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**Subject:** CAP consultation  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 22:11:06

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Good evening,

I would like rewilding of land to be included as an option for farmers in the Common Agricultural Policy and for an incentive for this to be offered to farmers. Allow farmers protect the habitats and wildlife ecosystems in Ireland which are under threat.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please include Rewilding as an option for farmers in CAP  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 6 December 2021 at 19:18:40 GMT  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please include Rewilding as an option for farmers in CAP

To all with the power to change and influence,

Please allow farmers to have the option for rewilding within CAP.

Rewild to give space to nature and restore natural ecosystems.

Support farmers who wish to provide healthy produce with a process that is sympathetic to nature.

Protect our peatlands, restore our native forests and work towards free flowing rivers.

Our lives are in your hands,  
May you be safe hands.

Best regards, [REDACTED]

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

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

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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

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

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a concerned citizen writing to ask that the process of rewilding be recognised as official government policy going forward.

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 receive compensation so as to facilitate this.

I would urge the government to include rewilding in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. It is essential that the government makes the climate emergency a central factor in all of its policy decisions going forward, and no less this one.

Is mise le meas,

[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 farm payments and the environment  
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To Whom it may concern

I am writing to request your consideration of implementing results based environmental elements in future farm payments.

I have been managing our family farm since 2008. In which time I have considered, and been part of, environmental schemes. What I have noted in is that we'll meaning schemes often create an "action based" rather than "results based" payment system. I am hereby requesting that farmers payments be heavily weighted in favour of positive environmental results.

The criteria of "Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition" should be constructively reconsidered. Currently we see hedgerows, gorse and scrub decimated, bogs and wetlands drained in order to comply with interpretations of GAEC.

Species rich grassland and biodiversity in hedgerows should be rewarded on the basis of actual assessment of same.

Significant payments for presence of endangered species (such as the corncrake) and creating wildlife habitats, including rewilding, should be included.

The control of non-native invasive species should be encouraged to allow native ecosystems flourish.

It is clear that biodiversity protection and carbon sequestration are urgent and that the CAP budget presents an opportunity to achieve much. Please do not let this opportunity pass us by.

Is mise le meas

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear Dept.,

Many, if not most, of the farmers in this country are operating at the edge of commercial viability. Farming techniques that have served the people of Ireland for thousands of years are being lost due to a lack of support from successive governments.

The evidence from the archaeological record in this county shows how agriculture can live, indeed needs to live, in close proximity to wild spaces. The loss of biodiversity is crippling the ability of our ecosystem to cope with the challenges posed by adverse weather conditions.

I'm sitting here, [REDACTED] confident that my house will not be flooded, [REDACTED]. I can't claim credit, this house was built a century ago, by people who knew what they were doing. Imagine if those in the floodplains of the Midlands could feel the same way, because local farmers were not penalised for clearing willow or birch from along river banks.

Agriculture cannot survive without spaces to allow nature to exist unimpeded by humanity. For the sake of our tenuous future, you must allow farmers the chance to curate the landscape. I know that I'd be much happier to see my taxes spent that way than sending a JCB to scalp any untidy hedge!

please listen to this. Please allow our farmers to nurture wild spaces without entering penury.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]



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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP strategic plan 2023-2027 public consultation  
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To whom it may concern,

I want to urge you to include payments in CAP which would incentivise the preservation/creation of areas of native biodiversity such as hedgerows, forests, heath, marshlands, etc -rewilding. This would include, for example, rewards for not grazing sheep on native woodland areas, where farmed animals eat seedlings before they can grow.

Currently farmers and other land workers are often sanctioned for rewilding/preserving.

Rewilding is an incredibly quick, easy, cheap way to restore natural biodiversity and ecosystems, and of vital importance to attempting to navigate the Climate Crisis.

We desperately need to actually act like the Climate Emergency declared in 2019 is indeed an emergency, and an utmost priority.

