmed in a better way.

I strongly urge that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. This is essential to ensure Just Transition for the farming and rural communities to develop and support the recovery of biodiversity across our country. It takes time for the land to recover from intensive farming and fertilisation methods we have been urging farmers to use for the last number of decades and for biodiversity to reestablish in and on the land. There is no time to waste. This issue can't be put back until some future unknown date.

Please ensure that farmers are properly supported and compensated financially for rewilding and reestablishing biodiversity on their lands. Government cannot expect farmers to allow areas of their land to become unproductive in the economic sense, and not fully appreciate what they are doing for us all and for the planet when they go down the route of rewilding and biodiversification on areas of their land, and must be fairly compensated under the CAP programme.

Please have regard to my request when the Strategy is being developed.

Mise Le Meas,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re Wilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 17:24:14

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Dear Sir / Madam

I hope you will consider this process to be of supreme importance for the future of our agriculture . It also affects our international reputation in this area.

Regards [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re CAP Strategy Plan 2023-2027 - Please recognise rewilding as government policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 17:43:58

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As an Irish citizen concerned with the ongoing climate and biodiversity crisis, I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027). **I would like to ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.**

Rewilding is of utmost importance as it gives space to nature and helps restore natural ecosystems and biodiversity at a low cost. 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 have seen no evidence in our community that the CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY is being treated as such. This opportunity to change policy and introduce rewilding in Ireland should not be missed! We don't 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. The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural communities, and above all, for farmers themselves. This policy would give them an option to act as providers and stewards of the land and thriving habitats. Our collapsing Irish wildlife desperately needs this. So do we humans.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Please include Rewilding in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. It could help halt the disastrous biodiversity loss in Ireland. Thank you.

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To whom it may concern:

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

CAP payments to favour marginal land to be left wild rather than paying farmers to grub out hedgerows for perceived acreage.

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Hopefully this will encourage farmers to allow marginal land to go wild, as opposed to scrubbing out all areas of hedgerow and forest for perceived acreage.

We are in a climate emergency so we need every incentive available to reduce emissions from the sector and ensure both the survival of our farmers as well as future generations.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027
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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to small farmers and communities who want to see the land farmed in a better way.

Current practices have largely led to the destruction of natural habitats, and the policy would help reverse this process by allowing farmers to act as providers and stewards of a rejuvenated thriving habitat.

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. The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural communities, and above all for farmers themselves. Our collapsing Irish wildlife desperately needs this, and so do we.

Thank you for reading this submission.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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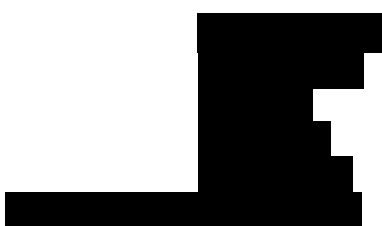
To whom it may concern.

[REDACTED] and have reviewed the draft CAP. Please see below recommendations:

1. Rewilding: there should be incentives for farmers who partake in rewilding measures on their land.
2. Waders: there should be incentives for farmers who enhance their land for wading/ wildfowl bird species.

Kind regards,


[REDACTED]



06 December 2021

Re: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027

To Whom it Concerns,


As a landowner  I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy. I believe that the current system of payment whereby farmers are only subsidised for land which is considered to be in 'Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition' is out-dated and short sighted, and only encourages further destruction of our already damaged eco systems. Given we are living through an accelerating biodiversity crisis in Ireland, there is both an urgency and necessity to reward farmers for restoring natural habitat and enabling nature to thrive through rewilding efforts. This is particularly pertinent for peatlands, flood plains and native woodlands currently used for commercial purposes.

However, the financial subsidies for restoring or rewilding must be at the same level as if the land was used solely for commercial farming for this to have a meaningful impact.

Encouraging farmers to provide natural habitats for wildlife would greatly help our dwindling wildlife populations to recover. Furthermore, it would broaden the scope of farmers responsibilities, encouraging them to become true stewards of the land for all species. It would also improve soil quality, increase carbon sequestration potential, and reduce fertiliser and waste run off into nearby waterways.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a subtle, yet transformative policy change to help reverse biodiversity collapse in Ireland.

Thank you for reading this submission.

Yours sincerely,


From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Renegotiations Public Consultation
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Dear Department of Agriculture,

I'm writing to you today to implore that the renegotiation of the Common Agriculture Plan (CAP) to include an option for rewilding to farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Ireland is the most deforested country in Europe (and one of the most deforested in the world) despite our climate being absolutely ideal for tree growth. Instead of relying on expensive technological solutions to combat climate change, the growth and preservation of native forests could capture and store massive amounts of carbon, while cleaning our air, water, nurturing our soil, and promoting biodiversity as well. Not only are we in a biological crisis (which Ireland was the first in Europe to declare, but has taken little to no action so far in addressing), but human health and wellness depend on access to a healthy, natural environment.

Please promote rewilding as a realistic option for CAP payments as agricultural lands account for 64% of Ireland's landmass, therefore there are huge opportunities for maximizing ecosystem services on these lands which will provide benefit to farmers as well as the public as a whole.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP payments for natural regeneration/rewilding.
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To whom it may concern,

The future of soil, food, timber and water security can be secured if regenerative agricultural practices and natural regeneration (sometimes called “rewilding”) becomes the normal practice within the future of Irish and European farming.

The lobby groups of vested commercial interested who take huge profits while greatly damaging our land needs to be tackled directly.

In the next CAP rules it is critically important that deductions for what were labelled undesirable features are immediately removed (ponds, trees, early woodland etc).

The solution for flooding land is not plastic pipes and drains - it is repair of compacted and biologically dormant soils.

Nature friendly features repair damaged, exhausted soil that cause flooding and require emergency synthetic inputs which is now a normalised yet abnormal and unsustainable practice.

Particularly in poorer remote locations such as upland and island areas, the current CAP system is paying for unsustainable and highly destructive practices of severe overgrazing and habitat elimination, which are causing immense soil loss and continued natural species loss.

The false perception that natural regeneration of land is losing the land to chaotic wilderness must be addressed. The considerable lack of knowledge regarding ecosystems (eg. the farm, the forestry) and how high levels of biological diversity benefit the land and the farmer needs to be critically addressed through quality education and also reflected in supportive CAP payments.

Any new CAP system must allow for the natural recovery of our land to repair soils, clean our rivers, provide shelter and allow the recovery of beneficial species and ecosystems.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
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To whom it may concern,

[REDACTED] I am surrounded by farmland and small farmers. I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

This is an incredible - an unmissable - opportunity for rewilding, an excellent mitigation measure in combating both the climate and biodiversity emergencies. Also a benefit for water quality if located in proximity of rivers or lakes.

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.

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The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural communities, and above all, for farmers themselves. This policy would give them an option to act as providers and stewards of the land and thriving habitats. Our collapsing Irish wildlife desperately needs this. So do we humans.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 18:27:01

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To whom it may concern,

I ask you to please include rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 18:30:36

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Hi

For the future of our natural environment and providing living space for our native flora and fauna, the plan needs to include a rewilding option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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

Please incorporate Rewilding and set-aside in the criteria for receiving CAP payments, as these measures are vital if there is going to be a future for farmers and the countryside

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Consultation CAP payments
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 18:37:33

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Dear CAP team at the Department of Agriculture,

considering the desperate state our environment, the climate and biodiversity crisis, and the subsequent political need and duty to act accordingly and put policies into place that give us at least a chance to mitigate the worst effects, I humbly ask you to include rewilding, or passive restoration, in the options for farmers receiving CAP payments.

The UN has made it clear enough that rewilding is one of the main tools to tackle the multiple crises we are facing: "Facing the triple threat of climate change, loss of nature and pollution, the world must deliver on its commitment to restore at least one billion degraded hectares of land in the next decade – an area about the size of China."

