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# Coherence of the CAP and the WFD

*The debate on the future of the CAP beyond 2013  
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# Outline

- **The EEB**
- **Agricultural practices and water: Need for a change of the policy**
- **The CAP proposals**
- **The proposals and water issues**
- **The necessary improvements for reaching a “good ecological and chemical status” for all Community waters**

# The EEB

- Created in 1974
- Europe's largest federation of environmental organisations with 140+ member organisations in the EU and in some accession Countries



# The need for a change of the policy

## □ Urgently needed

□ 13 factsheets about environmental issues that the CAP reform must address:

- *Wildlife*
- *Climate Change*
- *Functional Biodiversity*
- *Food Consumption*
- *Genetic Resources*
- *Organic Agriculture*
- *Grasslands*
- *High Nature Value farming*
- *Pesticides*
- *Global Impact of EU Agriculture*
- *Soil*
- *Water Quality*
- *Water Scarcity*



# The need for a greening of the CAP

## □ Water Quality

- - Farming is responsible for over 50% of nitrogen in water and is a significant source of phosphates
- => eutrophication.
- - There are **considerable clean-up costs** to ensure drinking water standards are met.
- + *Example: Well managed peatlands supply clean water to UK consumers*



# The need for a greening of the CAP

## □ Water scarcity

- Water abstraction for irrigation is the second most important cause for low flow regimes in rivers and lowered groundwater levels.
- Water scarcity affects at least 14 EU MS and concerns around 100 million inhabitants in the EU
- + example: reconciling wetland restoration with extensive farming