Rewilding is such a powerful and positive opportunity for farmers, rural communities, declining wildlife and the climate. Please, I really urge you to use the unique opportunity of the CAP to incentivise rewilding.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear sir/madam

This is a submission in relation to the CAP Strategic Plan consultation. I welcome the opportunity to feed into the consultation.

I strongly urge that rewilding be included as an eligible activity for landowners under the CAP, allowing farmers who choose to rewild their land to continue to receive adequate subsidies to support those activities.

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

Thank you for reading this submission.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Hi there,

I would ask that you please make Rewilding an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. We need to see a return of wild spaces in the countryside to help tackle both the climate and biodiversity crises.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
Citizen of Ireland

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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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Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to submit the following observations in relation to the above.

Farmers must be incentivised to:

Encourage biodiversity

Rewild where appropriate

Operate locally

Operate sustainably

Reduce emissions

Store carbon

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.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Thank you for reading this submission.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP Strategic plan 2023-2027  
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Hi there

Would it be possible to add rewilding be an option for farmers in receipt of the CAP payment?

It would be great to have options promoting sustainability and preserving our natural ecosystems.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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

Please ensure that rewilding is included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. We are in a biodiversity crisis and this action must be taken to protect our environment.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Include rewilding in options for CAP payments  
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Hi there

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

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear Minister,

I write this as a citizen and as a [REDACTED].

I write in support of farmers being properly financially supported if they choose to use their land for rewilding.

I see the increased incidence of mental health consultations [REDACTED] and the increase in stress that people are living with and it's cost to society and the state.

It is well known how bringing people back in contact with nature significantly improves their mental health and general health.

If farmers were better paid to restore ecological balance on their land, allow rewilding for even sections of their land, not only would there be the obvious environmental benefits, but huge possibility of a low cost improvement in peoples mental health and therefore general health.

Please consider this in the CAP strategic planning.

Best wishes.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Hello,

I would like to voice my support for including rewilding, and other actions to promote and protect biodiversity, in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. Protection for soil biodiversity (in the form of incentives for reduction/eradication of use of pesticides, fungicides and herbicides) would also be very beneficial for the entire ecosystem.

Thanks and kind regards

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

I wish to make a request to you to include rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

The reason for my request is that we have seen untold damage to Killarney National Park in recent years from farmers that burn "scrubland", leading to uncontrollable forest fires which have destroyed some of Ireland's oldest native ancient forests and woodlands. This "scrubland" is burned as farmers are currently not paid for idle/unused land (land that is in the process of being rewilded).

If farmers were paid for rewilded/idle land, they would not need to burn and set fire to it, thereby reducing significantly the number of forest fires we experience. This has the benefit of helping nature, reducing risk of people's homes being burned, reducing injury and risk of death to people in the area and also to the fire services that are unnecessarily called out to something that is preventable.

Therefore, please include rewilding as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. Thank you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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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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To whom it may concern, I would like to suggest the following for inclusion as qualifying schemes for payments to farmers under the next CAP scheme ...assuming they are not already planned:

Payments for replacing domestic farm animals in national parks with wild animals as part of a rewilding initiative.

Payments to farmers to create wild Parks to a certain % of overall farm size and to help rebuild natural river ecosystems that might help alleviate downstream flooding impacts

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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As a farmer in receipt of payments from the Dept of Agriculture, I ask that rewilding be included as one of the options for payment under the National CAP Strategic Plan.

Thank you.

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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,

[REDACTED]

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

From recent research regarding the negotiations related to future funds being used via the CAP, I wanted to state the importance of rewilding during the discussions. The collapse of our local eco systems & biodiversity has had a severe impact on our natural environment here in Ireland so I think it's imperative to fund efforts to enable farmers, agriculturists etc. to at least have the opportunity to encourage the reintroduction of certain species & create a balanced environment to allow for biodiversity.

I'd be interested in hearing more regarding how discussions were going. But I wanted to send this email before the 8th due to it being the submission deadline.