Source:

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/un-calls-countries-meet-commitments-restore-one-billion-hectares>

I very much hope the Irish government will live up to its promises and as one of many required steps, puts this option into practice.

Thank you for your consideration and reading my message.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Include Re-wilding Option
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 18:40:19

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Please include an option for farmers to undertake rewilding of land in support of biodiversity, sustaining and protecting our natural resources and providing ecosystem services, as part of the revision of the CAP. Give our farmers some real choices to change how they operate, the impacts they have, and generate the vital benefits we need, alongside truly sustainable agriculture.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Please include rewilding in CAP
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Dear Sir/Madam

I'm writing to kindly request rewilding is part of the new farming subsidy scheme. Incentivising rewilding has the potential to reverse the ecosystem collapse we're witnessing right now.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to meet this request

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
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I am sending this email to urge you to include rewilding in the options open to farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.
This could make such a difference to our wildlife and our environment.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 18:47:54

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Hi,
Please have rewilding included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of Cap payments.
Thank you,
Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 18:52:07

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To whom it may concern,

As a member of a community [REDACTED] I live surrounded by farmland and small farmers. I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
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As a member of the community [REDACTED] my family and I live surrounded by farmland and value the nature we have around us. But we know that Irish nature is being badly damaged by poor agricultural subsidy design that encourages farming practices that destroy wildlife.

I therefore consider myself a stakeholder and would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

My local TD, [REDACTED], is a minister in your department and I am copying him into this email.

As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to rural communities as well as farmers who want to see land farmed in a better way.

I strongly urge that support for wilder farming practices be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Farmers should be supported to provide essential public environmental services, like flooding prevention, carbon mitigation, peat and wetland restoration, biodiversity protection, floodplain restoration and native woodland reforestation.

These services will benefit me and my children and grandchildren as well as farmers and their families. As you are spending my taxes on supporting farmers I believe the payments should support all of society not just the farmers, most of whom want to do the right thing by nature if the system will support them to do so.

The UK Govt is currently introducing a system called Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS), which will pay 'public money for public goods' to farmers in England for providing environmental services.

This new English ELMS system runs the risk of giving Brexit a good name and is surely the sort of thing that Ireland and the EU should be looking to introduce under CAP.

Thank you for considering my submission.

I would be grateful if [REDACTED] could also acknowledge receipt. I am interested in his views on the matter both as a minister and [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Renegotiations Public Consultation
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Dear Department of Agriculture,

I'm writing to you today to implore that the renegotiation of the Common Agriculture Plan (CAP) to include an option for rewilding to farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Ireland is the most deforested country in Europe (and one of the most deforested in the world) despite our climate being absolutely ideal for tree growth. Instead of relying on expensive technological solutions to combat climate change, the growth and preservation of native forests could capture and store massive amounts of carbon, while cleaning our air, water, nurturing our soil, and promoting biodiversity as well. Not only are we in a biological crisis (which Ireland was the first in Europe to declare, but has taken little to no action so far in addressing), but human health and wellness depend on access to a healthy, natural environment.

Please promote rewilding as a realistic option for CAP payments as agricultural lands account for 64% of Ireland's landmass, therefore there are huge opportunities for maximizing ecosystem services on these lands which will provide benefit to farmers as well as the public as a whole.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Request for Rewilding / CAP Strategic Plan
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 19:14:26

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Dear administrator,

I would like to register my interest with the Dept of Agriculture that rewilding Irelands land be part of the new farming subsidy scheme.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Options for CAp recipients
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Hi

I write to ask you to incorporate Rewilding options in the new farming CAP programme. This is best achieved from a community level with individual farmers across the country being able to incorporate space for rewilding within their farmed areas.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Farm subsidy scheme
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 19:36:52

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To whom it may concern,

Please give farmers the option of rewinding their land as part of the new farming subsidy scheme.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
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Dear madam/sir,

I write to ask you that rewilding be included in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Ireland is so short of woodland and wild areas and this would contribute to meeting our carbon emissions.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 19:50:51

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To whom it may concern,

I want to see rewilding as government policy please make it so !!

Love for nature love for life

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Consultation Submission
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 19:53:47
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Hi,

Please find attached my submission re next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023 - 2027).

Thank you for taking into consideration,

[REDACTED]

Co. Waterford

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

Firstly, I think it is widely understood that the system of direct payments that has applied in the past has very negatively impacted nature and wildlife around the country. In the area of the country that I am from, I have seen first-hand the ditches/hedge-rows being bulldozed into heaps, and the bogs drained. Incentivising farmers to farm every scrap of land and the system of GAEC (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition) rules has driven this behaviour.

The Dáil declared a Biodiversity Emergency in 2019 – in view of this, the language in the GAEC is monumentally out of touch (e.g. *"Is applicant failing to take appropriate measures to prevent the encroachment of invading hardwood species onto land? (Invading hardwood species included scrub, briars, gorse etc.)"*)

The decline of nature and wildlife in our countryside is well documented. For my part, I can only say that [REDACTED] and that the farmland hares, frogs, finches and lapwings that were there in my childhood are not there anymore.

I urge that the following be adopted:

Subsidy Payments - farmers to be given the option of rewilding, rather than farming, their land while continuing to receive farm subsidies at the same levels. This would require scrapping of the GAEC (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition) as it currently stands. Payments under Pillar 1 should be allowed for land which is not farmed. Allowing a proportion of land to revert to meadow, scrub, woodland or wetland has carbon sink and biodiversity benefits.

Agri-environment Schemes - Research tells us (<https://research.ie/assets/uploads/2018/05/NBER-FINAL-COPY.pdf>) that Pillar 2 Agri-environment Schemes (REPS, AEOS, GLAS etc) intended to deliver biodiversity benefits have not delivered results. The vast majority of state spending under the heading of biodiversity flows through this channel and it is not acceptable that taxpayer money is spent without producing results. We urge that any payments under future schemes be (1) outcome-based with clear success metrics at farm level; (2) results are audited by people with ecological expertise.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Please include re wilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 19:53:48

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To whom it may concern,
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 as policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 19:58:24

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To whom it may concern,

I want government to make rewilding into government policy so that we can regenerate ecosystems and further ensure the protection of our natural capital for future generations.

Its a quick, effective and easy way to mitigate the effects of climate change and can also restore natural ecosystems, protect against flooding and restore peatlands.

Please make it happen you have the power.

Love Nature, make rewilding Government policy

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: draft interventions for CAP Strategic Plan
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:02:07

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To whom it may concern,

Please allow farmers the option to pursue rewilding and biodiversity restoration projects on their land without penalty.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Make rewilding an option for farmers
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:03:20

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Good evening,

When considering the strategic plan for the CAP going forward, make rewilding an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Rewilding is a quick, cheap and easy way to address the biodiversity and climate crisis while restoring natural ecosystems.

Farmers should be eligible for CAP payments for any efforts to tackle the climate crisis through rewilding.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan Consultation
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:06:21

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Dear Sir/Madam

The CAP reform is a tremendous opportunity to align sustainable land use, economic policy and action with the most serious existential challenge facing all life on earth; climate change.

The prioritisation of our natural environment and green infrastructure for the benefit of people and nature needs to happen at scale. This is in part because of the scale of the threat, but also because of value for money and multifunctional effectiveness that well coordinated environmental investment will deliver when planned at the strategic level.

CAP reforms can do this by supporting farmers and rural land owners to use and manage land in ways that are environmentally focused.

Large areas of our landscape that are considered unviable under outmoded commercial criteria have massive intrinsic value in ecosystem services provision across our economies.

CAP reforms should seek to pay our landowners and managers to maintain, protect and enhance our land for the ecosystem services they provide, which will revitalise rural economies and mitigate the risks and extremely high financial costs of climate change impact on all of us.

