

SWOT RESPONSE FORM

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Please tick one of the following options that best describes you;

Farmer (full-time) Farmer (part-time) Farm family member
Member of the public Other

Are you involved in:

Agriculture Forestry Farm Organisation
Rural Development Food industry Environment
Community Sector Research Civil Society / NGO

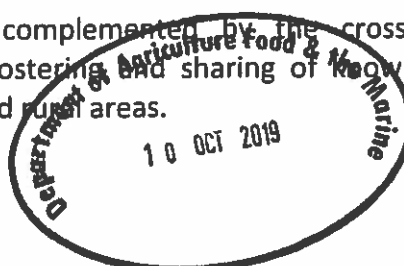
Other: _____

Nine specific objectives of the Common Agriculture Policy post 2020

support viable farm income and resilience across the Union to enhance food security;

- (a) enhance market orientation and increase competitiveness, including greater focus on research, technology and digitalisation;
- (b) improve the farmers' position in the value chain;
- (c) contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as sustainable energy;
- (d) foster sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources such as water, soil and air;
- (e) contribute to the protection of biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services and preserve habitats and landscapes;
- (f) attract young farmers and facilitate business development in rural areas;
- (g) promote employment, growth, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including bio-economy and sustainable forestry;
- (h) improve the response of EU agriculture to societal demands on food and health, including safe, nutritious and sustainable food, food waste, as well as animal welfare.

Those objectives shall be complemented by the cross-cutting objective of modernising the sector by fostering and sharing of knowledge, innovation and digitalisation in agriculture and rural areas.



SWOT template

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| Objective - 1. SUPPORT VIABLE FARM INCOME | |
| Strength <u>How to</u> - A just transition funding. Fair pay for small farms who regenerate the land, increase biodiversity, provide local, sustainable food system. | Weakness CAP directs payment / incentive to large, unsustainable farms, and corporate landowners. The farmers protecting the ecosystem are not at the cornerstone of all policy decisions. |
| Opportunity To develop a climate resilient food system that values farmers role. Biodiversity increase. Clean water, carbon sink. | Threat Reduced CAP budget. No political will lobbying from large corporations. |

* Strength many small farms with the knowledge in Ireland

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| Objective - 1 SUPPORT RESILIENCE. | |
| Strength Knowledge still here. <u>How to support resilience</u> - Diversification - woodland nature, bio energy, horticulture, orchards, livestock, carbon sinks. | Weakness Incentives, is not there, Education lacking. Low uptake. Fear of the new. |
| Opportunity Income from wide range of products. Back ups from diverse range of production. <u>Resilience</u> | Threat Cheap produce on global markets. Facilitated by CAP subsidies and free trade agreements. Local food expensive. |

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| Objective - 1 SUPPORT FOOD SECURITY. | |
| Strength It is within living memory in Ireland how the food was produced from local food. <u>How to support food security</u> - Incentives to develop horticultural farming/orchards | Weakness No financial help or advice. Low uptake. Knowledge weather conditions |
| Opportunity Ireland food secure, with a vibrant rural community. Local food for local people. Reduced air miles, GHG emissions. | Threat Cheap imports. Lack of incentives. |

Food security from shorter food chains

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| Objective - 2 Enhance market orientation | |
| Strength Develop local <u>How to</u> - food for local communities - value added products, nutrient dense food of high quality | Weakness cheap imports. cost of production. |
| Opportunity food security, nutrient dense food, vibrant rural community, circular economy. fewer GHG emissions. Diverse employment, opportunities. Rural repopulation | Threat Global market restrictions. lack of education on nutrient rich foods compared with low quality food. |

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| Objective - 4 Contribute to climate change mitigation | |
| Strength Ireland has bogs that store carbon, Land that can be planted with native woodlands. <u>How to</u> - mixed swards, mob grazing, hedgerows, ponds, restore wet lands/peatlands | Weakness Lack of skills / Knowledge transfer. Education. monetary incentives. |
| Opportunity Ireland not fined for GHG emissions. Increased soil fertility for future generations. Build up of intergenerational knowledge. Biodiversity farmers respected for huge role in climate mitigation. | Threat Lack of knowledge of 'advisers' continued silica spruce manufacture forestry. Agri business continue to lobby governments to subsidize. |

* Native woodlands, agroforestry, Biochar, compost F4m, regenerative farming practices, Reduction of chemical fertilizers.

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| Objective - 5 Foster sustainable development + efficient management of water, soil | |
| Strength <u>How to</u> Peruse the pollutes. Hold to account the agricultural companies that degrade soil/water/air. Greater accountability. Move to F4m composted. | Weakness Agrochemical advisers. Lack of Education. |
| Opportunity Less chemical fertilizers used. improved water quality. Ammonia emissions down. Build up of soil life. | Threat Lack of political will. Increased move to plant silica spruce forestry. releasing CO2 whilst preparing land, water run off, acidic water conditions |

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| <u>Objective</u> - 6. Contribute to the protection of biodiversity, enhance ecosystems, preserve habitats and landscapes. | |
| <u>Strength</u> many small farmers are already doing this. <u>How to</u> - Re-use the polluters, Greater accountability. Reward those doing it right. for developing habitats + retaining them | <u>Weakness</u> Lack of political will No just payment schemes. mono culture forestry. |
| <u>Opportunity</u> Increased biodiversity Break down of eco system reversed. | <u>Threat</u> solutions available not taken heed of. |

CAP subsidies
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the environment.

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| <u>Objective</u> - 7. Attract young farmers and facilitate business development in rural areas. | |
| <u>Strength</u> <u>How to</u> - Local food for local community. Farmers respected and supported for their prime position in reversing climate crisis and ecosystem collapse | <u>Weakness</u> No support or education on how important farmers role is. |
| <u>Opportunity</u> To develop rural vitality with many rural business in local food development | <u>Threat</u> Globalization Free trade agreements. Fewer and fewer farmers as so many give up. |

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| <u>Strength</u> | <u>Weakness</u> |
| <u>Opportunity</u> | <u>Threat</u> |