I trust you will be in touch.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

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Hi,

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Thank you,

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Hello, I would like to send my support for farmers who want to re wild their land,

It is vital that more land needs to be dedicated o this in Ireland as we, over the last few hundred years destroyed a majority of our native woodlands and with it, many species have become extinct here

I would very much like to see a section of money from the new CAP funding negotiations, to go towards rewilding land for the purpose of bio diversity, if land owners wish to do so.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a rural dwelling tax payer, [REDACTED] a farmer, who does not feel that the IFA represents the interests of the majority of farmers, (rather they only lobby for the good of large farmers and large agribusiness).

I would like to make a submission about the upcoming CAP policies.

I believe that the Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition needs major improvement from an environmental standpoint. These outdated rules aimed at continually squeezing more and more output from the land continues to compel farmers to destroy and reduce Irelands dwindling biodiversity.

I see my local rivers polluted with algae blooms from excess nutrients, and hedgerows hacked to bits, as thin and tall as a picket fence for the sake of neatness and an extra metre of grass.

Please have a requirement to trim hedges according to already widely accepted best practices. (3 year rotations)

Please introduce an option to add farm ponds.

Please protect our watercourses more rigorously with the Nitrates directive. The dairy industry already poses too large a nutrient burden for our country's watercourses. (Not to mention methane and CO2 emissions that our country will be heavily fined for in the future.)

Please introduce maximum limits to CAP beneficiary payments.

I cannot see any valid or fair reason why ANY individual should receive more than 60 thousand euros. Especially not based on what they produced 15+ years ago. ? If they had such resources 15 years ago to entitle them to such a huge annual payment, they surely are large enough that they don't need a massive subsidy (arguably it should be proportionally scaled back? ) This unfair policy has priced smaller farmers completely out of the land market, as recipients of such large payments buy up all available land for sale, as investment instruments for their payments.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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

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

Rewilding is massively beneficial for biodiversity, and the next phase is a fantastic opportunity and I would strongly urge that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Over the last sixty years, I have witnessed the removal of ancient hedgerows, river courses, native woodlands, and their related ecosystems to make fields larger, or other purposes.

It would be incredibly beneficial if some of this land were reclaimed by rewilding.

Several private rewilding projects in Ireland have been hugely and swiftly successful in restoring dwindling habitats and ecosystems, and it is a joy to see flora and fauna returning there and thriving.

These rewilding areas are small in comparison to what could be achieved with help to farmers who have an incentive to rewild.

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.

This opportunity to change policy and introduce rewilding in Ireland should not be missed, and we don't have time to waste.

The Climate and Biodiversity Crisis is here, and 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:** Cap strategic plan for nature  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 23:43:23

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Cap strategic plan.  
Please include re-wilding and space for nature in the cap payments schemes.  
Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** I would like to see rewilding recognised officially as government policy  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 23:48:36

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To whom it may concern,

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I would like to see rewilding recognised officially as government policy

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 December 2021 23:49:22

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Dear Sir/Madam

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], I am requesting that rewilding be included as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. Since many are large farms who get this payment, this has real capacity to turn Ireland's emission figures and declining biodiversity back around.

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 re-wild a portion of their land as an immediate biodiversity and climate action policy.

Re-wilding 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 re-wilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP Strategic Plan - Rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 00:14:44

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Hi there,

I am asking for rewilding to be included as an option for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. We are experiencing rapid decline in biodiversity and the loss of so many species. It is crucial to value and protect our natural world.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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

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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,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



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

I feel it I extremely important for rewilding to be included in the CAP strategic plan. There should be no issue with farmers leaving a small section aside for wildlife and wildflowers. It will also encourage natural eco system to form which are extremely important for wildlife.