The aim of CAP should be to achieve a living network of green infrastructure across Europe that retains its structural integrity from European geographic level right down to the local scale. This will support the creation of large wild areas right down to regional parks.

Hedgerows are one of the green infrastructure components that are most at risk from increasing industrialised agricultural practice. Hedgerows are vital connectors providing multiple benefits as they link patches of diverse habitats. They are the arteries that support the life of our countryside. They deserve special recognition, protection and promotion for enhancement as part of CAP reform.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding recognised as an option for farmers
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:10:59

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I follow the work of the Irish Wildlife Trust and would like to make a suggestion in relation to CAP payments discussed by the government.

I would like to ask 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.

Thank you for considering this option for farmers,

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re-Wilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:11:01

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Hi,

I think Re-Wilding should be covered in the CAP payment scheme for farmers. Overly intensive agriculture has already done enormous harm to the country and anything that can be done to try and reverse it should be done.

Is mise le meas,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027
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Dear Sir/Madm,

As a concerned citizen, 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 level.

The benefits of such a policy change would be enormous for wildlife and the climate.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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To whom it concerns,

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

Any and all additions to the CAP scheme to encourage farmers to replant and take care of hedgerows, native trees and forest and increase and look after biodiverse areas should be welcomed.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Please allow rewilding to be included in the options for farmers who are in the receipt of CAP payments. It will improve water quality, sequester carbon, improve eco systems and create jobs like planting trees and controlling invasive species. Thank you
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To whom it may concern.

I [REDACTED] would like to see rewilding as an option for farmers in the new CAP payments schemes.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:30:36

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To whom it may concern,

As an Irish citizen who will have to deal with the effects of climate change in my lifetime and in the interests of all citizens of the Republic of Ireland, a change should be made and supported to the CAP to support farmers who decide to allow part of their land to be given over to nature and rewinding initiatives.

Nature and ourselves need all the help we can get, it makes no sense to penalise farmers and land owners who are trying to do their bit to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:38:55

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Rewilding is an essential part in increasing our biodiversity and helping battle the climate crisis. Please make it an option for allocating funds. Coillte is a load of bollox and we need better solutions that work! There is so much un used agricultural land and so much bare land from deforestation , why not make Ireland an example and rewild it and invest in planting native forests! Hope this finds ye well.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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

I'm writing to express the view that I strongly believe rewilding should be included in the CAP system. Biodiversity loss is the single greatest threat to life on our planet and addressing this is our greatest weapon against climate change.

It is essential we incentivise farmers to rewild their land rather than punish them to do so

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
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A chara,

As a member of a [REDACTED] community, our county is surrounded by farmland and small farmers. I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding and CAP reform
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:46:02

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To whom it may concern

As a concerned Irish landowner I am sending you this email to plead that you include rewilding as part of the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. So many farmers (and private landowners not in receipt of CAP) are trying to incorporate Farming For Nature as the best possible way to produce food and in doing so are looking at reduced payments to their CAP. To penalise farmers for leaving parts of their land to wild in order to protect biodiversity is a detrimental and foolish act by the Irish Government - it has only been two weeks since COP26 and already I feel it is business as usual on all fronts.

Please, please do the right thing and incentivise farmers to protect our disappearing birds, flora and mammals.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:46:24

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I would love to see rewilding in Ireland and farmers be supported to do this with their land

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP PAYMENTS
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:49:32

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I wish to strongly advocate that rewilding must be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. This is absolutely essential as the climate crisis is deepening and we must act now.

Your sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:50:17

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I would like to ask that rewilding of land is considered as a use of land/portion of land for farmers in receipt of CAPS.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Make rewilding policy!!
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:54:42

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We have the lowest native tree cover in Europe, our ash trees are running out with no more hurls to make, our great oaks are so few and far between, our hedgerows are bare and thin and allow for farm waste to enter catchments easily and enter the sea. I have surfed in shit on our coasts far too many times because of the crap our estuaries bring. I have even had to pull a maggot from the inside of my ear after surfing one day as it entered the sea from an river (the surrounding area is treeless for miles and few by sloping hills). More trees will help stop the flow of shit into our oceans (and ears), help slow runoff and fix nutrients into our soils and provide countless countless benefits to the Irish ecosystem. Please do the right thing and put a priority on our native tree species which have been massacred since the 1600s without any respite.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP System
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:55:38

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to state that it is my opinion rewilding should be included in the CAP system. I believe that biodiversity loss is a major threat to life on this planet and we need to address this matter in the battle against climate change.

Clearly it is extremely important that we incentivise farmers to rewild their land rather than punishing them to do so.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re-wilding for CAP farmers
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:57:31

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To whom it may concern,
including Minster McColalogue,

I am writing to to ask that re-wilding be included as an option for farmers regards CAP payments.

So much of natural habitat is being lost, we have to encourage the few that are prepared to do something about it.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: ReWilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 20:58:15

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To Whom it may Concern,

I have watched with great display the eradication of our wild spaces in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] over the last number of years.

I would like to ask that ReWilding be considered among the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

This is vital for our land to regenerate and for our few wild animals left to have some measure of protection.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:01:26

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To whom it may concern,

As a member of a rural community [REDACTED] I live surrounded by farmland and small farmers. I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to small farmers and communities who want to see the land farmed in a better way.

This is an incredible - 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 have seen no evidence in our community that the CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY is being treated as such.

This opportunity to change policy and introduce rewilding in Ireland should not be missed!

We don't 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.

The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural communities, and above all, for farmers themselves. This policy would give them an option to act as providers and stewards of the land and thriving habitats. Our collapsing Irish wildlife desperately needs this. So do we humans.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding importance
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:03:49

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I am writing to ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers receiving CAP Payments

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in Ireland
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:05:04

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To whomever it concerns,

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

Kind Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:07:00

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To whom it may concern,
I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to small farmers and communities who want to see the land farmed in a better way.

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payments
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:08:08

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please would you consider including rewilding an as option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments?

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: rewilding and veganism
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:08:28

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Please include rewilding as an option for farmers who receive the CAP payment.
Reduce animal exploitation and devastation of nature.
Also, please promote a plant-based food system.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Co. Donegal

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:09:22

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To whom it may concern,

Please include rewinding in the options for farmers who receive CAP. Thank you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Wildfire
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:10:32

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Please stop indirectly incentivising farmers to light gorse fires in order to leave their land grazable. Wildfires are a plague on the countryside. Incentives rewilding, native forestry and sustainable farming.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Addition to CAP
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:13:13

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Hello,

I am sending this email to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. Please consider this when reviewing this policy, as it would bring about many biodiverse benefits and ecological gains for the country, while also sequestering some of the CO2 produced by Irish farmers.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:17:10

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To whom it may concern,

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

As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to small farmers and communities who want to see the land farmed in a better way.

This is an incredible - 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 have seen no evidence in our community that the CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY is being treated as such.

This opportunity to change policy and introduce rewilding in Ireland should not be missed.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:18:46

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I write this mail in the hope that you will incentivise Irish farmers to engage in “rewilding” as part of a sustainable and green future for us all. It’s time to truly live up to both our responsibilities and to give substance to the image we have of ourselves as “The Green Island”. Less talk and more action.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:20:30

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Please include re Wilding in the new Cap strategy.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Inclusion of Rewilding in CAP Strategic Plan
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:30:01

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in relation to the CAP Strategic Plan.

I strongly urge you to include rewilding, rather than farming, as an option for farmers receiving CAP payments.

The benefits of this would be immeasurable for wildlife and biodiversity in Ireland, which is now in a state of crisis. This would be a great opportunity for the farmers if Ireland to become stewards of the Irish environment and to help recover and protect natural habitats.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding option
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:31:07

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To whom it concerns

[REDACTED] I witnessed the horrific fires that could have been avoided in Killarney National Park. Step up to making the right choices for our future. Do you remember what happened? Here are some photos to remind you.

