

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Requesting support for rewilding projects  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 14:56:41

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in relation to Irelands CAP strategic plan for 2023-2027.

This is a wonderful initiative, but may I please urge you include **rewilding** as an option amongst the funding options? Rewilding projects could improve local biodiversity, tourism, and longer-term stability and savings, so it is my firm belief that those who seek to take on these key projects get the financial support to do so.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Bray, Co. Wicklow

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding in CAP reform  
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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.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.  
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To whom it may concern,  
I am very interested in our natural heritage, natural ecosystems and 'rewilding' in Ireland therefore I am asking that we start to repair much of the damage of the past few hundred years and as part of this repair action -'rewilding' be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Is mise le meas,

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Save our Spark. Help secure essential state funding.  
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To Whom It May Concern,

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

Kind regards,

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Hello,

I am a concerned citizen. Our country is a severe ecological decline due to a myriad of factors. Perhaps the leading cause is our intensive animal agriculture export industry. Given we are in a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency, as declared by the State in May 2019, and to fulfil our internationally-agreed environmental obligations, it is imperative that we act to ameliorate this.

Many farmers are willing to change but they cannot afford to. Successful government policies have encouraged the degradation of our rural landscape to meet stoked up international demand for animal products. It is time the state began to support farmers' efforts to do the right thing. We need to change course, and commence a large scale rewilding of our countryside. Farmers need financial incentives and I urge your department to give consideration to this.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 15:09:59

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Dear Sir / Madam

Now is the time include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

From a concerned mother of three

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Response to CAP Strategic Plan consultation  
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Good Afternoon,

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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.

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Thank you for considering my submission.

I would be grateful if [REDACTED] could also acknowledge receipt. [REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely,





**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Ireland rewilding  
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Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP payments to farmers  
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Kind regards

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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To whom it may concern,

In planning for Irish agriculture and how it is subsidised over the coming years, I urge the department of agriculture to rethink how it supports mountain farming in Ireland, particularly mountain sheep farming through CAP.

This sector is largely populated by part-time farmers who use the grants for mountain sheep farming to subsidise their incomes.

This kind of agriculture is a relatively new development in Ireland (only since the famine) and is incredibly destructive to our mountain biodiversity. It is also a deterrent to recreation and tourism because many farmers discourage hill walkers and sight-seers from accessing the mountains and the barbed wire fences they erect can be dangerous to anyone who encounters them.

On a national perspective, surely it makes a lot more sense to remove subsidies for sheep in the mountains and instead subsidise land owners to maintain walkways for tourists and to control invasive plants like rhododendron ponticum. Alternatively (or additionally) cattle could be grazed on the mountains instead of sheep, as was our tradition for thousands of years. This would promote biodiversity because cattle feed in a less impactful way than sheep, and in the areas where cattle cannot reach re-wilding would happen naturally. A move like this could also give badly needed green credentials to our beef industry. A scheme like Burren Life could be used as a template to roll out across the uplands nationally.

In any case, if the sheep are removed from our mountains, our biodiversity will benefit. Carbon sequestration would also happen naturally and could help us avoid further penalties for failing to meet our international climate commitments. Tourism would benefit by expanding access to an underutilised attraction. Farmers' bottom line could be maintained by adjusting supports and subsidies to promote the new approach.

I struggle to see a loser in this scenario.

I hope you give some consideration to this approach in your future planning.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

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

I would ask that rewilding be included in Ireland's draft CAP strategic plan 2023 to 2027.

For farmers receiving CAP payments this is by far the quickest and most cost effective way of addressing the serious problem of biodiversity loss and also the climate crisis.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** ReWilding  
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Hello,

Please include an option for rewilding as an option for farmers who receive the CAP Payment. Rewilding is the most basic , necessary and extremely supportive action farmers can take at this time. It should be a key component of any CAP Payment.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**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.

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Please make rewilding a valid option for the farmers in receipt of Cap payments, its a solid investment and something you'll appreciate decade's from now

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy  
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I would like to make a submission on farm payments under the next phase of the Common Agricultural Policy.

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 and 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.

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]





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A Chara,

I am writing to you to request that you please include in the new CAP Strategic Plan for farmers to be allowed the option to rewild their land while still receiving payment. We all know that farmers must be part of the solution for how Ireland will address its climate strategies if they are to be successful. Please make serious consideration of this option. We need some hope and good news on biodiversity and climate!!!

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Dear All,

In order to protect the livelihoods of all farmers, now and in the future, 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.

Doing so will improve productivity and prices for other farmers, while reducing their need for pesticides and fertilisers.

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

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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Hello,

As an ecologically concerned Irish citizen,

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

This is the quickest easiest cheapest way to restore natural ecosystems. France and Germany each have 35% forest cover. In Ireland, that figure is a miserable 10%.

Rewilding is therefore urgently needed in Ireland to combat climate change.

Please also rewild the Gearagh in Cork which is the remains of the only ancient post alluvial forest in western Europe. This would have the added cost effective benefit of slowing floodwaters reaching downstream in Cork city.

Thanks

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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). My interest is simply as an engaged citizen, [REDACTED] who recognises the value of the natural world for the well being of our citizens. 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 key stakeholders - from individuals like myself to small farmers and communities who want to see the land farmed in an improved high nature value way. This represents a once in a generation opportunity for fostering high nature value practices and abandoning established detrimental practices. I would urge those negotiating to consider practices such as 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. Together with active rehabilitation of certain ecological habitats it can enable restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests. Marginal land should be allowed to naturally grow and farmers should not be negatively incentivised to clear scrub. Farmers, the stewards and custodians of the land, should be paid for benefitting nature, not simple the possibility of food production to the detriment of nature.

Ireland declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, yet we have seen little evidence in our communities that the climate and biodiversity is being treated with the urgency it requires. This opportunity to change policy on farming practices in Ireland should not be missed.

The benefits of such a policy shift 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, and our struggling farmers and stressed citizens need this.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Thank you.

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Regards,

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To Whom it may concern,

I am very concerned with the way land use and agriculture are greatly diminishing biodiversity, polluting our water and air and making a significant contribution to climate change.

It was good to read in the draft CAP Strategic Plan of the Eco-Scheme under Pillar 1. I note that "*the aim of this intervention is to provide additional direct income support to farmers for **undertaking actions beneficial to the climate, environment and biodiversity***". It therefore strikes me as odd that practice number 2, Extensive Livestock Production, "*will promote traditional grassland farming practices **at extensive stocking rates***". Even when all remedial measures are taken (such as diverse diet (sward containing many species, seaweed and tree branches) for cattle and cows, anaerobic fermentation, trees at the margins of fields, and keeping livestock outdoors where urine and faeces do not mix), high stocking rates are unsustainable.

Some farmers and landowners are already playing a key role in reversing biodiversity loss and the growth in unsustainable practices. Others find themselves unable to do so because they cannot access the funds which would make that possible. One way of helping them to do this would be to support them in leaving areas to revert to a more natural ecosystem. For example, allowing an area to revert to woodland without the planting of trees results in greater Biodiversity and carbon sequestration.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** CAP Rewilding Subsidies  
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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. I urge you to take a look at ELMS and see how a similar programme could be applied in Ireland under CAP.

Thank you for considering my submission.

I would be grateful if [REDACTED] could also acknowledge receipt. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 16:09:27

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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:** Allowing CAP payments to cover rewilding  
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Dear reader,

I am writing to urge the Department of Agriculture to offer meaningful incentives for farmers to rewild areas of their land within the Common Agricultural Policy.

Rewilding is a quick and easy approach to restore functioning eco-systems addressing the climate crisis and the biodiversity crisis in tandem. This could be particularly applicable to peatland areas and river flood plains.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Good Afternoon,

I hope you are keeping well.

I am writing to you to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) payments as part of Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan

In order to support farmland birds, it will also be very important to provide a minimum 10% space for nature on all farms and payment for hedgerow quality in agri-environmental schemes.

Biodiversity losses in Ireland are compromising Ireland's resilience to climate change and if they continue, we are facing ecological collapse. All of society, not just the farming community, must make significant changes to how we live and I very much support initiatives that reward and support farmers for protecting our ecosystem services.

With best wishes and take care,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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Dear Sirs.

I would like to support the draft to Include Rewilding the new CAP.

With kindest regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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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 acknowledged 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]

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Hi,

I believe the CAP scheme needs to address the biodiversity and climate crisis.

I think it is crucial that we face up to these issues- the public are more informed and more educated and we now expect this to be reflected in every government department especially the Department of Agriculture and schemes like CAP.

I would like to see the option of rewilding introduced to the CAP Strategic plans- I think it would be amazing if Ireland could become world leaders in this.

We need more incentives to encourage the protection of our peatlands and native forests before it is too late.

Thanks for reading my submission I really hope it can make a difference.  
Good luck with this consultation,

[REDACTED],  
Mayo.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding needs to be part of the new CAP deal!  
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Hi guys,

I would like to add my voice to the growing number of Irish people, who want to see meaningful and sustainable 'rewilding' initiatives included in the new CAP deal. Farmers need to be incentivised to help restore our lost biodiversity. This must include the restoration of our native hedgerow network and bogs, as well as the planting of Irish native woodland, with the option of natural regeneration where appropriate. There needs to be far less grazing pressure, in order to give our landscape a chance to heal.

This is a golden opportunity to start doing things right and I urge you, to PLEASE make sure, that this opportunity is not going to be missed!