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP Suggestions  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 00:25:59

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To whom it may concern,

The CAP Strategic Plan needs to show how the Agricultural Sector will deliver a 51% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 in line with other sectors. They also need to be in line with other EU Legislation on Air and Water pollution. To meet these legal obligations a massive shift in agriculture is needed in Ireland. I would like the CAP to deliver the following;

- CAP payments should be phased out for beef, dairy and sheep production.
- Farmers should be allowed to keep their CAP payment if they return their land back to native ecosystems (native woodland, wetlands, grasslands). Farmers can submit an ecosystem restoration plan showing how they will support the return to native ecosystems in some cases land will recover itself.
- To address the biodiversity emergency there should be a reduction of 50% in Ireland's agricultural land so that restored native ecosystems cover at least 35% of the Island.
- Farmers should be allowed to keep their CAP payment with additional supports to enable them to transition to a plant based agricultural food system.
- No planning permissions should be granted to factory farmed poultry and pork operations and existing factory farms should be shut down due to their inherent cruelty, their contribution to anti-microbial resistance and the risk of being a source of the next pandemic.
- Imports of animal feed should be phased out.
- The use of synthetic pesticides should be phased out.
- There needs to be major expansion in supports for the horticulture sector and an expansion in supports for the tillage sector.
- The tillage sector should transition to an organic conservation agriculture (minimum ploughing) approach.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding to address habitat loss  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 00:58:50

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A chara,

I would like to request that the protection of our essential natural habitats through managed rewilding be integrated into the CAP payment system.

We are facing a climate and biodiversity crisis, and have an opportunity to allow farmers to become part of the solution. Making rewilding one of the options available to farmers in order to receive CAP payments would support the protection and conservation of woodlands, wetlands and peatlands and the many species that depend on them to survive. It would also recognise and reward the role of farmers in stewardship of the land.

Is mise le meas,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 01:23:30

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

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewinding subsidies  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 01:37:11

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Hi,

Please offer farmers subsidies and incentives for rewinding, planting native tress, letting hedgerows grow up and out.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 02:06:36

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

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP payments and rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 02:52:25

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Hi,

I'm given to understand that CAP payments for the coming decade are being finalised and that submissions and proposals from the public are being accepted. I'm contacting you to ask you to please consider facilitating funding for rewilding to 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. Farmers should be paid a stable income for this vital activity that could contribute so much to mitigating against, and reversing, the twin impacts of the biodiversity and climate crisis.

Please include rewilding as a core element of the upcoming CAP payments program.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Review of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 03:24:42

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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]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Giving farmers the option to rewild their land  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 05:17:48

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am requesting that farmers who are in receipt of cap payments be given the option of using the payments to rewild their land instead of farming it, should they choose to. Our bird life, insects, wildlife and their habitats have all suffered from intensive farming and clearing of land over the years. We have allowed natural habitats and ancient hedgerows to be destroyed.

Farmers receive a huge amount of tax payers money, many given encouragement would be interested in rewilding. So I am asking that you offer them the choice. Repair, restoration and protection of damaged ecosystems should be promoted for all our sakes but especially for future generations.

I would love to see rewilding recognised officially as Government policy. Current practices have resulted in a climate and ecological emergency and we need to help our wildlife to thrive again.

Thank you for your attention to my submission.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding options for CAP farmers  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 06:09:08

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To Whom it May Concern

As the Common Agricultural Policy is being renegotiated I hereby ask that rewilding be included for farmers who are in receipt of the CAP payment.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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Kind Regards

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP Plan Rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 07:39:18

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To whom it concerns,

Could you please include Rewilding as an option for farmers.  
As custodians of our land for future generations they can make a direct impact on their well-being.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding - CAP  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 07:39:21

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To whom on May concern,

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

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 07:51:54

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To whom it may concern,

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

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 07:54:28

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Please include rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. We have given half our farm over to nature to try and combat biodiversity loss

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Re-wilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 08:01:33

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please include rewilding as an option for farmers in your upcoming strategic plan. Ireland has a risible level of forest cover, let alone broadleaf forest. Given the clear and increasing Issue of climate change and our need to think more laterally, encouraging farmers to improve biodiversity on their farms is a perfect opportunity to engage with this issue.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP Plan and Rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 08:11:53