Please allow these farmers the option of rewilding. Farmers should not be penalised for having wildlife habitats on their farms.

Kind regards















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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:48:35

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Hi there,

Please make rewilding an option for farmers.

Thank you,

[REDACTED].

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:48:35

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Hi there,

Please make rewilding an option for farmers.

Thank you,

[REDACTED].

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:50:50

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Hello,

I am emailing to ask that rewilding be included in the CAP grant system for farmers. I am concerned that currently the system seems to actively encourage farmers to remove scrub land which is an important habitat for many species. I would like CAP funding to be considerate of it's impact on biodiversity. We need to encourage regenerative farming practices as much as possible to capture carbon, improve soil health and promote biodiversity

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding request
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:51:24

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Good evening

Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. We need to support our environment and our farmers.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:53:44

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To whom it concerns,

Please ensure that rewilding becomes an option for all farmers. It is of vital importance for biodiversity and the climate crisis, and by extension for my children, that there is space for nature on our lands and incentives for farmers to enable it. And to stop nonsensical, destructive agricultural practices based on myopic ideas of productivity etc,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 21:59:19

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Please give Biodiversity a chance by putting in a clause asking farmers to set aside a strip of land to encourage pollinators.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:01:22

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Hi,

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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.

Ireland declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, yet we have seen no evidence it is being treated as such

Every year we see fires destroying uplands and peatlands emitting vast quantities of air and water pollution. Destroying habitat and killing the little wildlife we have left. One of Ireland's biggest tourist attractions, Killarney national park was almost destroyed, All because the land should be in grazable condition for cows or sheep. This has to stop.

I think that farmers should not be penalised for having natural habitat on their farms. It's better for the environment which in turn is better for us.

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

Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: WAGS recommendations
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:02:19

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Good evening

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: Monday 6 December 2021 22:02:42

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To Whom it May Concern,
Could rewilding please be added as an option for farmers partaking in the CAP scheme.
Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Plans
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:08:37

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Good afternoon,

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Yours sincerely,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WAGS recommendations
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:15:37

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:17:32

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To whom it may concern,

Our countryside needs a rest. Our farmers need incentives to bring this rest about. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] but there are many in my community who do.
The new strategic plan need to take rewilding seriously and incentivise these farmers to let nature do its thing.

Looking forward to seeing what comes next.

Yours Sincerely
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Payment and rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:24:39

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Hello,

I am a parent and I really worry about what we are doing to our planet, our wildlife and biodiversity and what we are leaving for our children. Please, please can you include rewilding in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP? Biodiversity and climate change are inextricably linked. We have to make things better.

All the best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding as part of CAP
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:31:57

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to add my voice to the call to include rewilding as an option for farmers who receive the CAP payment. We are in **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.

BRgds,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payments
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:41:38

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Dear Dept of Agriculture

I am writing to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments3/3.

Kind Regards

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Incentivise rewilding on Irish farms
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:55:06

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To whom it may concern,

Please introduce measures to incentivise Irish farmers to 'rewild' parts of their farm by including in the options for the CAP payments.

It is a proven way to combat climate change and help biodiversity and we need to take steps urgently.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:55:51

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Hi there,

I want to see rewilding in Ireland!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 22:58:51

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The Irish landscape must be protected, nurtured and protected.
Please make 'Rewilding' an option for farmers.

Mise le meas

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Wool linked solutions?
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 23:03:36

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I saw this link on Facebook and am not sure exactly what is meant by it.

All I know is that [REDACTED] and was stunned to find no supplies available in Ireland [REDACTED] Apart from two woolen mills (Kerry and Kilkenny) I could find no yarn. I have had to buy everything from Europe or the UK. It seems such a waste.

Somebody should be making drum carders for sale in Ireland, also combs, hand carders, swifts, bobbins etc.

Please invest in wool and woolcrafts. Ireland could be a leader in the field.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Monday 6 December 2021 23:04:05

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

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

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Submission
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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: CAP strategic plan 2023-2027
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 07:57:59

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Hi

This is a submission in relation to the CAP strategic plan consultation.

[REDACTED] I one day will inherit part of this land and would love nothing more than to rewild this land in order to try restore the natural ecosystem for the area. I urge for rewilding to be given as a option to farmers so that they can rewild the land instead of farming it. This would require scraping the GAEC (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition) as it currently stands.

The benefits of such a policy change would greatly benefit climate, wildlife, ecosystems, farmers and local rural communities. Farmers in particular would be given the choice to rewild and act as providers and stewards in the long term of a triving habitat our collapsing Irish wild life so desperately deserves.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: include rewilding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:00:53

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Dear Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

*Please include rewilding as an option for farmers who receive the CAP payment.
Rewilding is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems while addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis.
Please promote a plant-based food system.
Let's reduce animal exploitation and devastation of nature.*

Thank you

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP strategic plan consultation 2023 - 2027.
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:07:16

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Dear Sir/Madame ,

This is a submission in relation to the CAP Strategic Plan consultation due before the Commission.

I strongly recommend the introduction of a re-wilding scheme funded by the next CAP strategy 2023 - 2027.

Ireland's farmers have so much to gain from a re-wilding programme backed by CAP. It would be ludicrous to ignore the huge benefits, not only to the people who work the land, but to the people that share and care about it. The main benefactors in our Climate mandated world is every citizen on this planet; we need to do more to right the wrongs of pollution.

The EU needs to show the world how to take a different route, and send a message that the destruction of the environment, through outdated agricultural practices and industry, is no longer something that can be ignored. The

**EU needs courage and leadership to tackle the
demise and slow death of our environment.**

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Options for Rewilding
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Dear Government,

I wish to express great concern and interest that rewinding be included as part of your reviewed CAP Options. Rewilding is of vital importance to sequester carbon, re-establish biodiversity and improve sustainability. In a climate and biodiversity crisis, it is probably one of the cheapest and most successful tasks a farmer or land owner can manage on their lands, especially on marginal land.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: WASG recommendations
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:16:45

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Ireland
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:31:41

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan - Rewilding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:34:04

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Good day,
I hope this email finds you well.

I write to you to urge you to please consider Rewilding to be an option for CAP payments.

Too long now has it been suggested that farmers don't care for the environment or are willfully neglecting the obvious impact they have on this climate crisis. I suggest that this is a direct result of the CAP guidelines. Farmers have always been the backbone of Irish society and it is due time you pay them for Rewilding areas on their land, to protect the natural environment that they have always been the champions of. Without nature there would be no farmers. Without Rewilding there will be no nature.

There is an obvious disconnect in the way farm payments are being made currently, please adjust these to ensure there will be farms to farm in years to come.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Fwd: Stop penalising farmers for scrub land
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:34:06

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2021, 08:27
Subject: Stop penalising farmers for scrub land
To: <capstrategicplan@gov.ie>

Help farmers with wildlife by stopping the penalties for scrub land, hedges and having native trees on our land.

Support farmers who want to make rewilding an option for their farm.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewinding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:34:23

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Rewinding needs to be included in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. A lot of money needs to be spend on repairing biodiversity, halting mass extinctions and taking the climate crisis seriously. Do it now. The young people of Ireland have spoken.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:34:33

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Fwd: Rewilding
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To: <CAPStrategicPlan@agriculture.gov.ie>

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Ireland needs rewilding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:42:53

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Our wildlife, native flóra and fauna, what is the heart and soul of Ireland has been let down over many many years with nearly every wild space been taken for either farm land, farmed forestries, houses, buildings and roads. Every pace that could possibly be rewilded should be from making larger scale reserves to every park or green or roadside banks or even roundabouts having smaller areas left wild with native plants and trees. Our country needs this. Our wildlife needs this. Our people need this. Wild spaces need to become the norm again, not perfectly manicured or sprayed to death outdoor areas. We need protected forests of native trees, not just forests of non native trees that will be cut down in years time for wood anyways. We need every field and road in this country lined with native trees. We need to protect our hedge grows and ditches. We need all roadsides and roundabouts full of native flowers instead of the council planting pansies or ornamental cabbages on them every few months. We need to celebrate and see the beauty in Irelands native flowers, plants and trees and the benefit they have to farming, our health and well being, our wildlife and to our country.

