

Thematic Group on Economic Vulnerability of Farming

AGENDA 2nd TG meeting

08 April 2025, 09:15 – 16:15 CET

Avenue des Arts 9/bis
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Introduction

Farming faces significant economic challenges, with issues such as price volatility, rising input costs, and increasing competition from global markets, all contributing to a complex environment for European farmers. Additionally, the increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events are already negatively impacting agricultural production. These challenges are particularly acute for smaller farms and farmers in economically disadvantaged or geographically challenging regions.

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) provides several mechanisms for risk prevention and risk management with a focus on supporting farmers to build up resilience by mitigating the impacts of crises and being able to better respond to these challenges, including through direct payments, productive and non-productive investments, and risk management tools.

This Thematic Group (TG) is exploring various issues associated with the economic vulnerability of farming, including risk management. Members are also considering how challenges can be overcome by farm businesses, e.g. through new ways of working, the application of risk management tools, and the use of income support tools. The group is also considering how the CAP currently addresses, or could better address, economic vulnerabilities.

Aims of the second TG meeting:

- To develop and share approaches for addressing the economic vulnerability of farming.
- To consider pathways (including the role of the CAP) for addressing the economic vulnerability of farming.



| Timing | Agenda item |
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| 08.45 – 09:15 | <i>Registration & Welcome Coffee</i> |
| 09.15 – 09.45 | Introduction and warm-up activity, EU CAP Network |
| 09.45 – 10.30 | <p>Inspiring insights from TG members on approaches that help address the economic vulnerability of farming:</p> <p><i>EAFRD funded mutual funds, Italy – Paola Grossi</i></p> <p><i>Crop insurance programs, Poland – Lukasz Czech</i></p> <p><i>Community based learning, Netherlands – Frank Pisters</i></p> <p><i>Fair remuneration schemes, Niccolo Ciulli</i></p> <p>Q&A and Discussion, Moderated by EU CAP Network</p> |
| 10:30 – 10.45 | <p>Developing approaches to address economic vulnerability – Brief outline of proposals from group clusters:</p> <p><i>Group 1 - Enhanced diversification support for farm businesses.</i></p> <p><i>Group 2 – Reducing transaction costs for insurance</i></p> <p><i>Group 3 – Erasmus for co-operatives</i></p> <p><i>Group 4 – Networking platforms</i></p> <p>Introduction to parallel group discussions, EU CAP Network</p> |
| 10.45 – 11.10 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 11:10 – 12:30 | <p>Parallel Group Discussions: Refinement of proposals and development of new ideas for addressing economic vulnerability.</p> <p><i>Moderated by EU CAP Network</i></p> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | <i>Networking Lunch</i> |
| 13:30 – 15.00 | <p>Pathways for addressing the economic vulnerability of farming</p> <p><i>EU CAP Network Managing Authority Survey results - Carina Folkesson, EU CAP Network</i></p> |



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| | <p>Discussion: Future role for the CAP in helping to address the economic vulnerability of farming.</p> <p><i>Moderated by EU CAP Network</i></p> |
| 15.00 – 15.15 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 15.15 – 16:00 | <p>Final presentations on proposals</p> <p><i>Group 1 – Enhanced diversification support for farm businesses.</i></p> <p><i>Group 2 – Reducing transaction costs for insurance</i></p> <p><i>Group 3 – Erasmus for co-operatives</i></p> <p><i>Group 4 – Agriculture discussion platform</i></p> <p>Reflections on the proposals and key takeaways. <i>Moderated by EU CAP Network</i></p> |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | <p>Next steps and close</p> <p><i>Moderated by EU CAP Network</i></p> |