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To Whom it Concerns,

I am writing as a concerned citizen, and someone who feels very strongly that public money should be used for public good. The current model of intensive agriculture in Ireland, focused on dairy export rather than national food security, is one which is environmentally deleterious, socially destructive, and is pushing greater and greater numbers of farmers into debt. Based on Ireland's obligations to arrest the entwined catastrophes of climate and biodiversity collapse, we should be looking to restore ecosystems in whatever possible capacity we can. For this reason, farmers and landholders who want to fully rewild their lands should be supported to do so, and I urge you to facilitate this along with supporting high-nature value farming and organic practices.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tel:

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
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Please include rewilding as an option for farmers in recipient of CAP in order to help mitigate the devastating effects of loss of biodiversity. Encouraging rewilding will directly impact soil health, pollination and ultimately lead to better agricultural products.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding Recognised Officially as Government Policy  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 08:17:45

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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.

Yours faithfully,

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

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 08:24:28

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request you to please include rewilding for farmers that are in receipt of CAP.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 08:37:15

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 08:38:11

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To whom it may concern,

Please acknowledge the request that farmers, who are in receipt of the CAP, be allowed include rewilding as an option.

Ireland needs to move with the times and protect our flora bad fauna.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 / Recognise Rewilding as Government Policy  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 08:51:49

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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.

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Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding in Ireland  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 09:03:20

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Good morning,

I hope you are well.

I hereby ask you to please include "rewilding" in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

That would make all the difference.

Have a lovely day.

Le meas,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP payments  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 09:05:49

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To whom it may concern,

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

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Rewilding under CAP  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 09:17:34

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Dear sir / madam,

As you prepare submissions on CAP, I would like to suggest that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

I would also urge for more biodiversity officers will also be made available to farmers to support and advise them on best practice.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Re-Wilding - please put this in the plan  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 09:19:24

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Dear Govt ,

I farm here in [REDACTED] and have been trying to put part of my farm into a re-wilding project .

Please allow farmers to choose that as a clear option.

We desperately need to conserve our Bio-diversity .

Thank you,

[REDACTED] .

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP Strategic plan  
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please include rewilding in the options who receive CAP payments

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Requesting support for rewilding projects  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in relation to Ireland's 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 should get the financial support to do so.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP payment options  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021 09:27:00

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Hello, I would like to ask [REDACTED] e included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments [REDACTED]

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

**Rewilding** should be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments. Please ensure this happens.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Women in Ag CAP  
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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]  
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To Whom it May Concern;

I ask that you kindly consider rewilding to be considered as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments, along with a Departmental education campaign particularly aimed towards farmers, to highlight the benefits and necessity of rewilding to help address the biodiversity crisis and work towards our climate goals. Additional benefits such as less flooding should also be highlighted.

Thank you for your time,

Le Meas,  
[REDACTED]



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To whom it concerns,

I am writing to ask that **rewilding** be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments in the CAP strategic plan 2023-27.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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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.

Le Meas

[REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern

We are writing to ask you to please consider including rewilding as an option for farmers in receipt of the CAP payment. There has never been a better time, or indeed a more urgent time than now to include this, please make good use of this opportunity.

I am writing this on behalf of myself and my four teenagers, this will make a difference to their future.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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

A Chara,

I, [REDACTED] am a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. After spending the past 12 years actively involved in issues of conservation in the [REDACTED], for example the regeneration of the unique inland river forest [REDACTED]; the water treatment issue (still unresolved from [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] through [REDACTED]; the removal of illegal man-made barriers in the rivers [REDACTED]; support for conservation projects like the wonderful [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] Project and the restoration and creation of Irelands first indigenous WOODLAND MUSEUM on an old farmstead in [REDACTED], during the pandemic.

This work has led me to engage with several like-minded hard working farmers who take the climate emergency, the energy crises and the biodiversity crises extremely seriously. They of course are at the coal face. They are the land managers at the baseline of our agricultural economy who fully respect what the Government have declared as EMERGENCY STATUS. I should emphasise here that the people I refer to are SMALL SCALE land owners/farmers who appear to be dwindling in terms of numbers due to the ever increasing common agri-policy that "bigger is better" !!