[REDACTED] Co. Waterford.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Ireland
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:51:48

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Hi,

I would love to see CAP including rewilding Ireland in the next CAP plan.

I think it is a very simple and important step that should be taken in Ireland.

Thanking you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Changes to CAP
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 08:56:54

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Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: changes to CAp
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:03:56

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding in CAP strategic plan
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:16:02

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Hello,

Please include rewilding of landscapes as an option for farmers in our CAP strategic plan — as urgently recommended by the European Commission.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Ireland
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:16:08

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Please include Rewilding Ireland as an option for farmers receiving CAP payments.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan submission
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:18:29

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Hi,

In response to the draft CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027, I would like to see rewilding 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.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding as part of CAP Strategic Plan
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:19:40

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To whom it may concern-

As part of any public consultation on the matter of CAP reforms, can you please take steps towards ensuring that farmers are equally incentivised to rewild their land if they so choose, as opposed to preferentially rewarding intensive grazing on marginal land.

Is mise le meas,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
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In its recommendations to the government on what to put into our CAP strategic plan, the European Commission said "it is a matter of urgency to halt the serious deterioration of Ireland's peatlands".

These landscapes need to be rewilded!

Please include rewilding as an option for farmers.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:19:59

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Dear Sir/Madame,

Please allow the option for farmers to rewind their land if they choose this.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Include rewinding in CAP options for farmers
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:22:08

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Dear Sir Madam,

I am writing in response to a campaign by the Irish Wildlife trust, encouraging interested parties to write to yourselves.

This is not my area of expertise, but from my perspective, it makes a lot of sense to give farmers an opportunity to rewild some or all of their farmland. It might help to balance the commercial forestry that is so prominent in our countryside.

Many thanks for your time.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
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Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Thanks

Le gach dea ghúí/kind regards/met de beste wensen

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

I would like to voice my support for the addition of Rewilding as a qualifying action under CAP.

I'm not quite sure I've worded that correctly but I firmly believe that farmers should be encouraged to rewild parts of their farms if they so wish and to be supported on that.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Common Agricultural Policy submission
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:27:47

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Hi,

I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy. I believe that the current system of payment, whereby farmers are only subsidised for land which is considered to be in 'Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition', is out-dated and short sighted and only encourages further destruction of our already damaged eco systems. Given we are living through an accelerating biodiversity crisis in Ireland, there is both an urgency and necessity to reward farmers for restoring natural habitat and enabling nature to thrive through rewilding efforts. This is particularly pertinent for peatlands, flood plains and native woodlands currently used for commercial purposes.

However, the financial subsidies for restoring or rewilding must be at the same level as if the land was used solely for commercial farming for this to have a meaningful impact.

Encouraging farmers to provide natural habitats for wildlife would greatly help our dwindling wildlife populations to recover. Furthermore, it would broaden the scope of farmers responsibilities, encouraging them to become true stewards of the land for all species. It would also improve soil quality, increase carbon sequestration potential, and reduce fertiliser and waste run off into nearby waterways.

This is a singular opportunity for a policy change to have a transformation effect and help reverse biodiversity collapse in Ireland.

Thank you for reading this submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Funding and future
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:28:12

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CAPstrategicPlan@agriculture.gov.ie

I ask you to strongly consider the process and prioritising of rewilding areas of Ireland to bring back habitat for wildlife both plant and animal/insect into our diminishing landscape, let's keep ireland green, and varied. It will serve the future well.

With respect and hope [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding to be included in the new CAP as a viable option for farmers.
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:32:54

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Please allow Rewilding to be included in the new CAP as a viable option for farmers. This would have a massive impact on climate change, bio diversity loss and other serious issues we are facing.

Thank you for your work

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding CAP plan
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:36:53

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe that the next CAP plan should give Irish farmers the option to rewild their land and get paid as equals with other farmers. Ireland currently finds itself in the midst of a mass species decline as a result of historic backward farming policies, land reclaiming, eutrophication, and poor development policies. Water quality is rapidly decreasing, with the latest EPA report in Ireland highlighting the decrease in water quality which can be linked to the recent rapid expansion of the national dairy herd. This expansion needs to be offset and the area in Ireland under native woodland needs to be increased.

Many Irish farmers care deeply about their land, animals, and the natural world, and many would happily allow part of their farm to be rewilded were they to be rewarded for such actions rather than penalised under the current scheme. Irish farmers are stewards of the land and are key in the fight against climate change and species loss which are linked intrinsically. Let farmers be paid for rewilding efforts and this will increase the natural biodiversity of Ireland, improve water quality, air quality, improve the scenic beauty of the country, increase carbon storage, and will also improve the lives of rural communities.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Plan
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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED] (future 4th generation farmer)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Please reward rewarding farmers
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:41:31

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In an attempt to restore our natural bio-diversity and encourage vital pollinators like bees to thrive please equally reward farmers who become stewards of requiring their land.

[REDACTED].

Portaferry Save the Trees Campaign

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP strategy
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Hello gov.ie,

Please include provisions and incentives for farmers wishing to rewild their farms and land. It should be worthwhile for farmer to reduce grazing and allow their land to naturally regenerate with native species. Ireland as a whole needs to aim to have 30% land cover with deciduous native species and diverse habitat protections such as boglands.

Ireland's rich temperate rainforest are all but disappeared at this stage, a concerted and we'll remunerated effort among landowners is the only way to tackle this cultural and agricultural issue

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re-winding Incentives
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:41:40

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To Whom It May Concern,

I was appalled by the devastating burning of scrubland in 2021. The images of scorched native forrest are burned into my memory. I strongly believe that the practice must be disincentivised by every means. Please don't let this slide into another year.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Space for nature in CAP Strategic Plan
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Dia duit,

Scrub and marginal land are routinely burned in Ireland to keep them in a grazable state. This is a major problem with ramification for biodiversity, carbon emissions as well as health and safety. Farmers who choose not to burn marginal land and leaves space for less managed ecosystems such as scrubland, ponds and large hedgerows are conversely penalized.

The CAP Strategic Plan needs to contain options for farmers to be rewarded for rewilding efforts as well as protecting important habitats on their farms.

Go raibh mile maith agat,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re: Public Consultation on Common Agricultural Policy, proposed rule changes
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:54:03

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No farmer in Ireland, particularly many of those in ownership of land which would be the easiest to rewild, can afford to do so to the degree that our country requires in order to restore its ecosystems. Giving farmers the option to rewild could revive the populations of our rapidly dwindling native species and reverse the degradation of our biota in general.

As a nation, most Irish people have forgotten or have never known what Ireland is supposed to look like when nature is given free reign. Our people are suffering from Shifting Baseline Syndrome, a gradual change in the accepted norms for the condition of the natural environment due to a lack of experience, memory and knowledge of its past condition. This is leading to an increased tolerance for progressive environmental degradation, as well as changes in people's expectations as to what is the acceptable condition of our natural environment, and by extension what parts of it are worth protecting. This shift in perspective has led inexorably to the establishment and use of inappropriate baselines for nature conservation, restoration and management.

To those that would say that CAP payments for rewilding are an investment from which the state gets nothing in return, I would argue that healthy ecosystems, a stable climate, and the associated benefits these help provide are no less vital than food.

It is incumbent on us to facilitate those in the position of greatest stewardship of our land the opportunity and the incentive to restore it, as once the unique diversity of life is lost on this island it can never be regained.