Many thanks and kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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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. It saddens me to see the continuing loss of habitat for our wildlife, and yet farmers appear to be stuck in a system that is not what we need to improve the biodiversity of our country for the future. Even if they want to help, they seem to be unable to afford to do so.

Any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated by so many.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Prioritise tackling Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss in CAP  
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Dear Minister,

The Common Agricultural Policy can be hugely important in the battle against climate change and biodiversity loss.

Providing grants to facilitate rewilding and natural regeneration will be a huge step in the right direction. It needs to be financially viable to farm in a way that is beneficial for the environment.

This would be a lifeline for diminishing flora and fauna, help slow down climate change, and assist rural communities as well as the farming community.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]

**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.

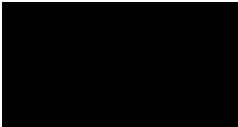
Thank you.

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07/12/2021



CAP Rural Development Division,  
Agriculture House,  
Kildare Street,  
D02 WK12.

**RE: draft interventions for CAP Strategic Plan**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The review of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in Ireland stands to cost €10,000,000,000 in tax-payer money over the next decade for farming and agricultural development.

The greatest criticism of the CAP since its inception has been to the promotion of environmentally damaging practices to increase productivity, at the cost of our common natural and environmental heritage, as well as fuelling the current climate emergency.

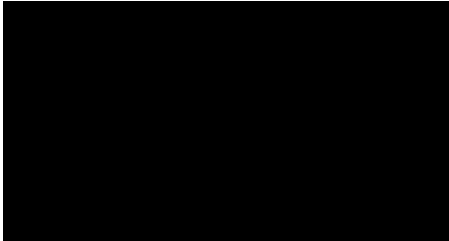

As one of many ecologists who constantly battles human-induced damage on our ecosystems, I can still envision enthusiastically a CAP with a higher regard for our environment, and with that rising tide brings along communities and agriculturalists.

The CAP review should highlight Ireland's unstable dependency on animal agriculture and exports of same, from which a landscape homogeneity has developed onto which nature cannot grasp. This is drastically apparent looking at the indicator species such as once common birds. Upon highlighting this, it should seek to rectify this by incentivising a broader and more diverse range of farming practices.

An updated CAP should provide realistic opportunities for farmers and landowners to undertake ecological restoration and rewilding. A gradient of rewilding ambition will provide a starkly more ecological, biodiverse, multi-use landscape that can provide nature-conscious food and nature itself as a public good.

Subsidies are a huge driver in attitude and behavioural change for the agricultural sector. They are our greatest hope at giving nature back a few inches every year, eventually recouping the many miles we have taken from her. Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Warm regards,

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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To whom it may concern,

I would strongly support the inclusion of rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. It's such a fantastic opportunity to restore some of our native habitats and ecosystems, and would surely help as part of our national response to the climate crisis.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP Review,  
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Dear Minister,

I have reviewed the strategic plan for the revised CAP policy for coming years.

It is of note that farmers who choose to rewild some or all of their lands are not entitled to include such areas in draw down of cap payments.

Our world is experiencing a climate and biodiversity crises and, farmers are being targeted by many groups however you are excluding those farmers who seek to fight the crises by rewilding.

Rewilding is an important part of restoring certain eco systems in our county

I would ask therefore that you reconsider this position and include such projects in CAP payments

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/Madam,

[REDACTED] This is my submission to the CAP Strategic Plan consultation. I am urgently requesting that the government provide ample financial support for farmers to rewild significant portions of their lands, especially if their farms include peat bogs, rivers, or fragments of native woodlands.

The Irish government recognised a biodiversity crisis back in 2019, but little action has been taken to combat it. There is a perception in Irish society that the natural world is standing in the way of Irish prosperity, development, and happiness. Nothing could be further than the truth. Many of the problems we deal with today - climate change, flooding in cities, high levels of asthma, depression - stem from the chronic destruction of nature since the sixteenth century.

Farmers could be the first responders to this crisis. Many farmers, especially those in the west and in upland areas, are saddled with land which does not respond well to mainstream agricultural techniques. These farmers are some of the poorest in the country, and they are almost entirely subsidised by the taxpayer. Their land could provide much greater value for them and the public if it were managed for nature, offering flood prevention, carbon sequestration, clean water, biodiversity safety nets, and public amenities. I believe that these farmers would find farming for nature very attractive if given proper support. In addition, farmers on more profitable land could reduce their pollution levels by rewilding, which would make our rivers and coastlines much cleaner and safer.

Rewilding is one of the cheapest and most effective ways to reverse the extinction and climate crises. I firmly believe that the CAP Strategic Plan should reflect that. If rewilding schemes were implemented, it could transform our relationship with nature and hugely improve multiple facets of our lives, from our mental health to our standard of living.

Thank you very much for reading, and I hope you will take my request into consideration.

Kindest regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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Ireland should go beyond the 25% of direct payments to be allocated to eco-schemes and rewilding should be included for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

In addition there should be provision for farmers to receive a bonus for engaging/providing land for LEADER or Local Authority projects such as walking trails or offroad Greenway connection trails

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Pay farmers for re wilding land as part of revised CAP  
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Dear Minister

This CAP will be critical in many ways in terms of climate change and biodiversity loss.

I appeal to you to give farmers the option of being paid to re-wild their land, rather than farm it.

This would be a lifeline for diminishing flora and fauna, help slow down climate change, and assist rural communities as well as the farming community.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Third Space Galway](#)  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Re submission to CAP Strategic Plan  
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A chairde,

Please see here a number of points in my submission to the current CAP Strategic Plan which I would greatly appreciate to be included in final Plan for Ireland in the coming years

1. As a matter of urgency CAP must support the transition to Regenerative Agriculture practices, incorporating organic practices and protecting biodiversity
2. Farmers need to be supported with financial incentives and education to transition to regenerative agricultural practices and switch to organic and farming from which nature benefits ie protecting soil, water, trees, hedgerows, wildlife, scrubland areas and peatlands.
3. Farmers need to be paid for their efforts at protecting the natural habitats and encouraged and supported financially to keep and enhance native hedgerows and native woodlands
- 4 Rewilding needs also to be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP Payments.
5. CAP payments need to be reflective off the priority to maximise environmental protection and sustainable regenerative farming practices, engaging organic and no till / no dig, permaculture principles and practices to protect soil, water, native woodland, sequestrating carbon, protecting and enhancing habitats for wildlife etc and renewable energy use and production
6. CAP payments and priority schemes need to support small holders and food producers for within their local areas and not just export markets
7. CAP payments and scheme priorities need to support Community Agriculture, including more cooperatives, community land trusts and women farmers
8. CAP schemes and payments need to incorporate a social and community dimension and support the development of educational and demonstration regenerative farms and projects such as the International Permaculture LAND projects

Many thanks

Kindest regards  
Third Space Galway Team

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I am a farmer and would like to see Rewilding included as an option under the next strategic plan.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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Hi,

Can farmers please be given the option and relevant payment to rewind their own land.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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To everyone who this will eventually concern.

We, the human race are killing our planet and all living creatures and plants on it.

The planet is trying to warn us with floods, fire, storms, drought etc.

of disasteriur outcomes if we continue our present procedures.

I strongly believe rewilding is a very important first step in helping our planet, our home, to recover.

Our farmers should be paid to do this through the CAP system and not punish them to do so.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]



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Hello,

I would be grateful if you could include REWILDING in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments?

Many thanks in advance,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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CAP Rural Development Division,  
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,  
Agriculture House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.  
D02 WK12

**Ref: Public Consultation on the Environmental Assessment of the draft CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027**

A Chara,

[REDACTED] whilst doing our best to increase biodiverse habitat in a balanced manner across the whole farm. We are living in a Government-declared Climate Emergency and a parallel Biodiversity Emergency where the very future of farming and food production in Ireland depends on restoring the natural balance that we have lost to intensive production practices.

[REDACTED] We would hope that these actions will provide increasing scope for the return of the plant and insect species on our farm that we have lost over years of heavily reseeded and fertilized rye grass monoculture.

[REDACTED] e are clearly considered to be following bad farming practice in attempting in our small way to restore some of the biodiversity we have lost.

This is daft - you could not explain to a Martian whereby conservation, upon which the future of humanity depends, is actively discouraged if not prohibited, by agricultural policy. Please consider all of our futures in the policies that emerge from this consultation by removing obstacles such as the penalisation I have referred to above.

We aren't looking for handouts and grants – but we also don't need penalties for trying to do the right thing.

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Thank you

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Hello,

I am emailing in regards to the new policy concerning CAP to ask that rewinding be included in the options for farmers that receive CAP.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding as an option  
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This is to state that I feel that Irish farmers should have the option of rewilding their land when in receipt of CAP payments to reduce biodiversity loss and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Regards [REDACTED]

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Hello

Please include the option of rewilding in the reforming of CAP for farmers.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

07/12/2021

To Whom it Concerns,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I see first-hand the destructive impacts of farming on the environment, but also the potential to reverse farmland biodiversity decline, and would therefore like to make this contribution to the public consultation.