It beggars belief to hear that their actions (which in the cases I am aware of are self-financed and/or generated through community information events, films, calendars etc., where the small proceeds are used to purchase native trees, wild seeds etc.) are actually PENALISED by contemporary government policy.

What city dweller is aware that the conscientious farmer who takes CLIMATE ACTION MEASURES in line with global scientific emergency advice, here in Ireland 2021, is penalised financially **for "over claiming" land eligibility under the Basic Payment Scheme**, this being proven by satellite photos displaying growth of **valuable habitat**. Which honourable citizen can comprehend that the government penalise these climate emergency conscientious farmers for carrying out what their contemporary policy considers : BAD FARMING PRACTICE?

As part of my ongoing voluntary research and contribution to **OUR climate and bio diversity crises** I have established hard core facts that are simply contradictory and again baffle the mind. The son of a 75 year old farmer, who in the past followed the advise of the Dept. of Agriculture and ripped out mature hedgerows, began to reinstate lost hedgerows and planted a native tree nursery



on the family farm again in line with the EU Habitat Directives.

Most recent result from the Irish Government : **All of the areas where trees are now planted have been deducted from the farm payment.... the family vegetable patch, the most productive area per hectare on the farm....also penalised.**

Over the past years I have made many excursions to [REDACTED] and the dominant feature each and every visit has been large excavators bull dozing old hedgerows and levelling ancient natural habitat. Is this considered redefining our scenic natural beauty that for a 100 years has attracted visitors from around the globe. Is the overall plan to iron out the bogs and craggy fields and turn the landscape of Éire into a series of billiard tables? Would someone kindly explain the contradictory aspects of these actions during this **unprecedented biodiversity crises where carbon sequestration should be TOP PRIORITY** of every single land and water manager here on what was once known as the Emerald Isle.

Those concerned citizens that take the time to follow best practice including those that take valuable time from their daily chores to pen these letters of appeal, deserve firstly **an honourable in depth reply answering the carefully considered questions.** Electronic acknowledgments are futile and do not help the situation from the writers perspective. These measures and penalisations are counter productive I appeal to your board of decision makers to reverse these measures and get behind the growing number of climate conscientious citizens to give them your full support and some small feeling of pride in their efforts to avert a catastrophe for our children and grand children. This is not an appeal for money. This is an appeal for proper common sensical valuable and effective land and water management policy.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Farmers should have the option of being paid to rewild their land, if they so choose.

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Hi,

Please ensure that the option for Rewilding be included for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CAP Strategic Plan](#)  
**Subject:** CAP policy change  
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To Whom it May Concern;

I ask that you kindly consider rewilding to be an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments, along with a Departmental education campaign particularly aimed towards farmers, to highlight the benefits and necessity of rewilding to help address the biodiversity crisis and work towards our climate goals. In the last decade my local area has been changed beyond recognition by farmers seemingly obsessed with tidyness, removing hedgerows, draining bogs, removing and selling any outcrops of rock, destroying any remnants of natural woodland, and building excessive amounts of farm buildings, with no planning permission ever sought, to house the machinery required for this said destruction. All of these destructive actions, which bring only negative benefits to society, are funded by farm payment schemes and are completely against the grain when it comes to supposed government policy, and have a direct negative financial impact on the local community from the flooding, pollution and the loss of any remaining natural habitat.

Thank you for your time,

Le Meas,

[REDACTED],

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Dear Sir

We all know that nature is crumbling around us. Irish farming and farmers are part of the overall assault on nature, that we humans are carrying out.

Please give those farmers who want to act differently, the chance to do it while being supported by including rewilding in the options for farmers who are supported by CAP.

It is one of the most effective ways to address both the climate and biodiversity crises.