Kind Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 - Transition Kerry Submission 07122021
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:54:25
Attachments: [CAP Strategic Plan 2023-27 Submission TK 07122021.pdf](#)

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Re: **Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 - Public Consultation on Proposed Interventions:**

A chara,

I am making a submission on behalf of Transition Kerry to this CAP Strategic Plan on the following points, to ensure that the following Rewilding Principles be fully integrated into the overall CAP Strategic Plan. I am also attaching the document in PDF format.

1. That **Biodiversity/Biological Diversity** must be central to all schemes, funding streams and knowledge transfer programmes. ***Biodiversity is the very Life Support of this planet and can no longer be taken for granted or ignored or exploited for profit at the cost of the Earth's health, which we all depend on.***
2. That the CAP Strategic Plan makes a statement of acknowledgement that we are currently in the [United Nations Decade of Ecosystem Restoration](#) and that the CAP is fully committed to making all structural decision and changes necessary to honour this commitment.
3. **Protection of existing habitats**, eg. hedgerows, woodlands, streams, rivers, wetlands, bogs, springs and other waters sources, etc.
4. **Appropriate maintenance of existing habitats**, with retraining of contractors as to how to lay and cut hedges correctly. This needs to involve bringing in expertise from organisations such as [The Hedge Laying Association of Ireland](#)
5. **Restoration of ecosystems** on the farm, including planting of native hedges, woodlands, thickets, allowing areas to become wetlands.
6. **Ecosystem Services and Natural Capital:** That the proper protection of Biodiversity be recognised as a fundamental system that provides essential ecosystem services and that farmers be recompensed for how they run their farm in line with these core principles. That the values of natural ecosystems are taken into account in the running of the farm, engaging with organisations such as [Natural Capital Ireland](#) and [Home Tree](#) to learn how to work with farmers in this area.
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10. **Rewilding that allows nature to do the work** must also be considered where parts of the farmland are allowed to become their own natural ecosystem, currently often

labelled as 'scrub or wetlands, etc'. This is where areas are allowed to go through their natural succession, from brambles/gorse to self-seeded willow, birch, alder, etc. Or drains are removed or blocked to enable the lands to become a full wetland or fen. The value that these services must be fully understood and integrated in to farming training programmes.

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07/12/2021

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP submission.
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:54:35

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Hello,

When drafting the upcoming CAP, I would like re-wilding to be considered as a method of reinstating the many natural habitats we have lost to agriculture over the years. These habitats include woodlands, hedgerows, bogs, ditches, ponds and wetland areas. A scheme should be set up to reward farmers that implement re-wilding projects on their lands and thereby encourage the reinstatement of the above habitats.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re: Public Consultation on Common Agricultural Policy, proposed rule changes
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Strategic Plan
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:56:13

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Please make Re-wilding an option for farmers for their land-use. It will help a lot to improve biodiversity.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:56:50

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I would like to propose that rewilding be included as an option for farmers in the CAP Scheme.

In addition to inland benefits for biodiversity and potential flood amelioration, rewilding in coastal and river-bank areas could potentially benefit river and marine biodiversity which is negatively impacted by nitrite run-off from fertiliser-intensive farming.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding to be included in the new CAP as a viable option for farmers
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 09:57:32

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I wish to express my hope that you will include rewilding as an option that farmers can do as part of the next round of CAP.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Plan - Rewinding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:01:46

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Please include measures for rewinding in the up coming CAP measures.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Rewilding and CAP payments
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:04:38

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Good morning,

I am writing this email to asked 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.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP strategic plan 2023-2027
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:13:10

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to suggest that farmers are given the opportunity to rewild their land while continuing to receive subsidies at the same levels. Such a decision would have a significant impact on the restoration of damaged ecosystems and promotion of biodiversity.

Thank you for reading this submission.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Pay farmers to rewild their land
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:15:04

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Dear CAP committee,
Please include payments for rewilding in the CAP reform. It would make such a huge difference to Irish wildlife and help to protect us from extreme flooding.
Thanks in advance,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewild
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:16:50

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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: Rewilding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:17:36

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Dear the Agriculture department,

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

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: WASG Recommendations
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:21:32

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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]

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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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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP plans
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:29:03

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dunkerrin

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:34:37

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am making this submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to the prevailing scientific evidence on the urgent need for a new approach to land management in Ireland.

This is an incredible - 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 have seen no evidence in our community that the CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY is being treated as such.

This opportunity to change policy and introduce rewilding in Ireland should not be missed!

We don't 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.

The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural and urban communities, and for farmers themselves. This policy would give them an option to act as providers and stewards of the land and thriving habitats. Our collapsing Irish wildlife desperately needs this. So do we humans.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP reform
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:39:21

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Please consider changing the CAP system to allow farmers the option of rewilding parts of their land.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Submission to CAP Strategic Plan - Rewilding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:42:04

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Hello,

I am making a submission to the CAP strategic plan, asking that farmers be given the option to receive grants and other forms of payment to rewild parts (or all) of their land. As stewards of the land, farmers should be encouraged to restore biodiversity where it has been lost. This would not just be a benefit to wildlife, but would help to ensure the continued viability of the land into the future, and help protect against the effects of the extreme weather events that are rapidly becoming a norm because of climate change. Grants for rewilding would be a sensible and forward-thinking policy, reflecting the wishes of both farmers and non-farmers who fund agriculture policy via our taxes.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Stoneyford,
Kilkenny

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Wasg recs
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:42:30

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Hi,

I am writing regarding the WASG recommendations that the Department should take on board when developing CAP plans.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Request for Rewilding as option in CAP payment
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:44:42

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To Whom it May Concern,

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Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP payments for Rewilding
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Hi there,

I hope all is well. Please can you include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments?

Thanks a mil,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding option for CAP payments
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:52:25

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to call on the department to add rewilding as an option for farmers receiving CAP payments in Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan (CSP) for the period 2023-2027.

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service (IPBES) has stated that nature is declining at unprecedented levels across the world due to human activity. In light of the report's irrefutable evidence, a Climate and Biodiversity emergency was declared by the Dáil. The importance of biodiversity, and recognition of its deterioration, has already been recognised by the government, it would be senseless for this department to not follow suit.

If the department want this plan to achieve its aim of creating "**sustainable** development of Ireland's farming and food sector" then it cannot ignore the impact that our declining biodiversity will have on its feasibility. The plan should do what it can to encourage, support and facilitate farmers to promote biodiversity and rewilding on their land.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Ireland
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:53:14

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Please can rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of Cap repayments?

I live in the countryside and apart from the hedgerows, the land around us is dead.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Huawei phone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 10:54:54

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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]

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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please consider this email as a submission for Irelands CAP Strategic plan Public Consultation.

Please scrap the policy that requires that land needs to be in GAEC (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition) in order to receive funding. This policy is having a devastating effect on nature by incentivising the removal of natural features which much of our wildlife depends on. Please allow farmers to choose to rewild their land rather than farming their land while continuing to receive subsidies at the same level.

This policy would give farmers the option of leaving space for nature, and provide them with assurance that they will not be penalised for doing so.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rewild Land
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to request that farmers in Ireland have the option of being paid to rewild their land.

With thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Please Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am making this submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to the prevailing scientific evidence on the urgent need for a new approach to land management in Ireland.

This is an incredible - an unmissable - opportunity for rewilding.

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

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Ireland declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, yet we have seen no evidence in our community that the CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY is being treated as such.

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We don't 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.

The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural and urban communities, and for farmers themselves. This policy would give them an option to act as providers and stewards of the land and thriving habitats. Our collapsing Irish wildlife desperately needs this. So do we humans.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Hello,

East Waterford Beekeepers' Association wish to make the following comments on the proposed review of the regulations for the Farm Payment scheme.