Firstly, I somewhat agree with: General Objective 1: Foster a smart, resilient and diversified agricultural sector ensuring food security. If farming in Europe must continued to be subsidised rather than consumers paying for 'the real price of food' then their taxes should go towards fuelling a sustainable agricultural model for its people and landscape. [REDACTED] I welcome actions that would allow an integration of supports for new entrants with an innovative approach to land use to meet societal demands, that is, producing healthy food that is climate neutral and chemical free while making the countryside a beautiful place to live and work. Many people would love to be food producers but have no access to land, while organic and sustainable farming is under researched. People like me starting off a small scale growing project would benefit from small grants but I am not aware of these. New farming entrants who want to continue the current model of intensive chemically reliant agriculture have far more support despite the need to diversify. A land scheme of some sorts to welcome new ecologically minded farmers would be a revolution in Irish farming and would allow people to move back to the countryside where countless old farmhouses are abandoned. Food security can be locally driven, as can environmental initiatives on farms. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I can't keep up with demand. This is a vacant niche waiting to be filled if only the support was there.

Though the report refers to collaborative farming, I believe that this may only encourage big farms to get bigger and adopt a more industrial farming approach rather than ecological. As in my aforementioned point, a collaborative farming should support innovative sustainable farming that benefits communities and

biodiversity. My direct observation from my area is that farmers that have combined their land holdings have actually removed even more on-farm habitat; the sound of rock-breakers is relentless, hedgerows scraped away, new pathways for cows, increases in livestock and more pollution. I would rather see farmers collaborate via environmental projects akin to the EIP-AGRI projects. At least these could be effective on a landscape level rather than GLAS. CAP needs to think beyond individual farm holdings, nature needs far more space. The effectiveness of GLAS schemes at improving farmland biodiversity are rarely quantifiable. Locally driven projects could be but need to be more ambitious, again, at a landscape level. I believe that certain GLAS scheme measures are highly flawed, such as the promotion of chemically treated seeds to grow oats for birds, the need to plough up grassland every five years to meet requirements of a rotation, and buffer/riparian strips only 1-2m wide along water bodies, not scientifically shown to do anything useful, a waste of taxpayers money.

Agri-environmental schemes are too voluntary. They alone will never do enough to stop the decline of pollinators for instance. The Pillar 1 'Ecoscheme' seems a trivial response to a biodiversity crisis, far too optional and will not include enough land, it's simply cutting corners, corners of fields. Why is 7% seen as an effective amount of land to make 'space for nature'? What scientific basis is there for this? Already I can see our dairy farm qualifying for this without any new contribution to increasing on-farm biodiversity. In addition, some of these eligible features may be in a degraded state (historically impacted by nitrogen deposition, pesticide drift) and of limited value to nature, is this assessed? The planting of native trees measure is welcomed but it is important that trees are of local provenance/ genetics and not imported.

I also welcome the 'Protein Aid' objective. Our animal feed is irresponsibly and shamefully produced by relying on imports of palm oil and soya in particular, likely contributing to tropical deforestation. Thus, I propose more research into legume crops in Ireland as a replacement, and be used as part of low/no-till crop rotations to decrease a reliance on artificial fertiliser and make use of N-fixing legumes. Indeed, artificial fertilisers have become so expensive that already we need urgent action to move away from them to multi-species pastures and reduced stocking rates. In turn this would reduce Irish agriculture's GHG emissions, pollution and promote healthier soils.

The environmental impacts of agriculture are well documented and highlighted in the report but the measures to reverse species decline and improve relevant environmental parameters such as water quality are grossly inadequate. I take as an example upland farming, seeing as this land area has the most potential for positive change on a large scale considering that many species are clinging onto semi-natural habitats that just about persist there. I disagree with the term and continued support for 'Areas of Natural Constraint' (ANCs), as these areas arguably could support high levels of biodiversity in the absence of farming or at least a major reduction in grazing pressure. I disagree with the continued subsidies to keep inefficient farming practices alive, i.e sheep farming, where the value of the land for tackling biodiversity loss, climate change and flood mitigation far outweighs outdated farming values that the CAP fuels. I do not wish to see rural communities in these areas abandoned but rather given a new sense of purpose to contribute to how land is used for positive change. Rather than

supporting the current model, new measures like rewilding, native woodland regeneration, and protection of threatened species such as Curlew should be rewarded. The economic gain from agri-tourism would be one advantage from this step to these communities.

I love the Irish countryside, or what it could be, but cannot nearly express in words how deeply saddened I am by the threats to my home and natural heritage. CAP dictates much of the ecological destruction I have witnessed in my lifetime, and regrettably, it's only getting worse.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Hedgerow quality and management- incorporate into the CAP framework  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 17:41:08

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To whom it may concern,

Hedgerow quality and management needs to be incorporated into the CAP framework!

**PROPOSAL FOR GOOD MANAGEMENT OF EXISTING HEDGEROWS IN NEW PAYMENT SCHEMES: HUGE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP REVERSE BIODIVERSITY DECLINE AND SEQUESTER AND STORE CARBON**

**Good quality** hedgerows have the potential to provide a massive contribution to climate and biodiversity services, yet while hedgerows are referenced under GAEC8 ( 'non productive features'), hedgerow **quality and management are not included** in the new CAP schemes as currently proposed. There is only mention of avoiding cutting in nesting season. We have c.700,000 kilometres of hedgerow in Ireland. But only one third of these are in 'good' condition. Carbon sequestration and biodiversity values are directly related to width, height and biomass of hedgerows for example. So there is huge potential to increase the contribution of both existing and new hedgerows towards our targets.

- We recommend that this omission is remedied by a simple, easy to administer measure included in Pillar 1 Eco Scheme Proposed Agricultural Practices. 'Non productive Areas and Landscape Features' **This would have high take up and thus big impact.** (We take issue with the proposed 'opt out' clause for this scheme though in practice this won't present difficulties as it will be a popular measure with landowners.)
- More advanced measures to improve quality and size should be adopted in Pillar 2 Agri Environmental Schemes (informed by the REAPS pilot scheme in due course) under 'boundary actions'. The current recommendations only refer to coppicing and hedgelaying actions with **no measure** of quality: **implemented poorly these management actions can be counterproductive to achieving goals.**

So we propose the following **additions** to the draft proposals:

Pillar 1, Eco scheme, Option 1 ('Non productive areas and landscape features'.)

*Existing hedgerows to be retained, and maintained with either side cutting only, or no cutting of internal/non roadside boundaries. Minimum height 2m.*

Pillar 2 AECM (Agri Environmental Climate Measures) Tier 3 'Boundary Actions'

*Results based payments for hedgerows using recognized measures of quality (height, width, species, diversity etc.)*

Encouraging farmers to improve their hedgerow is a necessity - helps biodiversity, reduces carbon, prevents flooding.

Kind thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding Recognised Officially as Government Policy  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 17:36:36

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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]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Rewilding subsidies in CAP  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 17:48:05

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To whom it may concern,

As a rural constituent, I see enormous benefits to our farmers, rural community and our biodiversity if farmers are offered equal support under CAP to rewild their lands should they choose.

This will not only speak to our farmers desire to steward the land but will help us meet our ambitious climate and biodiversity goals.

I believe supporting this initiative will be of enormous benefit to our community.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

Basic farm payments for eligible land which were central to previous CAP schemes - were arguably responsible for wiping out many areas of marginal high nature value land on farms in Ireland.

Ponds and wetlands were drained, hedgerows and areas of scrub were cleared. Every year we are still suffering the devastation of wildfires on our uplands as farmers try to maintain eligibility for payments. The cumulative impact of all of this has been devastating for much of our wildlife - especially ground nesting birds.

I'm asking you in this next CAP scheme to reverse some of that damage by simply including the option of allowing farmers to receive payments for rewilding some of their land - to allow for regeneration of scrub, hedgerows and wetlands - which are critical habitats for many of our mammals, birds and pollinating insects.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding Payments under the CAP  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to ask that farmers be afforded the option of being paid subsidies on the same basis as other farmers covered by CAP if they choose to rewild their land. It is essential that this be done to mitigate existential crisis accelerating biodiversity loss, climate change and environmental destruction partially caused by many farm practices currently funded by citizens of the European Union.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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Thank you.

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Dear sir/madam,

Please consider giving farmers the option to rewild while continuing to receive farm subsidies as I believe many now would.

At a time of biodiversity crisis, need for increased carbon sequestration increased flooding etc, hedgerow and increased tree cover is vital now more than ever.

We are blessed here in Ireland to still have fragments of our ancient temperate rainforests, allowing these to develop in a strategic way would be hugely beneficial to our need to address the issues stated above as well as creating employment in there creation and in tourism in the future as well as leaving a lasting legacy for the generations to come.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

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Yours,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP Strategic Plan - Rewilding  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 18:00:30

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To whom it may concern,

I hope you are all safe during this stormy weather. I wanted to write and ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments as part of the upcoming CAP Strategic Plan.

I believe rewilding should be a priority for future farming and to promote environmentally-friendly and sustainable farming behaviour, it would be a proactive idea to incentivise rewilding.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

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

For too many years we have seen upland fires destroy swathes of peatland here in Ireland emitting vast quantities of air and water pollution.

One of the main drivers for this has been rules requiring farmers to have their land in grazable condition. In other words they have been penalised for having scrub and native trees on their land. This has to stop!

Rewilding must be an option for farmers so they are incentivised to plant and maintain native species. They should not be penalised for having wildlife habitats on their farm!

