

Ministry of Rural Development and Food Managing Authority of Greek CAP SP

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Major challenges in Agriculture have to do mainly with:

- ✓ the multiple and ongoing crises with their serious impacts on agricultural inputs and energy costs, causing high risks to food sufficiency and security.
- ✓ **climate change** and the need of adopting environmental protection policies that promote green and digital transformation of primary sector with investments to introduce new technologies and innovations in production.
- ✓ *intense international competition*, combined with the significant technological developments that must be incorporated into the production process.
- ✓ adapting to new dietary patterns and consumer demands, as well as to the social demand for fair and sustainable development for all.

Shaping a permanent and sustainable transition mechanism to the new reality, requires a strategy that will:

- ✓ encourage the interconnection of research, education, training, entrepreneurship and investments through synergies and complementarities of the CAP with other financial instruments and tools (Horizon , Life , Invest EU , Smart Specialization, etc.).
- ✓ promote structural changes in public administration, taxation, planning, bureaucracy, the financial system, etc.
- ✓ **support decentralization** and the development of modern structures and mechanisms for an integrated approach to culture change.

Our strategic planning includes 5 main priorities:

- ✓ *To consult, inform and raise awareness* among farmers and agrifood sector stakeholders about the CAP potential, opportunities and benefits.
- ✓ To provide advisory services to farmers through a well-organized system of advisory support in accordance with the relevant EU initiatives FAS and AKIS, combined by education and training.
- ✓ *To encourage age renewal of our primary sector* through the provision of incentives for the establishment of young people in the agricultural profession and in our rural areas.
- ✓ *To promote cooperation and networking* within the framework of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP AGRI).
- ✓ To encourage innovative private investments in the primary sector.

Today's major challenges can be adressed through the contribution and the activities of EU and National CAP Networks, that can bring together stakeholders:

- ✓ involving people from all over Europe that are interested in agriculture, forestry and rural areas,
- ✓ providing opportunities for peer to peer networking, sharing information, including good practices and funding opportunities,
- ✓ *improving skills*, encouraging exchange of knowledge and synergies, disseminating practical solutions and strengthening AKIS approaches.

The transition towards the new productive model requires a comprehensive strategy to:

- ✓ promote the necessary reforms, in a fair and balanced way, so that no one is left behind and everyone is involved.
- ✓ *improve the tools, the terms and the conditions for implementing CAP*, simplifying procedures and offering substantial solutions to the sector's complex and structural problems.
- ✓ *upgrade the role of networking*, creating the conditions for a smooth transition to the new reality given the major challenges that CAP is called upon to face.