1. Permit the 'Native Irish trees' restrictions to be expanded to include a number of species of commercial trees that have been naturalised on this island for over 800 years. Such trees are important in the current ecosystem and are critical to our biodiversity and bee life. The demise of the Elm and Ash make this change in the named trees specified in the regulation even more important.
2. Protect and develop Ireland's hedgerow heritage. Establish standards for maintenance and optimisation for farming, carbon sequestration and biodiversity including apiculture. Provide incentives and enforce sanctions on poor behaviour.
3. Encourage beekeeping as a complementary source of income on farms.

Regards



[REDACTED]

Website: www.waterfordbees.com



From: [REDACTED]
To: CAPSstrategicplan@agriculture.gov.ie; [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
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Please include rewilding in the options for new agriculture legislation

Thank you
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/Madam

In the interests of battling the biodiversity crisis the issue of funding sheep farmers to over-graze our landscape needs to be addressed. We have been giving farmers financial support to destroy our native habitats for too long. It is time we started using that funding to encourage the rewilding of areas of farmland and allow our habitats to start to heal. We need to offer support to farmers to do this rather than keep sheep that are not needed. Please consider this in preparing the new CAP scheme.

regards

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Re: Grower Submissions to Cap strategic plan'

To whom it may concern,

We are apple growers situated in [REDACTED] Since 1962.
Looking at the draft CAP strategic, we are very disappointed to see no viable options for apple growers.
This is an anomaly and needs to be urgently addressed.

Research by the University of Limerick shows; Carbon sequestration of 11 tonnes CO2 per Ha per annum is typical in orchard soils. We are looking for that a result based measure to be included in the Pillar 2 AECM (tier 2 pea) to allow apple growers to get credit for this sequestration.

[REDACTED]

Taking the above into consideration, we trust that you will take the above into consideration to include us in the new schemes.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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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 of vital importance to the future health and wellbeing of our country. To see our government support and promote this initiative

would be an immensely positive and uplifting signal to all concerned individuals and groups.

yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 Submission

Green Party Dublin West

We welcome the opportunity to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the **Common Agricultural Policy (2023 - 2027)**. CAP is taxpayer money, consequently it is vital that everyone has an input into how the billions will be spent. It is essential that the billions of taxpayer money support our fragile ecology and biodiversity and we move away from subsidising environmentally devastating practices encouraged by CAP presently.

Firstly, we think it is widely understood that the system of direct payments that has applied in the past has very negatively impacted nature and wildlife around the country. The mechanism for this has been the system of incentives/penalties and GAEC (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition) rules which incentivise farmers to farm every scrap of land (leading to ecologically destructive practices like bull-dozing ditches/hedgerows and draining bogs).

The decline of farmland wildlife in our countryside is well documented (e.g. National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity, National Biodiversity Strategy etc ("*pressures associated with agriculture have had major impacts on land-based habitats and species, with over 70% of the number of habitats of EU interest reported to be negatively impacted by agriculture...the breeding distributions of bird species that are associated with farmland, such as the Curlew, Lapwing and Yellowhammer have declined substantially over recent decades, with Curlew on the brink of extinction according to survey work in 2015 and 2016.*")

The Dáil declared a Biodiversity Emergency in 2019 – in view of this, the language in the GAEC is monumentally out of touch (e.g. "*Is applicant failing to take appropriate measures to prevent the encroachment of invading hardwood species onto land? (Invading hardwood species included scrub, briars, gorse etc.)*")

Given what we all know now about the Climate and Biodiversity emergency that our planet faces, there is an onus on anyone with influence to do what they can to improve the situation. We urge that the following be adopted:

Subsidy Payments - farmers to be given the option of rewilding, rather than farming, their land while continuing to receive farm subsidies at the same levels. This would require scrapping of the GAEC (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition) as it currently stands. Payments under Pillar 1 should be allowed for land which is not farmed. Allowing a proportion of land to revert to meadow, scrub, woodland or wetland has carbon sink and biodiversity benefits.

Agri-environment Schemes - Research tells us (<https://research.ie/assets/uploads/2018/05/NBER-FINAL-COPY.pdf>) that Pillar 2 Agri-environment Schemes (REPS, AEOS, GLAS etc) intended to deliver biodiversity benefits have not delivered results. The vast majority of state spending under the heading of biodiversity flows through this channel and it is not acceptable that taxpayer money is spent without producing results. We urge that any payments under future schemes be (1) outcome-based with clear success metrics at farm level; (2) results are audited by people with ecological expertise.

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: REWILDING
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 11:25:14

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to request that you include rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.
Restoring ecosystems, preventing biodiversity decline and mitigating climate change are just some of the important benefits rewilding can provide.
Please include this important option!

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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To who it may concern,

I would like to ask that rewilding be included as an option for farmers.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding is essential
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 11:39:39

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To whom it may concern,

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

Rewilding is essential because it helps to stop the climate crisis, and the climate crisis is an extremely urgent and extremely serious global problem that needs to be stopped as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rewilding
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Dear madam/sir

Please include rewilding 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: Rewilding
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Hello,

I am writing to urge you to include “rewilding” be included as an option for farmers.

I was raised on a small farm [REDACTED] and I now own a small holding which would be perfect for this. Allow us to care for our countryside and heritage little bit more.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Sent on the move

From: [REDACTED]
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Hello

I ask that farmers be given an option to receive payments for re-wilding land, or leaving wild land alone. We are in a biodiversity and climate crisis. Farmers need policies that allow them to make a living from the land without needing to turn it all over to intensive agriculture. The time of knocking ancient hedges, flattening scrub, draining bogs needs to end.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Dear Sir/Madam

[REDACTED] We would ask to allow farmers to choose to rewild some of/all of their lands if they so wish and qualify for appropriate payments. Also farmers need to be paid for leaving scrubland/wetlands untouched and not cultivated. It is the only way to slow down catastrophic biodiversity loss. We need to be able to act quickly now.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rewinding to be included as options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 12:12:13

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The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural communities, and above all, for farmers themselves. This policy would give them an option to act as providers and stewards of the land and thriving habitats. Our collapsing Irish wildlife desperately needs this. So do we humans.
Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
Galway

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A chara,

I am writing to urge you to offer meaningful incentives within the CAP for farmers to protect, reinstate and rewild a portion of their land as an immediate biodiversity and climate action policy.

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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,

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From: [REDACTED]
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For many years we have seen upland fires destroy large amount of peatland habitat and emitting vast quantities of air and water pollution.
One of the main drivers of this is rules requiring farmers to have their land grazable.

This has to stop. I believe that rewilding should be an option for farmers. They should not be penalised for maintaining wild habitats on their farm.
There should even be incentives.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP Payments for Rewilding
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Hi,

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

Climate breakdown and biodiversity loss is continuing at an alarming rate and rewilding can really help to combat this.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP funding for unproductive land
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To whom it may concern,

As you finalise plans on spending so much public money from the Common Agricultural Policy, I would like state my support for allowing farmers such as those in my own family to keep land that is perceived through policy as "unproductive" and not be punished for it. The burning and draining of wilder areas is done only because payments are otherwise withheld, and are having a catastrophic effect on the landscape, contributing to mudslides and the killing off of biodiversity.

Allowing a provision for rewilding is a quick, easy, and cheap way to restore natural ecosystems, and farmers, [REDACTED] should be paid to do this.

Many thanks and best wishes for Christmas,
[REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern,

As a member of a rural community [REDACTED] I live surrounded by farmland and small farmers. I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to small farmers and communities who want to see the land farmed in a better way.

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding as part of CAP payments
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Dear Agriculture Department,

I - as well as many others - would like to see 'Rewilding' included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/Madam,


The review of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is set to cost €10BN in tax-payer money over the next decade on farmers and agricultural development.

The CAP has lent itself to much criticism over the last decade, due, in part, to its impact on Irish ecosystems and habitats, as well as its contribution to Irish greenhouse gas emissions.