This must be included in our compliance with CAP objectives pertaining to environmental challenges.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

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

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Rewilding  
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Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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To whom it concerns:

Please include rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments so that they can choose to manage their land this way if they want. It's vitally important for biodiversity and for the health of our ecosystems into the future.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Submission to CAP Strategic Plan  
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A chairde,

Please see here a number of points in my submission to the current CAP Strategic Plan which I would greatly appreciate to be included in final Plan for Ireland in the coming years

1. As a matter of urgency CAP must support the transition to Regenerative AgriCulture practices, reducing emissions, carbon sequestration incorporating, organic practices, tree planting, and protecting our native habitats, water and biodiversity and Supporting farmers to transition to renewable energy
2. Farmers need to be supported with financial incentives and education to transition to regenerative agricultural practices and switch to organic and farming from which nature benefits ie protecting soil, water, trees, hedgerows, wildlife, srubland areas and peatlands.
3. Farmers need to be paid for their efforts at protecting the natural habitats and encouraged and supported financially to keep and enhance native hedgerows and native woodlands
- 4 Rewilding needs also to be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP Payments.
5. CAP payments need to be reflective off the priority to maximise environmental protection and sustainable regenerative farming practices, engaging organic and no till / no dig, Agroforestry, permaculture principles and practices to protect soil, water, native woodland, sequestrting carbon, protecting and enhancing habitats for wildlife etc and renewable energy use and production
6. CAP payments and priority schemes need to support small holders and food producers for within their local areas and not just export markets
7. CAP payments and scheme priorities need to support Community Agriculture, including more cooperatives, community land trusts and women farmers
8. CAP schemes and payments need to support farmers where they wish to incorporate a social and community dimension
9. Support farmers to find natural solutions and alternative to imported inputs such as nitrogen, live stock soy based or other gmo processed food stuff, and fossil fuels,
10. Support farmers to supply and source only organic and environmentally friendly produce farm inputs
11. Support farmers to diversify to producing alternative crops such as Hemp, flax etc which can supply the local and national market for alternative products to plastics, fossil fuels, etc
12. CAP needs to support the development of educational and demonstration regenerative farms and projects such as the International Permaculture LAND projects around Ireland, with a One Planet Living and Development framework
13. CAP needs to allow flexibility to enable the farmer learn new ways to adapt to climate change conditions and local needs
14. CAP schemes need to support funding for collaborative farming learning networks across the country, where on site learning can take place and farmers can reconnect with their communities, acting as Stewarts of the land and local food, fuel and fiber producers

15. CAP schemes needs to support farmers to learn about and enhance their living ecosystems, the inherent interconnection and interdependence within the web of life, including earth air water, recent soil science etc necessary to sustain all of life

Many thanks for your time

Kindest regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Include rewilding  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request the inclusion of rewilding in the CAP strategic plan. Biodiversity matters to the quality of the land and soil, and should be encouraged where appropriate. The current incentives encourage habitat destruction.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP reform  
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I want to communicate my support for CAP funds to be used for appropriate rewilding projects, especially in areas where the net output (including costs of subsidies and administration ) in food value is negative or close to nothing.

sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Farmers option for Rewilding.  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 18:27:19

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Please place Biodiversity and ecosystem conservation as a vital part of receiving the CAP - farmers must be encouraged in rewilding and conserving the land of Ireland.  
Irish taxpayers pay a fortune into the CAP and in these critical times they must have a strong voice in expressing the crucial importance of land restoration.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Rewilding as an option for farmers  
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To whom it concerns,

Rewilding must be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

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

I am emailing to ask that farmers be given the option of being paid equally to rewild their land, if they so choose.

Farmers shouldn't be punished financially for doing the right thing by allowing woodland, hedgerows, marsh, bog and wetlands to rewild. This is exactly what is needed to help preserve biodiversity and capture carbon at no cost.

Furthermore, allowing sheep to graze freely is devastating to biodiversity and destroys any hope of natural, native woodlands restoring themselves.

Please change your policies to encourage farmers to rewild and to not punish, but instead incentivise more farmers to take this approach.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Submission  
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Good evening,

I am emailing in relation to the consultation on the CAP strategic plan to request that the the strategic plan should include an option for farmers to be paid equally to rewild their land, should they so choose to do. Rewilding is a key aspect of actions against climate change and a vital part of saving and restoring our biodiversity. [REDACTED] in my lifetime I've seen the loss of the flocks of curlews, oyster catchers and other wading birds from the coves of West Cork, [REDACTED]. Rewilding can help to save Ireland's fragile ecosystems. This is a low-cost strategy with quick outcomes and the potential to generate good news stories and positive press and to set an example for our neighbours in other European countries.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payment  
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Hello,

I would like to support rewilding being included as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. Rewilding is crucial for promoting biodiversity, developing carbon sinks and future-proofing land use for farmers by developing what undoubtedly will become an environmental asset. Rewilded land will be more resilient in the face of floods and wildfires.

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[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Hi there,

There are a couple of requests I have, to be included as part of the aforementioned plan.

- > Rewilding - I ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.
- > Peatlands - I ask that the conservation and restoration of peatlands is one of the main priorities under this plan.
- > Rivers - I ask that there be regulation to the use of glyphosate on fields that are next to rivers/ water courses. e.g. clearly defined buffer zones need to be demonstrated. I also ask that free flowing rivers are a priority under this plan.

I hope that my requests will be duly noted and considered.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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

Our declining biodiversity, water and air pollution in this state (Republic of Ireland), really demand an appropriate and immediate response.

We need to reward farmers for doing the right thing by way of rewilding and increasing biodiversity on farms.

At present, subsidies and incentives are all too often rewarding the continued depletion of the living world.

We are in a biodiversity crisis, so let's act accordingly.

Farmers will do the right thing if rewarded.

Reform CAP now. Let's be ambitious; the system is broken, let's fix it!

Your sincerely.

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

I would like to see an official rewilding strategy included in the CAP Strategic Plan.

Le meas,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding Recognised Officially as Government Policy  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 18:55:03

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Thank you.  
Best regards

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Re -Wilding option  
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As a concerned climate activist, I beg you to include the option of rewinding for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

It is essential that farmers do not feel threatened by the need to adjust to climate change .. There need to be farmer-friendly choices and a JUST TRANSITION.

[REDACTED]  
Member of SAGE, Shankill Action for a Green Earth.

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To whom it concerns, please see my submission below.

## CAP Strategic Plan Submission

A Tillage Hectare produces half a Tonne of Co2 eqv. per year.

7th December 2021

### Key points

- 1 Max 85% Convergence.
- 2 Minimum CRISS
- 3 GAEC 7 to stay as crop diversification
- 4 GAEC 8 to ensure same values as previous CAP with added areas
- 5 Break crop at 16% of claimed area for extended diversification Eco scheme. Needs to include more crops also.
- 6 Reduced Nitrogen Eco Scheme for tillage farmers.
- 7 Tillage specific scheme under Pillar II AECM.
- 8 Carbon Ownership must be defined.
- 9 €66,000 limit needs clarity re owned/ leased in situations

Irish Tillage has an output of €1.3 billion from just 7% of the land base with 11 thousand jobs linked to the sector. Our GHG emissions are extremely low (0.5t/Ha Co2 eqv) and any increase in the tillage area will help meet the Ag sector's Absolute Emissions targets yet we find ourselves under the potential constraints of a new CAP Reform. The CAP deals to date have failed the Irish Tillage Farmer and the proof of that is the severe loss of tillage land over those years. Some of the current proposals, such as Convergence and CRISS have the potential to do the opposite of what this CAP is aiming to achieve, such as Targeting the active farmer, aiding biodiversity and reducing climate change.

Further comments :

1.

**Convergence.** This will be the biggest threat to the future of the full time active tillage farmer. The vast majority of farmers are relying on their BPS for the bulk of their income. At present, with the current structures, farmers would potentially be financially better off

leasing their land. This will happen further with convergence. Farmers will leave full time farming pushing more farmers into "armchair farming" or part-time farming whilst creating fewer, much larger farms. The tillage sector will be worst hit by this. Tillage farmers will be taking a further convergence hit under eco schemes as they will have contributed more and getting paid the same amount per hectare with more conditions and regulations to jump through. I insist on a maximum 85% convergence, but there also needs to be a way under Pillar 2 to target monies at the tillage sector to counteract the negative impact of convergence on tillage farms with a tillage specific scheme.

2.

**GAEC for Tillage Sector.** This is a big worry for the sector as there is little or no value placed on work already done over the last 8 years via Greening. Tillage farmers had to do "eco schemes" as part of greening for the last 8 years yet now that will be under a GAEC conditionality and have to be done to even get a BISS. The Tillage sector is being further punished for making the improvements. It will push more land, particularly mixed farmers with a smaller area of tillage land into grassland, adding to overall GHG emissions. There needs to be flexibility from DAFM particularly under GAEC 7. A mandatory rotation would be extremely difficult to achieve in an Irish setting as we have limited markets for many crops and experience difficult weather at harvest and planting times. The measure should be left the same as currently under greening, as crop diversification, it would be manageable, and we welcome the Dept of Ag seeking to achieve same with EU officials. I propose that the areas under the 3 crop rule should be increased from 10, 20, 30 Ha's to 20, 30, 40 Ha's going forward. I believe it will encourage more mixed farmers back into tillage. It must be acknowledged that Ireland is very different than continental Europe regarding tillage land area base. We are 7% of the farmed area here in Ireland compared to countries in mainland Europe where the figure is far greater. We have limited markets for many crops and difficult weather at harvest and planting times. A mandatory rotation would drive smaller and mixed farmers out of the sector and greatly reduce our capacity to tackle problematic pests like blackgrass.

3.