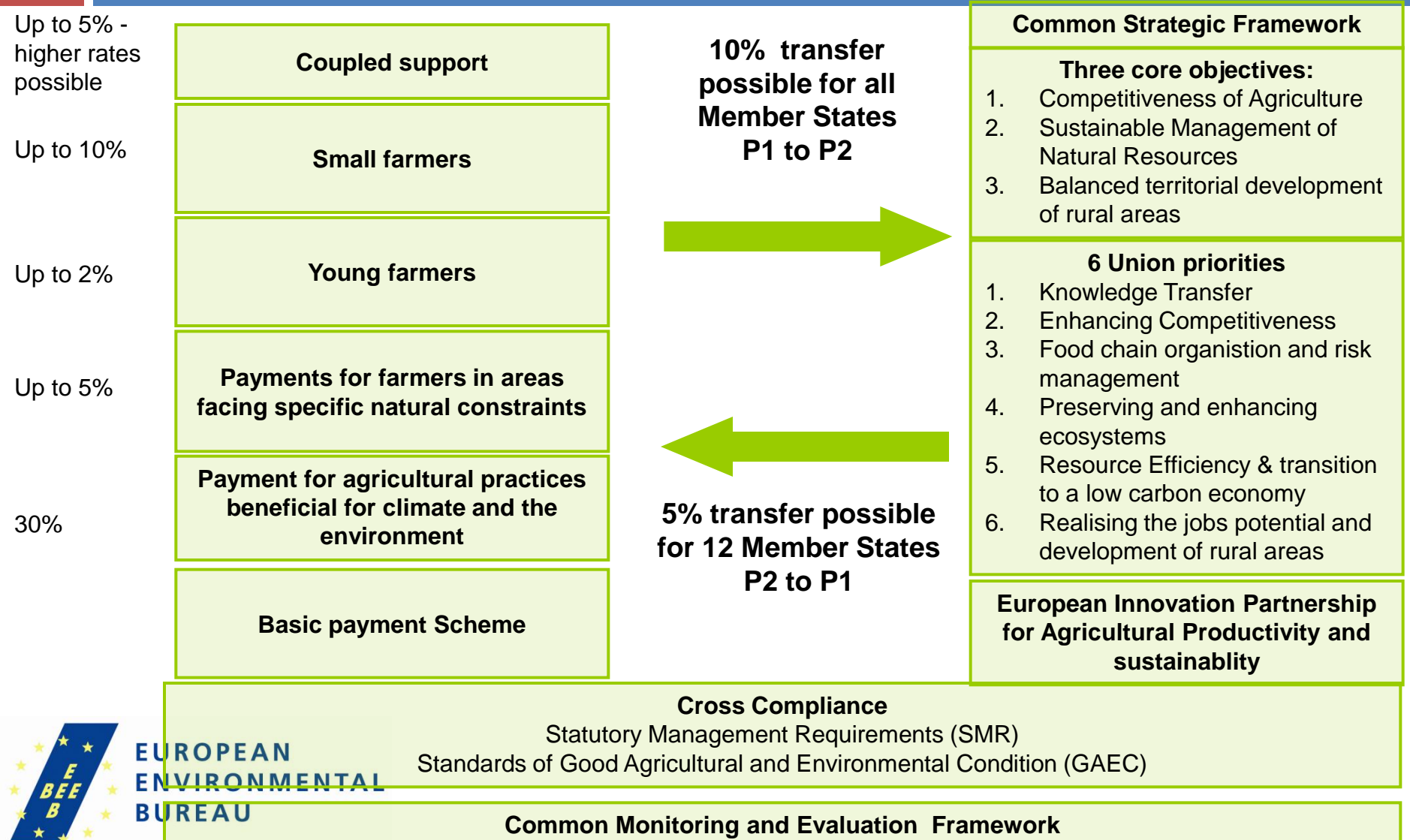


# The Proposals

% of national ceiling

Pillar 1

Pillar 2



# The proposals and water issues: 1st Pillar

- New GAEC (Annex II, GAEC 6 and 7 COM(2011) 628 final/2)
- WFD and sustainable use of Pesticides Directive in Cross Compliance (*Art 93* COM(2011) 628 final/2)
- Greening (*Art 29 to 33* COM(2011) 625 final/2)

# The proposals and water issues: 1st Pillar

- **New GAEC (7):**
- Protection of rich carbon soils and wetlands (ban on first ploughing)



# The proposals and water issues: 1st Pillar

- **WFD and SUP in Cross Compliance:**
- *When all the MS will have implemented the directives*

# The proposals and water issues: 1st Pillar

- ❑ **Greening of Direct Payments:**
  - ❑ « Eligibility » criteria to get the Direct Payments
  - ❑ Good practices for environment and climate
  - ❑ *Diversification of crops (art 30)*
  - ❑ *Protection of Permanent Pastures (art 31)*
  - ❑ *7% Ecological Focus Areas (art 32)*
- ❑ Organic farmers automatically received top up payment
- ❑ Farmers in Natura 2000 areas must comply with requirements unless these are not in keeping with the management requirements on their site



# The proposals and water issues: 2nd Pillar

- Water in *sub priorities* ( improve water management and increase efficiency of water use- priorities 4 and 5)
- WFD Compensation (Art 31)
- European Innovation Partnership? (Art 61 to 63) *promote a resource efficient, productive and low emission agricultural sector, working in harmony with the essential natural resources on which farming depends; help deliver a steady supply of food, feed and biomaterials, both existing and new ones; improve processes to preserve the environment, adapt to climate change and mitigate it; build bridges between cutting-edge research knowledge and technology and farmers, businesses and advisory services.*
- Agri environment

# The Farm and Advisory Service

- **Voluntary advice & planning (FAS)**  
(not leaving farmers “alone”)



# What needs to be improved?

- Pillar 1 and Horizontal:
- WFD and SUP in Cross Compliance **NOW**
- Good definition of Wetlands in new GAEC at EU level
- A real package of meaningful good agronomic practices compulsory at farm level (greening) : Crop rotation, 10% EFAs and real protection of Permanent Pastures

# What needs to be improved?

- **Pillar 2 and modulation:**
- Ringfencing for Agri environment schemes
- NGOs considered as PARTNERS in EIP
- Modulation from Pillar 1 to Pillar 2 with cofinancing going up to 100% for environmental schemes

# What needs to be removed

- Reverse modulation
- Coupled supports for cereals
- Exemption of Cross Compliance for small farmers

# Next Steps

## □ End of 2011

- Detailed debate on Rural Development Agriculture Council 15 & 16 December

## □ Spring/Summer 2012

- Co-decision process involving European Parliament, Commission and Council
- Implementing legislation/Delegated Acts developed in parallel with negotiations on the new regulations (?)

## □ June 2012:

- Presentation of Draft reports in COMAGRI

## □ End 2012

final decision on EU budget + vote in Plenary

## □ 2013:

- Adoption of the texts (?) Or second reading
- Member States to develop Rural Development Programmes for 2014-2020
- Member States to work out practicalities for implementing new Pillar 1 requirements

□ Thanks for your attention!

□ Questions?

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