Please, please, please help farmers to do the right thing

Is mise Le meas,

[REDACTED]

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

Please consider including **rewilding** as an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments; give farmers the option to become leaders in nature restoration on their lands and in their communities through rewilding appropriate sections of land.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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

I would like to make the following submission for the CAP Strategic Plan:

“Provisions should be put in place to give farmers financial support for rewilding activities on their farms. Provisions should be weighted towards rewilding efforts that are of a multigenerational timeframe, giving financial security to both the farmers who are managing the rewilding and their descendants, and security of tenure for the flora and fauna that will be on the lands rewilded.”

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please give serious consideration to include a CAP payment to farmers who donate land for use as a wildlife reserve. Now is the time to act as it will address climate change and biodiversity loss.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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

As a member of a rural community in County [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 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.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

As a member of a rural community in County [REDACTED], I live surrounded by farmland, small farmers and sadly, agri forestry. In a region apparently preserved for hen harrier as an S.P.A, the call for rewilding is ever present as more and farm land is reclaimed, destroying essential habitats. 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 and or rehabilitated and preserved in a better way.

This is an extremely necessary opportunity for rewilding.

It is well documented and publicly disseminated idea amongst conservationist and scientific communities that rewilding be included in the options for farmers who are in receipt of CAP payments.

As the pandemic and it's complete moratorium on human activity demonstrated during 2020, Rewilding of habitats and allowing nature its rightful and necessary place in the world is the most effective way to restore biodiversity and mitigate this evolving climate crisis. It is particularly needed for restoration of peatlands, river flood plains and native forests and farmers should be paid for this. The preservation of these natural resources through innovative re wilding programs can be transform these devastated landscapes into our greatest assets in terms of carbon sequestration and green House gas absorption. We must make th rewilding of habitats the financially viable option for farmers in the custodianship of the planet taking farmers out of the hot seat as those contributing to the crisis and placing them at the helm of transforming, reforming and rehabilitating our most significant natural asset.

Farmers are custodians as are rural communities and the CAP reformed correctly can empower communities to make positive change in a supported, unified response to mitigate the crisis we all face and find a common and unified solution.

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.

The benefits of such a policy would be enormous for wildlife, for the climate, for rural communities, and above all, for farmers themselves. Rewilding can possibly speak also to the landowners in this country with sub plots of smaller holdings who are not necessarily farmers, Facilitating them as providers of essential ecosystems through the creation of essential habitats and carbon sequestration pockets is all within the realms of this essential reform. Further to this, I think that the role of artists as illuminators in this essential

paradigm shift needs to be acknowledged and utilised. Visual and contemporary art which collaborates with communities in the transition and implementation of a new and reformed CAP has the potential to create employment and opportunity not just within the farming and natural heritage sectors but also in the arts and cultural sectors of communities. The provision for rewilding programs can show the immense and expansive benefits of nurturing our nature as something which at the centre of our society can not only rehabilitate the natural biological ecosystem but also support a healthy financial and socio economic ecosystem where people as well as nature thrive. Artists\_ are the catalyst often to such pereception shift.

I hope that rewilding can be placed at the very centre of any CAP reform, as we move into positive climate action across the island of Ireland.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Minister McConalogue

We would collectively like to encourage & support all rewilding initiatives in Ireland as a matter of urgency.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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

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

it is vital that rewilding be an option for farmers in receipt of CAP payments. Farmers must be supported to protect biodiversity.

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[REDACTED]

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tá fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge

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To whom it concerns.

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

Regards,

[REDACTED] .

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to see rewilding included as an option 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. Farmers should be paid to implement this very important and necessary work. I would like to see this included in the CAP strategic plan 2023 - 2027.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

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Dear Minister,

Farming exists due to mans intimate relationship with nature. We learned what plants to eat, how to grow them from seed, what animals could feed us and how to keep and breed them to suit our growth and development. We used the fertile soils to grow our crops and used its pristine waters for drinking, irrigation and transport.

Nature has provided for us for thousands of years but our continued expansion and exploitation of our natural resources has pushed wildlife into the smallest pockets of land and sea. The vast majority of land in Ireland is farmed. Driving from one side of the country to the other it is hard to pass anything other than farmed fields.