**Eco Scheme.** I welcome the added measures to the list of eco schemes. On the enhanced crop diversification measure to include break crops, 16% of the area is a more workable solution as most break crops require a 1 in 5 rotation. I would also like to see other break crops such as beet, maize, combi crops and rotational grass included in the list of break crops. I note that there was no reduced Nitrogen measure available to suit tillage farmers. 73kg/Ha is unworkable on almost all tillage farms. If a crops specific measure was introduced it could prove an attractive measure especially if protein crops were inclusive. I also welcome the inclusion of GPS sprayers under the GPS Spreader option however we do note that this may not attract the small to medium sized tillage farmer due to prohibitive costs of same. We suggest a review on technology requirements. It is also vitally important that the eco scheme payment stays with the active farmer and avoid leakage to the landowner in leasing situations.

4.

**CRISS.** This has the potential to take money from active tillage farmers and give to farmers that in many cases have their farms leased. Furthermore, this money will remain with the



'landowner' tax free. The active farmer gets financially punished. Any money being redistributed through CRISS has to be targeted at the active farmer. Its illogical to think that a leasor would potentially benefit from this model and not be actively farming.

5.

There is no mention of domestic feed in the **suckler carbon efficiency program**, and the **dairy beef welfare scheme** has no requirements or promotion of domestic feed, despite its aim of reducing emissions. Some imported feed has up to 27 times the carbon footprint of domestic feed. This would be a low hanging fruit to achieve lower emissions from the beef and dairy sector. Any potential new drive with the likes of the current IGAS model needs the consumer fully aware of the use of native grains when they are choosing where and how they spend their money. We want the consumer to know how they can choose Indigenous Irish produce which includes native Irish Grain use. More work is also required by Teagasc on the inclusion of domestic feeds in livestock, pig and poultry rations.

6.

There needs to be a **Tillage specific program under Pillar 2**. I believe Tillage will become financially more vulnerable than currently in the new CAP with the current proposed measures. There will have to be a specific scheme to reward tillage farmers for work done and being more environmentally friendly. I would have liked to see a budget ceiling target of €15,000 per tillage farmer to get achievable results. Our soil is our greatest asset and measures to promote its value and purpose is a must. The list of measures for the tillage farmers look workable but why are the payment rates different for some of the tillage options versus the grassland options for the same measure particularly the grass margins option? The rotational aspect of some of the measures is a plus.

7.

**Expanded coupled payments** The protein payment and SIM have been hugely successful thus far. They are also helping to achieve our climate targets. I welcome the retention and budget expansion of the protein payment scheme going forward but i believe more flexibility is needed for this to be truly successful. The inclusion of combi-crops is also welcomed. The payment needs to be a minimum €350/Hectare going forward. The extension of the SIM is certainly a step in the right direction. It has proven to work very well even though it has only been in operation a year now . I would like to see the ceiling raised on the area an individual can apply for to 60 hectares.

8.

Women in Agriculture. - 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.

9. I question the need to increase compulsory margins along water courses from 2 to 3

meters. If this is necessary, i believe the margin should be available to be utilised in tillage schemes/programs going forward. The loss of production income was never compensated in previous CAPs.

10.

Knowledge Transfer and Tillage Producer Groups are in essence an essential going forward for the sector. The social interaction is one key aspect but the mountain of information/policy coming from the EU needs a vehicle for farmers to grasp and learn through interaction with each other.

11.

I recommend a return of a retirement scheme for generational renewal. The annual Teagasc Sustainability Report highlights the age profile in tillage farming. It shows the more efficient tillage farmers in the younger age profile. I believe investing in generational renewal will be rewarded in more eco/ enviro farming via the likes of IPMs for example, with increased output efficiency on crop production.

12.

In principle i support the Entitlements proposal announced by the Dept recently but want to see a few more details to give full judgement. I am encouraged by its aim however and believe its a positive going forward. I believe, with the fast growth of long term leases, i would like to see a clawback system on long term leases being put forward by the department.

13.

**LEADER.** I would like to see a sustainable leader program for 2023-2027 with a sustainable budget of €398 million. Leader has been of significant benefit to rural communities including the farming community. Any potential loss of funding may have a significant impact on rural development.

Kind Regards



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I appeal to you to give farmers the option of being paid to re-wild their land, rather than farm it. This would be a lifeline for diminishing flora and fauna, help slow down climate change, and assist rural communities as well as the farming community.

Many thanks, I look forward to your response.

[REDACTED]

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Hi,

I would like to ask that ReWilding be included in the options for farmers receiving CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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I am looking forward to your positive consideration of this urgent matter.

Thank you

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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To whom it may concern

I am emailing you to request that farmers are rewarded for preserving or creating (rewilding) hedgerows, forests, heath, marshlands and other areas of native biodiversity, which are extremely important to our countries ecosystem resilience moving forward in these times of Climate Crises.

Currently, Farmers and other tenders of the land are financially and officially sanctioned for rewilding / preserving.

Please alter your policies, please support farmers in their ancient role as both farmers and guardians of the land and it's wealth of biodiversity and heritage

yours etc

[REDACTED]



Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine  
Kildare Street, Dublin 2

December 7, 2021

**RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023 - 2027**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a community group in rural County Louth we 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, we hope that you will listen to small farmers, communities, and groups like us who want to see the land farmed in a better way.

We strongly urge that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. This is an incredible, indeed an unmissable, opportunity.

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. Farmers should be paid for this work.

Ireland declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, yet we have seen no evidence in our community that the Climate & Biodiversity Emergency is being treated as such. We have much work to do!

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 our submission.

Yours sincerely,

Friends of Ardee Bog: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern,

[REDACTED] researching in the area of environmental human rights.

I write to stress the importance of ensuring that going forward farmers in receipt of CAP payments have the option to 'rewild' their land.

Ireland is facing a biodiversity crisis of existential proportions and Government policy urgently needs to respond to this. See <https://www.noteworthy.ie/endangered-species-part-1-5520770-Aug2021/> and <https://www.noteworthy.ie/endangered-species-part-2-5520281-Aug2021/>

Financially empowering farmers through CAP payments to rewild their land would help to provide and restore vital habitats for our threatened wildlife, as well as helping to tackle the climate crisis through the planting of native trees and shrubs (which absorb CO2) which are an essential part of Ireland's natural ecosystem.

Please look at the positive example of farmers like [REDACTED] and his high nature value farm and rewilding project in [REDACTED], and enable other farmers to emulate his approach. See [REDACTED] follow his regular updates on [REDACTED]

Please also look at the proposals of organisations such as the Irish Wildlife Trust: [iwt.ie](http://iwt.ie)

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]



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Hello,

I am writing to request that rewilding be included in the CAP strategic plan as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Rewilding has many benefits including the following :

- It draws down carbon from the atmosphere
- It helps wildlife adapt to climate change
- It reverses biodiversity loss
- It allows for diversified economic opportunities
- It improves our health and wellbeing

Please consider this when you are preparing the final draft of the CAP strategic plan.

Thank you and Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern,

[REDACTED], close to 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,

[REDACTED]

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A chara,

As a member of [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.

Is mise le meas,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Go Raibh Maith Agat,  
Is mise le meas,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Thank you for reading this submission.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern

Please consider rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP funding

Thank you

[REDACTED]  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please include rewilding as an option for farming in the new CAP Strategic Plan.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to add My voice for Rewilding to be recognised as a policy to be included in the new Cap.

Rgds [REDACTED]

Sent from my Huawei phone



**From:** [REDACTED]  
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A chara,

I would like to suggest that Irish farmers be given the option to rewild parts of their land, and be rewarded/encouraged to do so. Also, there should be a bounty or financial incentive to remove non-native, destructive plants like rhododendron and Japanese knotweed. Rhodo was a huge factor in the recent tragic fire in Killarney NP.

Overgrazing by mostly non-native and domesticated animals, in lowlands and uplands has destroyed our natural landscape - natural temperate rainforests of mostly deciduous native trees. We currently have the LOWEST percentage of forested land in Europe. However, the 10% (still the lowest) claimed, is totally misleading. >8% of that is made up of tree farms of non-native conifers which support virtually no wildlife and, essentially, create dead-zones.

Anti-grazing fencing around land planted with a few native trees (oak, ash, rowan, etc.) will develop themselves, as reseedling will take place. Felled trees left to nature will then create an environment for fungi, neophytes, ferns, mosses etc. to thrive. These are all parts of a healthy forest, completely absent from the aforementioned tree-farms.

Thankfully there are some farmers in this country, who are committed to rewilding - such as the farmer whose tweet I've included [REDACTED]  
Sadly, the heroic work of such individuals is only recognised by activists and others genuinely concerned about biodiversity in this country.

Compare and contrast

Until this deer fence went up less than 10 years ago, the land behind was no different from the foreground where the sheep are. There was no planting: all of the trees naturally self-seeded (1)



Mise le meas,

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Thank you for reading this submission.

Yours faithfully,  
[REDACTED]

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

So many of us have become aware over the past few years of the importance of rewilding. So many are committed to doing our little bit for biodiversity and to combat climate catastrophe.

For those whose livelihoods depend on the land, and farming, it is vital that they be brought into the loop of policy and large scale action.

Please include REWILDING as an option for famers in recipet of CAP payment.

Thank you

[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]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Thank you for reading this submission.

Yours faithfully,  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in relation to Irelands CAP strategic plan for 2023-2027.

