



*Prospects for Romanian agriculture in the
CAP*

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Introduction of Copa and Cogeca

Copa – European farmers

Cogeca – European agri-cooperatives

72 organisations (**36** from the new Member States)

One of the biggest and most active interest representations in Brussels

2007 – the Romanian federation, **FNPAR**, joins COPA

Copa-Cogeca position on the future of the CAP

- **a strong common agricultural policy**
 - maintaining CAP budget
 - a level playing field for all EU farmers on the Single Market
 - consistency of other EU policies (trade, competition) with the objectives of the CAP
- **changes should aim at:**
 - improving farmers' return from the market
 - increasing farmers' competitive position
 - addressing new challenges (increased market volatility and risk, climate change)

Copa-Cogeca position on the future of the CAP

Pillar 1

- maintain direct payments and target this support to active farmers
- allow voluntary coupled support to be continued within clearly defined limits
- specific scheme for small farmers with help for structural improvement
- better functioning of the market (safety nets)
- reinforce position of farmers in the food chain

Pillar 2

- refocus Rural Development on agriculture
- maintain existing measures to improve competitiveness (axis 1)
- more emphasis on promoting profitable farms with better returns from the market
- encourage innovation, adjustment to climate change, knowledge transfer, advisory services & training

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2007

- Romania became EU member and part of the CAP
- Romanian agriculture and farmers benefit from advantages offered by the CAP – in return to the application of the relevant EU legislation

2010-2013

- CAP is being revised for the period of 2014-2020
- Romanian specific issues **must** be raised by Romanian stakeholders
- Romanian farmers **must** actively contribute to the debate
- Romanian farmers **must** be part of European farmers' organization structures and **must** build alliances in order to better defend their interests at European level

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Opportunities and constraints

- Romania needs a long-term vision on its agriculture
- Romanian agriculture has great potential and this should be fully exploited – also to the benefit of the EU
- it is both a contributor to the EU budget and a receiver of agricultural funds and it should take advantage of this opportunity
- projects to revive the countryside
- help small farms to become competitive
- attract young people in rural areas
- strengthen the position of farmers in the food chain
- EU success is about communication, cooperation and active participation in policy areas affecting agriculture



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