The more we push nature and wildlife away the more poor our land and water will become. Our short term push for production will lead to along term collapse of soil fertility, pollinator populations and water quality, all essential for sustainable food productions.

Giving farmers the opportunity to be paid to allow some of our land back to nature is an easy solution that is available to us. In the book Wilding, Isabella Tree describes beyond doubt the benefits of rewilding for nature and for people. In the year 2000 Isabella and her husband changed the use of their 3500 acre farm at Knepp, Sussex from intensive farming to wild landscape, introducing some large grazers in the process.

The results have been exceptional and 20 years later Knepp is home to a huge variety of flora and fauna including many of Britains rarest birds and animals.

Please include rewilding as an option to farmers as a part of the new CAP strategy and secure a healthy future for both wildlife and farming alike.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**Clare Public Participation Network submission  
to the  
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine  
in respect of the consultation on the environmental assessment of  
the Common Agricultural Policy.**

**Clare PPN (CPPN)** is a network of 331 community, voluntary, environmental and social inclusion groups from Clare. It exists to facilitate the formal participation by the community sector in Clare County Council's policy making structures and to support communication and information sharing in the community and voluntary sector in Clare. It is funded jointly by the Department of Rural and Community Development and Clare County Council but is autonomous and its activities are directed by its members through an elected secretariat. Clare PPN's website is [www.clareppn.ie](http://www.clareppn.ie) and we are on twitter @clare\_ppn and <https://facebook.com/clareppn/>

Clare Public Participation Network welcomes the public consultation on the Environmental Assessment of the Common Agricultural Policy. This submission is made on behalf of Clare PPN's environmental college members and is based on our ongoing work and consultations with them.

We wish to raise the following issues which relate to the protection of biodiversity, climate change, sustainable rural livelihoods, protection of water catchments, and securing a just transition:

1. CAP as administered in Ireland needs to develop and enhance horticulture and smallholding. 70% of the world's food is produced by small farmers and the reversal of intensification can bring huge benefits and promote local food security.
2. Clare PPN considers that a change in EU and national policy which steers farming towards food security and food sovereignty and away from a profit motive is necessary. Clare PPN considers that the investments currently made in making the for profit systems financially viable should in the face of the climate crisis be reoriented towards making food systems sustainable, climate neutral and regenerative. Our member groups consider that this transition can and should be progressed whilst sustaining the incomes of famers.
3. Clare PPN considers that there is a need for supported funded systems to ensure sufficient new farmers enter the vocation. Our consultations with the

farming community have identified this as an issue. Our skills base for food production needs to be replenished and routes other than the traditional familial transfer of land need to be established so that people can enter the profession as a choice rather than only as an inheritance. Community of commonly held land options as well as establishing a system for the long term leasing of land should be considered and resources as an environmental action.

4. Clare PPN recommends an expansion of ‘farming with nature schemes’ an expansion of organic farming schemes and the promotion and support for locally produced food.
5. Clare PPN recommends significant supports be introduced for ‘re-wilding’ of supposed non-productive land rather than the traditional drainage, planting or reclamation of same.
6. Clare PPN recommends that schemes to encourage tree planting are redesigned so that they facilitate mixed planting and agricultural usage of land which can assist soil quality, shelter, prevent erosion and provide carbon sequestration.
7. Clare PPN recommends a re-balancing of ‘input’ based farming where intensive nitrates and fertilizer usage is required to sustain farming incomes. As these inputs increase in price it will become more logical to promote and sustain methods of farming which do not require them.
8. Clare PPN notes that water and river catchment pollution is concentrated in areas of heaviest dairy farming. We consider this unsustainable and that a recalibration of farming methods and intensity is necessary. Clare PPN strongly supports the protection of rural and farmers income during the necessary transitions.

Clare PPN thanks you for the opportunity to make this submission and we welcome any enquiries in respect of any aspect of it.

Yours Sincerely,

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Clare PPN

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