This is a wonderful initiative, but may I please urge you to include rewilding as one of the funding options? Rewilding projects could improve local biodiversity, tourism, and longer-term stability and savings, so it is my firm belief that those who seek to take on these key projects get the financial support to do so.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Bray, Co Wicklow

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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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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to ask that rewilding be allowed as an option for farmers. I grew up in a small rural village and often visit. My family and I have seen first hand many of the unanticipated effects of the current requirement for land to be grazable. As our awareness and understanding of climate change grows, I believe the introduction of an option to rewild makes more and more sense. I would be grateful for your department's support of this.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Submission for CAP strategic plan  
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To whom it may concern

I wish to make a submission for the CAP strategic plan that would see rewinding included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Farrell, E., Hollmann, E., le Roux, C.W., Bustillo, M. Nadglowski, J., & McGillicuddy, D. (2021). The lived experience of patients with obesity: A systematic review and qualitative synthesis. *Obesity Reviews*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/obr.13334>

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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I would urge that farmers in receipt of CAP payments be required to refill some of their land.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern,

I write to you in support of introducing rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipts of CAP payments. I have studied a MSc in Environmental Sciences with a specialization in Sustainable Development with regard to agriculture. Nature and farming initiatives such as rewilding are very simple and effective methods of mitigating and adapting to climate change. Need I mention the benefits of nature for the general public. It helps biodiversity etc.

There is no reason why it shouldn't be included!!!!!!!!!!

Please!

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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.
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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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Yours sincerely,

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Thank you for reading this submission.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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Hello,

As a citizen and Taxpayer in this Country I have concerns about the loss of Biodiversity and habitat. In the CAP Review I would like the option for farmers to Rewild their land to be included.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED] In

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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A chara,

Tá mé i mo chónaí ar an [REDACTED]

There are quite a few farmers here, and now many goats and sheep. Our area is becoming very overgrazed. It used to be mostly cows, but there seems to have been a shift towards overgrazing animals.

I can see clearly where nitrogen has been spread, always close to waterways, and I can smell and see where weedkiller is being very liberally sprayed.

Our peninsula has become completely degraded, and there is very little wildlife left. Trees and so called 'scrub', which is the always abundant willow, is being cleared, so we have very few smaller songbirds, only corvids. We observe fewer ground nesting birds than ever now, only non-native pheasants.

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 us in small 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.

We don't have time to waste, the Climate and Biodiversity Crisis is here, and getting more and more frightening, so we must do all what we can to deal with it.

It is all very visible here in An Cheathrú Rua. Our once beautiful landscape has broken down, degraded and is close to being lifeless.

Please incentivise farmers to make a change. It needs to be fast. Please save our biodiversity, before it's all too late.

Go raibh maith agaibh as m'aighneas a léamh. Tá muid ag iarraidh an dúlra atá fágtha againn a chaomhnú, agus cúrsaí comhshaoil a fheabhsú chun tacaíocht a thabhairt do na héanacha, na feithidí agus na mammaigh dúchasacha atá ag maireachtáil anseo linn ar an gCeathrú Rua.

Le dea-mhéin,



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To whom it concerns,

As a concerned member of the public, I wish to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are receiving CAP payments.

You're sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Good evening,

I would like to request that rewilding be included as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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To whom it concerns

I would like to ask you to consider the inclusion of “rewilding” as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. This would be of huge benefit to the Irish landscape and Bio diversity ambitions for the future.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Incentivise rewilding in the new farming subsidy scheme  
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Dear Minister,

Please incentivise rewilding through the new Common Agriculture Policy subsidy scheme.

Isabella Tree's book 'Wilding' provides a thorough breakdown of the benefits of returning land to nature, for agriculture, soil health, flood prevention, carbon sequestration, biodiversity and the economy. Rewilding should be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Increasing soil organic matter would be another positive approach to carbon sequestration.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Good evening,

I would like to see farmers have the option to be paid to rewild their land as part of CAP reform please.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
County Wexford

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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To whom it concerns,

I would like to ask that rewilding be included in the option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. I think this is essential in order to help with the climate emergency.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP Plan - rewilding options  
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To whom it may concern,

I understand the CAP is under review.

The possibility of giving farmers the option to allow their land undergo rewilding under this scheme would be a very positive thing for Ireland. It would contribute to allowing peatlands to replenish, woodland in floodplains to help mitigate flooding, protect biodiversity and habitat generally.

I would like to add my support to calls from other organisations to include rewilding as an option for farmers, and I hope you will consider this in the review of the CAP.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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

I would like to make a comment on my own behalf on the draft CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 (CSP). [REDACTED]

With reference to '**Section 3.1. Overview of the environmental and climate architecture**' under 'Agri-Environment and Climate Measure' pg 184.

Under the new climate measure (ACEM) which aims to replace the GLAS scheme should include actions such as rewilding (the process of protecting an environment and returning it to its natural state) this may include reintroducing wild native species to the lands. This should be encouraged by payments to the landowner per hectare rewilded to make up for lost agricultural activities.

Rewilding of Irelands natural lands is essential to the increase of biodiversity.

With reference to '**Pillar I Eco-Schemes**' under '**Section 3.1**'

Practice 1 states: Non-productive areas and landscape features At least 7% of the holding must be devoted to non-productive features. This will build on the 4% requirement set under GAEC 8 as part of Conditionality.

With increased pressure being imposed on the agricultural sector in regards to climate change more funds need to be allocated to farmers who make the decision to rewild sections of their lands. Farmers who go above 7% of non-productive landscape features must be rewarded.

I do not wish to have my name published

Kind regards,

[REDACTED].

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Rewilding as an option for new CAP  
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Hi,

As a landowner, I'd like to see rewilding included as one of the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Regards,

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely,  
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[REDACTED] however I would instead prefer to be in the position to rewind some, or all, of this land. I strongly urge the government to include rewilding options in the CAP strategic plan.

Regards

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Hello from Sligo,

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

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Inclusion of rewilding and measures to protect the environment in CAP  
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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to request that you include in the CAP going forward, incentives for farmers to choose to implement measures to protect the environment.

We are facing a climate emergency and a biodiversity crisis. Farmers have a vital role in combatting both of these and would be powerful allies in helping to meet Ireland's commitments towards Net Zero.

It is imperative that they are given the financial space to do this, should they choose to. Priority ought to be given to protection peatlands as the single largest carbon sink in the country, to protecting and expanding native woodlands, and to protecting and expanding hedgerows as vital habitats. Measures to protect our waterways and moves towards regenerative farming models are absolutely vital if our health is to prosper now and for future generations. The current system is simply not fit for purpose, indeed is encouraging of the exact opposite.

It is your responsibility as public servants, to act to protect the citizens of this country.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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Dear Friends,

I am writing to you to express my belief that rewinding should be included as an option for farmers in the CAP farm payments scheme.

The evidence is there that it is an effective way to address the problems facing us in relation to climate change and biodiversity loss.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

Regarding the Common Agricultural Policy payments scheme it would be great to see a "Rewilding" option included for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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To whom it concerns,

Can you please include 'rewilding' as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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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!

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:** WASG Recommendations for CAP  
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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](#)  
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Hi there,

I want to make a request under the CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027. I ask that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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Dear Minister [REDACTED]

Thank you for the opportunity to have a say on the next Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The low level of recognition and promotion for the role of women in agriculture has been an ongoing issue.

The Department of Agriculture's own SWOT analysis states: "In Ireland, less than 12% of landholders are women presumably as a result of traditional cultural bias towards male successors, resulting in women rarely inheriting land."

Currently, article 6(1) point (h) of the next CAP plan at European Commission level states countries must promote women in farming and gender equality in their plans for CAP between 2023 – 2027.

In addition, the Irish Government's own Food Vision 2030 has stated that a National Dialogue on Women in Agriculture should be held.

I would like to know:

- What funding will be provided to support women in the next CAP and specifically what form will it take? (eg, Knowledge Transfer scheme, TAMS funding, etc.)
- How much funding will be given to support women in establishing a Women in Agriculture forum to address the historic low representation of women?
- When will a National Dialogue on Women in Agriculture take place?

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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I am writing to request that rewilding Ireland's countryside with native species of both flora and fauna be included in the options for farmers in receipt of a CAP grant. I feel this is an unmissable opportunity to take a stance against climate change and species loss as experienced here in Ireland.

Many thanks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As someone who is deeply disturbed by the destruction of habitats and ecosystems alike as a direct cause of human activity, I ask the Department of Agriculture to consider supporting those who want to rewild our country. A subsidy to farmers who wish to return part of their land to nature would go along way in restoring the ancient Irish ecosystem that has been destroyed by modernity. The environmental opportunity is huge and it is the right thing to do for our future generations and for the planet as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
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Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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A chara,

I am not a farming expert so my submission is short. I wish to make it clear as a citizen and as a parent who must speak up for the generations to come (including the next generations of farmers) that it is of utmost importance to me that the future that they will inherit is given the prominence in the new plan that it deserves.

Family farms must be able to support a family and in doing so they can feed us, provide for us and support the imperative to reduce our emissions.

Farmers must be incentivised to:

- Encourage biodiversity
- Rewild where appropriate
- Operate locally
- Operate sustainably
- Reduce emissions
- Store carbon

The reasons for this will be put forward by many who are more informed than I but they are undeniable and obvious.

Family farms must be supported to really be the custodians of our land and our future that they have the potential to be all the while with a secure income that reflects the fundamental and infinitely valuable work that they do.

Is mise le meas

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A chara,  
I am reaching out and simply asking that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

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**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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I feel this is an unmissable opportunity to take a stance against climate change and species loss as experienced here in Ireland.

With Thanks

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Hi,

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

Farmers are willing to help tackle climate change but must be given viable options.

Thank you.

[REDACTED],  
County Louth.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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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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I strongly urge that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

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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,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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To whom it may concern,

I am in favour of including rewilding efforts as an eligible option/business model for farmers to receive CAP payments.