An update of the CAP should give a realistic opportunity for farmers to be involved in rewilding across the country. Rewilding allows for the prevalence of healthy natural ecosystems and environments across the country. Such ecosystem restoration should include natural grasslands, peatlands, rivers & lakes.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
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Please be sure to include rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

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Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CAP & Rewilding
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Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Thank you in advance,

[REDACTED]

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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: Tuesday 7 December 2021 14:29:48

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To whom it may concern,
Please include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.
Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



Reference: Public Consultation on the Environmental Assessment of the Draft CAP Plan 2023 - 2027


Here are some observations on the proposed reduction in the average slaughter age of prime cattle for 27 months to 24 months.

In my opinion this proposal will have a hugely negative effect on the suckler herd in Ireland which has two key features, i.e. it is mainly concentrated in the West and North of the country on ground that is generally unsuitable for dairying and those involved are generally farming on small holdings in a more sustainable and environmentally friendly way.

The proposed reduction in slaughter age may be possible in some circumstances for breeds such as Herefords and Angus as they mature more quickly, but the offspring of most suckler herds i.e. Charolais, Limousin and Simmental take longer to finish and mature more slowly.

The push to lower the slaughter age of these breeds will have a few unintended consequences,

- Animals will have to be forced to an early maturity with huge quantities of meal ration, which in itself, will reduce the profitability of the enterprise.
- Destroying the image of naturally grass-fed cattle that beef farmers and Bord Bia has spent decades and millions promoting.
- Accelerating the recent decline in the suckler herd and a further shift to the dairy herd, which all acknowledge has been the main contributor to the rapid rise in all emissions, whether it be nitrates, methane or carbon. It makes no sense to suggest proposals which will further squeeze the suckler herd and encourage the switch to the dairy herd and its rapid expansion which is the real accelerator of the growth in all three main emissions.
- Putting in place a notional age limit for slaughter, plays further into the hands of beef processors. It should be noted that the existing two-tier pricing system of under/over 30 months was initially introduced as part of a BSE mitigation measure, 25 years later it has no current scientific validity or requirement, it has been hijacked by the beef processors as a supply control (and pricing) measure. The same will happen if there is a further reduction in the target age for slaughter and the beef processors will take full advantage.

My own farming system is that I'm in the lucky position to farm in an extensive (some would call it "old fashioned") way. 

[REDACTED] These animals are kept permanently outdoors at a very low stocking rate (as evidenced by an organic nitrogen rate per hectare of 21 kg/ha in 2020. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No meal is fed to the animals and no fertilizer is put on the land, which is in permanent multi-species grass, full of native flora and fauna.

The introduction of a lower slaughter age for these continental cattle would not make my system sustainable and push a narrative towards a more "factory farm" intensive system and all the associated environmental side effects, thus destroying the image of naturally grass-fed cattle grazing in fields.

Finally, there is one obvious solution which would help achieve a reduction in methane, nitrate and carbon emissions without having to push for a reduction in the overall age of slaughtered cattle. It is my opinion that a cull of the male calves of the intensive dairy herds, mainly Holstein and Jersey Cross bull calves, should be considered. These bull calves are surplus to the dairy producer and are considered uneconomic to rear and very difficult to bring to maturity without huge concentrate supplement. The removal of a target percentage of these male dairy breed calves with the reduction in overall methane, carbon and nitrate emissions over their curtailed expected life. It must be noted that these male calves are essentially uneconomic to rear as demonstrated by various Teagasc trials and programmes.

It would make more sense economically and environmentally to give a payment of perhaps €100 to cull these male calves, than to give €100 to beef finishers to try to force an early slaughter of maturing continental cattle, the offspring of the national suckler herd.

Thank you for the opportunity to make the above observations in this submission and I can confidently say that by and large, the observations reflect the views of a large number of suckler and beef finishing farmers that I have spoken with over recent months.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Subsidies/grants for rewilding
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 14:30:34

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Please, would you consider Rewilding as an option towards greening agriculture. See, for example

<https://knepp.co.uk/>

And We Are The Ark.

Rewilding is the cheapest as well as the most effective way to increase biodiversity on farms.

[REDACTED].

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'The cowman who clears his range of wolves has not learned to think like a mountain. Hence we have dustbowls and rivers washing the future into the sea.' Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*, 1949.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is my submission in relation to the CAP Strategic Plan consultation, due to close tomorrow Wed.

I feel very strongly that rewarding farmers to rewild land should be included as a strategy in CAP.

Farmers cannot afford to allow land to rewild otherwise.

Rewarding farmers to rewild would help restore fully functioning ecosystems, which ecologists are constantly warning us are being dangerously depleted.

For ecological, psychological, physical and indeed existential reasons, Ireland urgently needs to restore the natural world.

To enable this, please consider including paying farmers to rewild some of the land as a strategy in the CAP.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027
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Prior to 2006 Farmers received SFP based on the milk and meat they supplied to Processors. This was the basis for calculation of the current BPS Scheme. In 2006 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I believe that this issue should be addressed and that those Farmers who were forced to Lease due to the absence of Land Rental agreements should have their Payment restored to the amount they obtained on the land they farmed prior to Renting/Leasing .

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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027
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Dear Sir/Madm,

As a concerned citizen, 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 level.

The benefits of such a policy change would be enormous for wildlife and the climate.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding
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Dear Sir/Madame.

Could I please ask that rewilding be considered as an option for farmers.

It is vital to stop destructive practices receiving subsidies.

Thank you.

Yours.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding Recognised Officially as Government Policy
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A chara,

I am writing to urge you to offer meaningful incentives within the CAP for farmers to protect, reinstate and rewild a portion of their land as an immediate biodiversity and climate action policy.

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.

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

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rewilding needs to be incentivized in CAP reforms
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To those it concerns,

We all know that we are in the middle of a biodiversity crisis, which is just as important as the climate crisis. The main difference is that we don't fully understand yet the huge damage that is occurring through the loss of so many birds, animals and invertebrates - but it will affect pollination, natural pest control and soil quality. We know that habitat loss and pesticide use is driving this. Many hard working farmers are trying hard to restore the balance through rewilding of marginal lands, improving hedgerows and allowing wetlands and meadows to thrive, as well as adopting less intensive farming techniques, planting native woodlands, rewetting bog land and using alternative methods of clearing scrub than using fire. Yet, many of these farmers are penalised rather than rewarded for their efforts. Please, please ensure CAP incentives these farmers to rewild their land, grow more hedgerows, protect our peatlands, grow more native species, reduce burning of our hills and promote less intensive farming methods. Time is running out for our land and the creatures that live on it and we are jeopardizing our food security by not rewarding farming actions that protect the environment.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rewilding being added to options for farmers
Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 14:48:42

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wanted to voice my support for farmers to have the option to receive payments for rewilding. It would provide them with a financially viable way to both reduce their carbon footprint and provide shelter for Ireland's many endangered native species. This is something I care very strongly about, and I would love to see it as a part of cap payments for this year.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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

Rewinding is such an important part of restoring biodiversity in our landscape and we need to reward and compensate Farmers and aid with the right consultation resources to do this. Please make this a no1 priority in the CAP strategic plan

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy
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To whom it may concern,

As a member of a rural community [REDACTED] I live surrounded by farmland and small farmers. I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027).

As the government is finalising plans on how it will spend nearly €10 billion in public money over the rest of this decade, I hope that you will listen to small farmers and communities who want to see the land farmed in a better way.

This is an incredible - 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 have seen no evidence in our community that the CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY is being treated as such.

This opportunity to change policy and introduce rewilding in Ireland should not be missed!

We don't 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.

The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural communities, and above all, for farmers themselves. This policy would give them an option to act as providers and stewards of the land and thriving habitats. Our collapsing Irish wildlife desperately needs this. So do we humans.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]