

# Information about the outcomes from previous Thematic Groups

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# Thematic Group on Economic Vulnerability of Farming

## Outcomes

### [Background Paper](#)

Highlights reports from the [first](#) and [second](#) meetings

[Members report](#), focusing on preparedness and preventative actions, insurance and mutual funds, cooperation and the supporting environment with a view to informing how policy and practice can better address the economic vulnerability of farming.



- TG composition: 40 members (out of 143 applications) from 22 Member States
- First meeting: 22/01/2025
- Second meeting: 08/04/2025
- 4 focus areas addressed informally between meetings

Members explored various issues associated with the economic vulnerability of farming, including risk management. Members also considered how challenges can be overcome by farm businesses, debating how the CAP currently addresses, or could better address, economic vulnerabilities.





## Thematic Group on Economic Vulnerability of Farming

- › **Undertook a Managing Authority survey** on Economic vulnerability of farming.
- › **Collated examples** from members.
- › **TG members report** reflected on the outcomes of discussions across the focus areas - informing how both policy and practice can help to better address economic vulnerability of farming.
  - › Preparedness and Preventative Actions
  - › Insurance and Mutual Funds
  - › Co-operation
  - › Supporting Environment





# Thematic Group on Valuing Farmers' Wider Contributions to Society

## Outcomes

### [Context Paper](#)

Highlights reports from the [first](#) and [second](#) meetings

### [Collection of good practice examples](#)

Policy Insights | 18 Jun 2025 - [Cultivating connections: Reframing farming to reflect its wider societal value](#)



- TG composition: 40 members (out of 75) from 19 countries (incl. EU)
- First meeting: 26/02/2025 (Brussels)
- Second meeting: 06/05/2025 (Brussels)
- 2 informal online sessions led by members

The overall aim was to reflect on the broader societal value produced by farmers and explore how their multiple roles — as food providers, environmental stewards, and community builders — can be better recognised and communicated. The TG aimed to identify innovative ways to raise awareness, improve public perception, and promote farming as an attractive and valued profession across Europe.

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## Thematic Group on Valuing Farmers' Wider Contributions to Society



Discussions focused on recognising farmers as:

- › **Food providers, environmental stewards, and community builders**
- › Diverse professionals with varying farm sizes, practices, and cultural contexts
- › Communicators and innovators using social media and sustainable methods

### **Recommendations:**

- › Support positive narratives through media training and public campaigns
- › Improve CAP funding mechanisms to value voluntary contributions
- › Promote farming in education and reduce entry barriers for new farmers
- › Develop holistic strategies for youth engagement and career attractiveness





## Thematic Group on Effective Approaches for Simplification within the CAP

### Outcomes

#### [Background Paper](#)

Highlights reports from the [first](#) and [second](#) meetings

[Briefing](#) including existing simplification examples that have the potential for replication, as well as new proposals co-developed by the members of the TG

→ Feeding into [Workshop on Simplified Cost Options](#) (20 November)



- TG composition: 40 members (out of 132 applications) from 24 countries (incl. EU)
- First meeting: 02/04/2025
- Second meeting: 12/06/2025
- 4 thematic areas addressed informally

The overall aim was to examine the practical challenges facing the implementation of the CAP Strategic Plans where complexity or administrative burdens are considered an issue and identify how these have been and can be overcome through some form of simplification for farmers, and other beneficiaries under CAP and administrations, while upholding its objectives.



## Thematic Group on Effective Approaches for Simplification within the CAP

- The discussions in the TG focused on practical solutions to reduce complexity and administrative burden within the CAP at different levels
  
- The examples and proposed approaches are grouped under four key areas:
  - CAP governance and rules
  - Application processes and implementation
  - Monitoring and control requirements
  - Supporting environment
- + Transversal issues
- + Potential for simplification beyond CAP requirements





# Thematic Group on Improving Water Resilience in Rural Areas through the CAP

## Outcomes

### [Background Paper](#)

Highlights reports from the [first](#) and second meeting (pending)

Briefing on practical examples and use of CAP interventions to improve water resilience in rural areas, including policy recommendations developed by TG members (pending).



- TG composition: 40 members (out of 122 applications) from 20 countries (incl. EU)
- First meeting: 18/09/2025
- Second meeting: 06/11/2025
- 2 informal discussions facilitated by TG members

The main goal is to examine how to best utilise the CAP's potential for improving water resilience in rural areas and promote more systemic transformative changes in the way water and land are managed to enable rural areas to withstand climate extremes better. It looked at how this can be best supported through the CSPs.

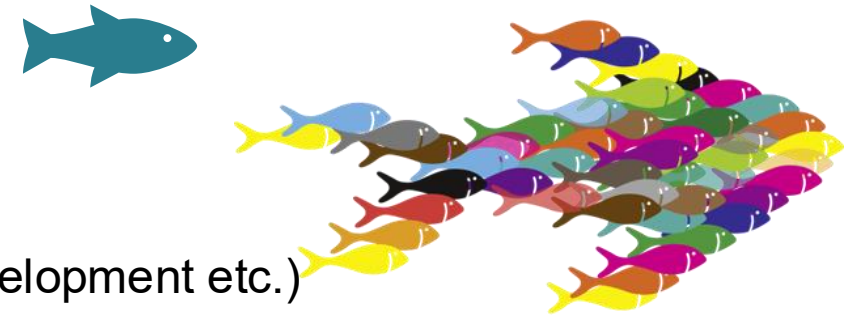
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## Thematic Group on Improving Water Resilience in Rural Areas through the CAP

› The discussions in the TG focused on how to move from single to systemic approaches

- › Taking action at the landscape scale
- › Using a mix of CAP interventions / blend funding sources
- › Working in partnership
- › Longer-term commitments (strategic / funding / market development etc.)



- › Practical examples and initiatives were collected and shared
- › The TG members formulated a number of recommendations
- › Publication of output pending.



# Information about ongoing Thematic Groups

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## Thematic Group on Unlocking the Potential of cooperation

### Outcomes

Background Paper

Highlights report from the first meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting pending – development of proposals focused on unlocking the potential of cooperation.



- TG composition: 40 members (out of 176 applications) from 22 Member States
- First meeting: 25/09/2025
- Second meeting: 11/12/2025
- 3 informal discussions between TG members

This TG is focusing on the effectiveness of current CAP interventions/frameworks for supporting cooperation, considering how such approaches are implemented, how they can be enhanced, or new ones developed.

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## Thematic Group on Unlocking the Potential of Cooperation

### > Focus so far:

- > Coherent, well functioning supporting landscape with a focus on cooperation
- > Improving access to financing for cooperatives, especially new ones
- > Increase cooperation and enhance business operations through targeted funding
- > Explicit support for cooperation in appropriate regulatory and policy frameworks to enable and promote collective actions, including for small scale farms.
  - > Expand opportunities for supporting cooperation under the CMO.
- > Practical examples and initiatives being collected.





## Upcoming thematic work:

Thematic Group on 'The CAP's role in supporting sustainable and competitive livestock systems'

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Thematic Group on Farm Diversification

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→ Expressions of Interest open until 1 December