This is a unique opportunity for the government to value diverse ecosystems through financial support.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP strategy rewilding option  
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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 acknowledged 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](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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Hello,

We hope you are well.

Given the continued deterioration of the world's and Ireland's natural habitat, in part due to industrialised farming processes, we are emailing you to request that farmers have the option of being paid equally to rewild their land under CAP payments, to help address this issue.

We are all fully aware that action needs to be taken now to reverse some of this damage - equal CAP payments for rewilding are a logical and straightforward element of this response.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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Hello,

Please pass on this request that the new CAP agreement will permit rewilding or similar natural environmental protective measures which increase biodiversity, protect soils and wildlife- and can be easily assimilated into modern farming- without impacting negatively on CAP payments.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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A Chara,

I am writing to you to ask that rewilding projects become part of the new CAP reforms. Paying farmers to let part of their land lie fallow and rewild costs the farmer neither time nor money but is hugely beneficial for biodiversity and climate action. Can you please ensure that farmers can claim payments for rewilding projects and farm acreage dedicated to wildlife?

Go raibh míle maith agat,

[REDACTED]



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**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
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Please let rewilding be part of the thew plans for farm development. Ironically it will improve production, animal welfare, water quality and emissions. Look at the research.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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A chara,

I implore you to include rewilding be included as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. This is a huge opportunity to not only encourage rewilding but to protect our peatlands, river flood plains and native forests, as well as to protect uplands from fires. Please take this chance to address our biodiversity and climate crisis.

Go raibh maith agat as do chabhair.

Is mise le meas,

[REDACTED]

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

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

Regards

[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.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Hi,

I am getting in touch to request you consider allowing farmers to have the option of being paid equally to rewild their land, if they so choose as part of CAP.

This is crucially important with respect to the ongoing biodiversity crisis and it makes so much sense for farmers, rural communities, declining wildlife and the climate.

Thank you,

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To whom it may concern,

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

Thank you. Respectfully

[REDACTED]

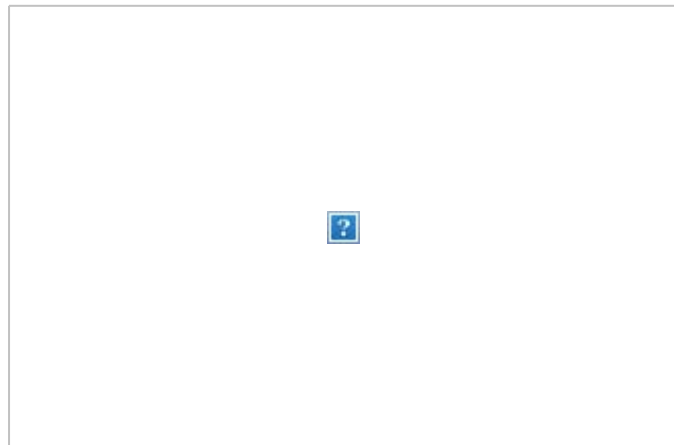
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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

I am writing to ask you to please include Rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

This should be recognised as a valid land management strategy as it restores biodiversity, improves soil condition (thus mitigating flooding), cleans rivers and sequesters carbon.

I urge you to support the farmers - our stewards of the land - who wish to engage in rewilding as the sustainable, beneficial strategy that it is.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]



**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.

The effects of rewilding would have impact on other government actions, especially in the work of the OPW on flood defences. The potential for ecotourism and its support for rural communities should not be disregarded either.

As I write, Storm Barra is battering the land. The encouragement of natural flora on coastal, lakeside and riverside agricultural land would prevent much of the erosion and its knock on effects across our communities.

There are a number of farmers who are already engaging in projects like building ponds that encourage insects which in turn encourage birds which reduce the need for insecticide which impacts on water quality etc etc. These initiatives have lasting impact on farming communities and beyond.

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

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

## **Hedgerows Ireland submission to the Draft Environmental Report on the Environmental Assessment of the Draft CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027**

Hedgerows Ireland have already made a detailed submission to the consultation process for the CAP Strategic Plan earlier this year and now welcome the opportunity to contribute to this final phase of the consultation process.

### **General comment on Pillar 1 Eco Schemes:**

We are concerned at the lack of environmental equivalence between the currently proposed Pillar 1 Eco Schemes and as a result recommend that this is addressed in the final draft to ensure that optimal environmental benefits are achieved.

### **Section 3.9 GAEC 8 P252, and Introduction ‘Conditionality’**

We propose that the concept of hedgerow quality and maintenance is included in GAEC 8. Current knowledge about the contribution of hedgerows to carbon sequestration, both above ground biomass and soil organic carbon, clearly indicates that taller, wider denser hedges have much higher values. Ongoing research, including Teagasc research by [REDACTED] et al, using drone/LiDAR, alongside international work will soon provide accurate on farm carbon figures. We believe that the concept of bigger better maintained hedges should be written into the 2023-2027 CAP in anticipation of this new area of carbon accounting. There will be an associated and commensurate benefit to biodiversity.

### **Section 5.1 Direct Payments Eco Scheme P.332**

The current draft Eco Schemes including the recently announced added schemes do not make reference to the quality, condition or maintenance of *existing* hedgerows.

The opportunity to exploit the carbon, water, biodiversity and many other values of the c. 700,000km of hedgerows in Ireland is thus lost.

Given that a third or less of these hedgerows are in good condition, (Duggan,O. Birdwatch Ireland <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/biodiversity-is-in-a-e-says-birdwatch-ireland-1.4145577>

-and given the known potential of good quality hedgerows to help us meet our goals, (Lanigan, G.Teagasc <https://www.agriland.ie/farming-news/teagasc-outlines-carbon-value-of-hedges-and-grassland/>, data)

--the potential for improvement in meeting our carbon and biodiversity goals through hedgerow quality improvement is evident.

We therefore propose that improvement should be incentivised in three ways.

1. An added hedgerow maintenance/quality Eco Scheme in Pillar 1.
2. Basic quality criteria included in the ‘Space for Nature’ Pillar 1 Eco schemes/Non productive areas/landscape features.
3. Pillar 2 Agri- Environmental schemes which complement the Pillar 1 Schemes above and assess and reward hedgerow quality in more detail.

## 1. An added Hedgerow Maintenance and Quality Eco scheme in Pillar 1

Suggested elements to include:

- *Existing hedgerows to be retained, and maintained with either side cutting only, or no cutting of internal/non roadside boundaries. Minimum height 2m (except where coppicing or hedgelaying).*
- *3 metre buffer strip to be maintained free of fertiliser and chemical weed control.*
- *Basic quality measure to ensure that gappy hedges are not rewarded.*

## 2. Quality criteria for existing hedgerows to be included in Pillar 1 ‘Space for Nature/Non productive areas, landscape features’ schemes.

Good quality hedgerows have the potential to provide a massive contribution to climate and biodiversity services, yet while hedgerows are referenced under GAEC8 (‘non productive features’), hedgerow **quality and management are not included**. There is only mention of avoiding cutting in nesting season. Carbon sequestration and biodiversity values are directly related to width, height and biomass of hedgerows for example. So there is huge potential to increase the contribution of both existing and new hedgerows towards our targets.

We recommend that this omission is remedied by a simple, easy to administer measure:

- *Existing hedgerows to be retained, and maintained with either side cutting only, or no cutting of internal/non roadside boundaries. Minimum height 2m. (except where coppicing or hedgelaying).*

## 3. Pillar 2 AECM (Agri Environmental Climate Measures) Tier 3 ‘Boundary Actions’

- *Results based payments for hedgerows using recognized measures of quality (height, width, species, diversity etc.)*

Suggested template for results based hedgerow quality scheme:

**Objective:** To **reward** farmers with hedgerows of highest environmental value, while encouraging ALL farmers to **maintain** and **improve** all existing hedgerows.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/d5d37-public-consultation-on-proposed-agri-environment-results-based-pilot-project/>  
See Results of Survey Q. 19: 76% of respondents favour ‘Maintenance and Enhancement of existing environment’ as priority for result based scheme.

<http://www.woodlandsofireland.com/sites/default/files/hedgerow-survey.pdf>

Our proposal is to pay **all** single farm payment applicants for hedgerows on each Land Parcel, based on **length** and **quality**. We recognise 3 main ‘types’ of hedgerow:

**Internal Hedgerow:** Landowner has 100% control, payment rate is 100% of relevant quality payment category (see below).

**Farm Boundary Hedgerow:** Landowner has 50% control (i.e. neighbouring property or roadside), payment rate is 50% of relevant quality payment category.

**Heritage Hedgerow:** Townland, parish, DED, county, and barony boundaries, payment rate is 150% of relevant quality payment category (due to cultural and historical importance).

Claims can be indicated on application maps submitted by the farmer or his agent/planner. To qualify for a particular Quality Category, the length of hedgerow must meet the minimum requirements in all 5 quality sub-categories outlined below. The

scheme must have a 5-15 year target, allowing farmers to move up to higher quality categories over time. Higher Quality Category claims must be supported by geo-tagged photos, and will be subject to inspection by ecologists to confirm suitability.

**Quality Category 3: Lowest payment per metre claimed, ~20% of budget.**

Applicant must carry out a baseline hedgerow survey. Complete moratorium on hedgerow removal. Cutting and trimming of interior hedges on a 3-5 year rolling cycle, minimum height 1.5m and specimen trees to be retained. Roadside cutting allowed annually. No artificial nitrogen, slurry, FYM or pesticides within 5m of hedgerow base. Tillage parcels (except Organic) **must** have a 5m 'buffer zone' between hedge and crop area.

Width: Less than 3m average

Height: Less than 2m average

No. of 'mature' trees: Less than 5 per 100m hedgerow (farm average)

Biodiversity Index: Lowest 25% [Methodology to be used? e.g. Hedgerow Appraisal Systemii]

CO2 Sequestration Index: Lowest 25% [Methodology to be determined by consultation with experts]

**Quality Category 2: Mean payment per metre claimed, ~47% of budget.** Applicant must carry out Category 3 above, **plus** specific regeneration projects subject to planner /ecologist/botanist/ survey and requirements. May include but not restricted to coppicing, laying, infill, native tree planting and new hedgerow establishment.

Objective is to upgrade hedgerows to Category 1 maximum payment for subsequent schemes.

[Greening payments? Optional or compulsory ?]

Width: Minimum average 3m wide

Height: Minimum average 3m high

No. of 'mature' trees: Minimum 5 trees per 100m (farm average)

Biodiversity Index: Middle 50%

CO2 Sequestration Index: Middle 50%

**Quality Category 1: Highest payment per metre claimed, ~33% of budget.**

Applicant must meet all of Category 2 & 3 requirements, having mature hedgerows with specimen trees.

Width: Minimum average 5m wide

Height: Minimum average 5m high

No. of 'mature' trees: Minimum 10 trees per 100m (farm average)

Biodiversity Index: Top 25%

CO2 Sequestration Index: Top 25%

### Section 5.3 P388 'AECM Training' and Section 5.3 P454 'Knowledge Transfer'.

We propose that hedge management including hedgecutting techniques are included in training modules to include all relevant aspects of this subject.

### Section 4.1.1.2 Agricultural Activity

We are concerned at the inclusion of burning and spraying in this category.

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**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding CAP payment  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 21:24:20

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Hi,

I would like you to add Rewilding to the options for farmers to receive CAP payments.

Thanks

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

[REDACTED] I have seen the immense amount of damage that has been inflicted on Ireland habitats and wildlife through CAP policy since Ireland joined the EU. Farmland species and semi-natural habitats associated with farming are in steep decline and water quality is declining due to increased nutrient inputs aimed at increasing productivity. But probably the most damaging aspect of CAP rules in Ireland has been the rules in relation to keeping land in "good agricultural and environmental condition". This imposes a financial penalty on farmers with areas of scrub and native woodland, areas of exposed rock, wet grassland, wide hedgerows, ponds and areas of heath and bog with vegetation over a certain height. This policy is a financial incentive for habitat destruction which has led to the mass removal of habitats and the uncontrolled burning and overgrazing of our uplands. You have the crazy situation where the Dept of Ag. is paying farmers to plant trees, which have been grown in nurseries and transported by vehicles (this has a carbon cost) while simultaneously not paying farmers for existing areas of native woodland and scrub, areas of high biodiversity value and carbon sinks. Un-controlled upland burning and over grazing has led to most of our uplands being in poor conservation condition and habitats that should be carbon sinks are releasing CO<sub>2</sub>.

I urge you to change your policy on land eligibility for the single farm payment and to no longer persecute farmers for having natural and semi-natural habitats on their land. You should be offering financial incentives for farmers to keep and restore these habitats. Farm payments need to be tailored to the local environments and land in the uplands, along rivers and lakes and within designated sites (SAC, SPA, NHA) should have a strong focus on paying farmers for protecting and expanding natural and semi-natural habitats and farming in an environmentally sensitive way. Intensive farms should also be encouraged to incorporate wildlife habitats into their farm systems, at the very least they should be protecting and expanding the area of hedgerow and leaving significant riparian buffer zones along water courses. The BRIDE project in Co. Cork offers a good template for improving biodiversity in intensive farmland.

I would also urge you to consider introducing the option of paying farmers for not farming in certain areas, particularly in the uplands and instead to pay them to restore and expand native woodland, bog and heath on their land and allow natural processes to dominate i.e rewilding. This would not be paying farmers to "do nothing". This would need to be a results based scheme where farmers are financially rewarded for carrying out restoration work on their land with measured outcomes in terms of improvement in habitat quality and area, recovery of wildlife populations, water quality and carbon storage capacity of the land. This in no way should be compulsory and if farmers in these areas still want to farm then it should be done through HNV farming practices.

CAP has been a major driver of biodiversity loss in Ireland and since it was introduced the number of farmers, particularly young farmers has declined, especially in our uplands and along the western seaboard. Clearly it is not working for nature or people and needs a radical overhaul.

Yours sincerely



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**Subject:** Rewilding  
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Dear Madam/Sir,

I hope this finds you well. I am writing to you to request that "Rewilding" be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. I believe this will not only reduce harmful chemicals used in farming but also help in goals of reducing carbon emissions and get back to more natural farming and working with nature naturally.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED].



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

I live in a rural area. I'm very worried that wildlife is under severe pressure in our countryside.

I believe that some local farmers would consider a Rewilding option if it was available as climate change is having a huge impact on their livelihoods with heavy rainfall and potential lack of fodder and increased fertiliser and feed costs.

It would need to very well monitored. Something like Burren Beo and Farming for Nature.

It's your responsibility to develop an attractive working program for farmers. Please include Rewilding as an option for farmers in the CAP Strategic Plan.

[REDACTED]  
West Clare

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**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding in CAP payments  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 21:30:43

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Hi,

I am emailing to request that rewilding is included in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Please - Include Rewilding for CAP farmers  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 21:32:26

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Hello,

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

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Draft Environmental Report  
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To whom it may concern

Regarding the Common Agricultural Policy payments scheme, it would be great to see "rewilding" be included as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:**   
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding for cap payments  
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Dear Sir/Maam,

Please include rewilding as an option for farmers receiving 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,

Regards,



**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Rewilding incentive  
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For our future, please, PLEASE ensure that rewilding will be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Please do the right thing.

Include rewilding as an option.

Some farmers want to do the right thing.

They need to earn a living too.

Please help us

Bless you.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding and CAP  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 21:36:00

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To whom it concerns,

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding under CAP plan  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 21:37:55

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Hi,

I would like to make a request regarding the CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027. I would like to request that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Regards,

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 21:37:58

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

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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To whom it may concern,

As a matter of urgency and for the well-being of natural life, ecosystems in Ireland and for the benefit of us all, I ask for the option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments to be paid equally to rewild or to have wild land on their farms, (with maintenance of that land including the removal of invasive species), whether that be wild flower meadow or native woodland, etc. I passionately and whole heartedly believe this is needed to slow the extinction of species in this country and farmers not only shouldn't suffer for doing so but should, I believe, be rewarded fairly by the CAP payments. Thank you for your consideration and for taking the time to read this.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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Let farmers be payed equally to Rewild land instead of grazing it.

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**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 21:42:13

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To whom it may concern,

I would ask, as part of the considerations for the CAP Strategic Plan that rewilding - the restoration of our natural ecosystems such as peatlands, native broadleaf forest and flood plains - should be included in as a viable option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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A Chairde,

Can I ask 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:** Rewilding - CAP Strategic Plan 2023 - 2027  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 21:48:44

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Dear Minister [REDACTED]

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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

Many thanks

[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:** CAP 2023 to 2027  
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capstrategicplan@agriculture.gov.ie 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]  
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To whom it may concern,

I think it would be a very good idea if rewilding was included in the options for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Anything that would help to restore our flora and fauna and save it from further extinction can only be beneficial.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Please add rewilding as an option for farmers in the cap payment scheme.please please please

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**Subject:** Rewilding in CAP Strategic Plan  
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Hello,

I'd like to express my support for the proposal that rewilding be included as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding as part of the future of farming.  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 22:00:39

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To whom it concerns,

I feel strongly that rewilding and a greater symbiosis between nature and farming is required to sustain the land and the long term vitality of farming in Ireland.

Please include greater support for habitat and biodiversity in the new CAP structure.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Women"s access to Cap  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 22:01:03

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Hi there,

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.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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

Please include rewinding as an option for farmers who receive CAP payments. Rewilding is critical for repairing biodiversity and carbon sinks and should be considered critical.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my phone. Please excuse the brevity.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Response to CAP Strategic Plan consultation  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 22:03:30

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Good evening

As a member of the community [REDACTED] my family 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 practises 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 practises be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Farmers should be supported to provide essential public services in addition to food production. These services include flooding prevention, carbon mitigation, peat and wetland restoration, biodiversity protection, floodplain restoration and native woodland reforestation.

These services will benefit me and my children as well as farmers and their families. As you are spending my family's taxes on supporting farmers I believe the payments should support all of society and not just 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. I urge you to take a look at ELMS and see how a similar programme could be applied in Ireland under CAP.

Thank you for considering my submission.

I would be grateful if [REDACTED] could also acknowledge receipt. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Hello,

I would like to submit some suggestions for the proposed CAP.

As a young farmer I am concerned at the ongoing and needless depletion of scrub and hedgerows on farms. At a time when every gain should be celebrated, we are still financially encouraged to clear scrub. Please include in the plan that payments will be made to farmers for land which is considered 'scrub' because rather than being 'unproductive' this may be some of the most productive land we have, as it is being nurtured rather than having it's nutrients stripped from it, and thereby will be available for future generations to use for food production, as well as being of immense value to biodiversity currently.

I also 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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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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To whom it may concern,

As a member of a rural community in [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,

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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,  
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