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The Common Agricultural Policy

State of play

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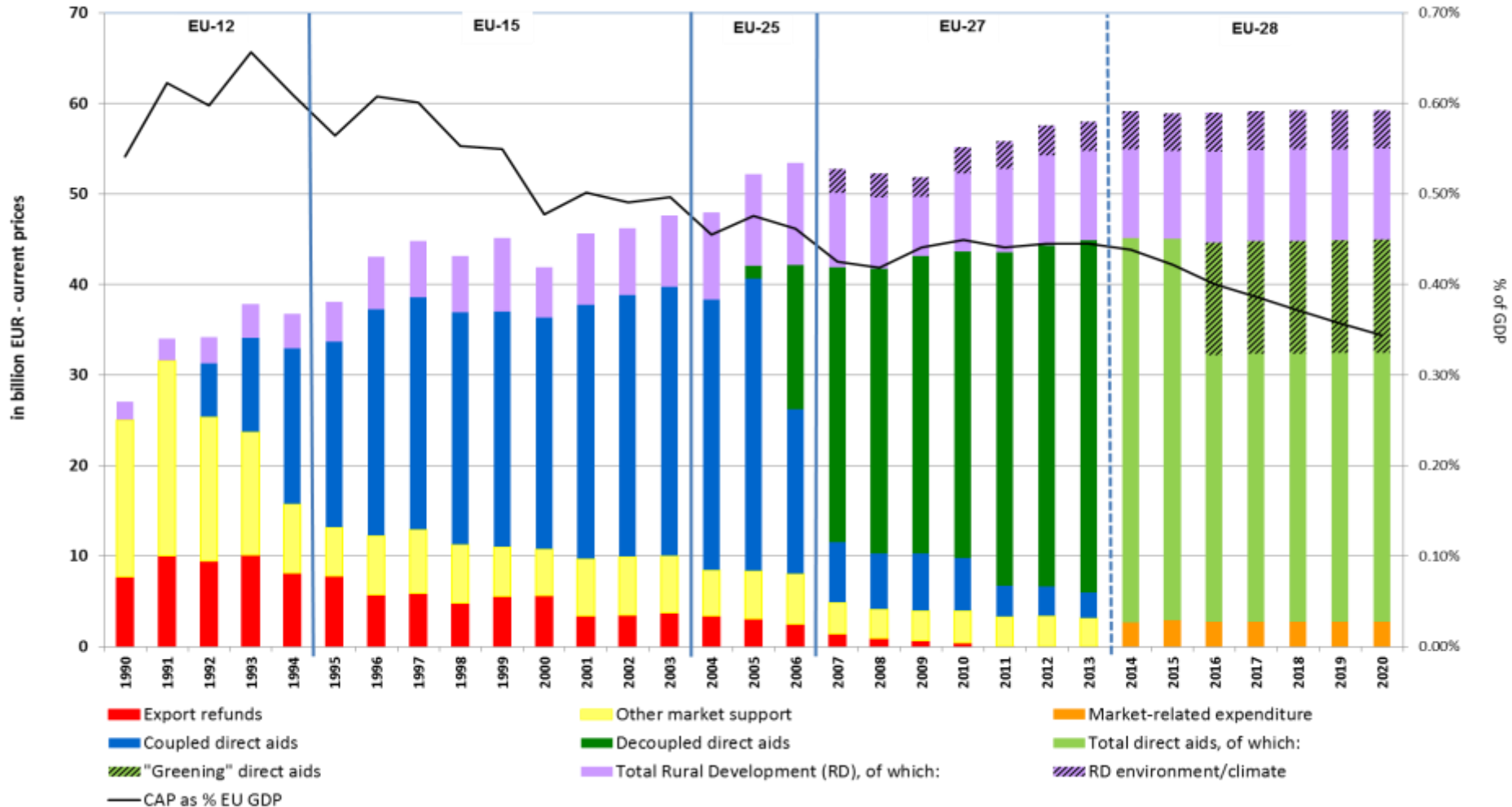
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CAP expenditure and CAP reform path



note: 2014 and 2015: budget amounts; 2016-2020: MFF 2014-2020 amounts, taking into consideration transfers between the pillars and reductions of direct aids.

The new CAP: Enhanced competitiveness

Enhanced market orientation



- ✓ Phasing out of the existing restrictions to production (**sugar 2017, dairy 2015...**)
- ✓ Streamlining of the market measures and enhanced safety net
- ✓ Strengthened **crisis management** mechanism

Better functioning of the food supply chain



- ✓ Reinforced framework for the POs , APOs and IBOs
- ✓ Financial support for the creation of POs
- ✓ Strengthened support to short supply chain

Bridging the gap between knowledge and practice



- ✓ European Partnership for Innovation ('Agricultural productivity and sustainability')
- ✓ Boost to **agricultural research and knowledge transfer**
- ✓ Farm Advisory Services

The new CAP: Improved sustainability

Greener direct payments



- ✓ Mandatory practices beneficial for environment and climate
- ✓ **30% of direct payment budget**
- ✓ Reinforced cross-compliance

Greener rural development



- ✓ Priorities on "resource efficiency" & "eco-systems"
- ✓ Enhanced ambition for measures related to the environment and climate change
- ✓ **Mandatory minimum spending level of 30% for environmental actions**

Increased focus on research and innovation



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The new CAP: Greater effectiveness

Improved targeting



- ✓ Provisions for active farmer and young farmers
- ✓ Green payment
- ✓ Specific support to territories, sectors and size

More equitable distribution



- ✓ Convergence of payments among MS
- ✓ Convergence of payments among farmers

Strategic approach to spending



- ✓ Improved integration with other EU policies
- ✓ Strategic approach in the rural development programming
- ✓ Improvement in the monitoring and evaluation of the policy instruments

Latest developments...

Implementation of Direct Payments



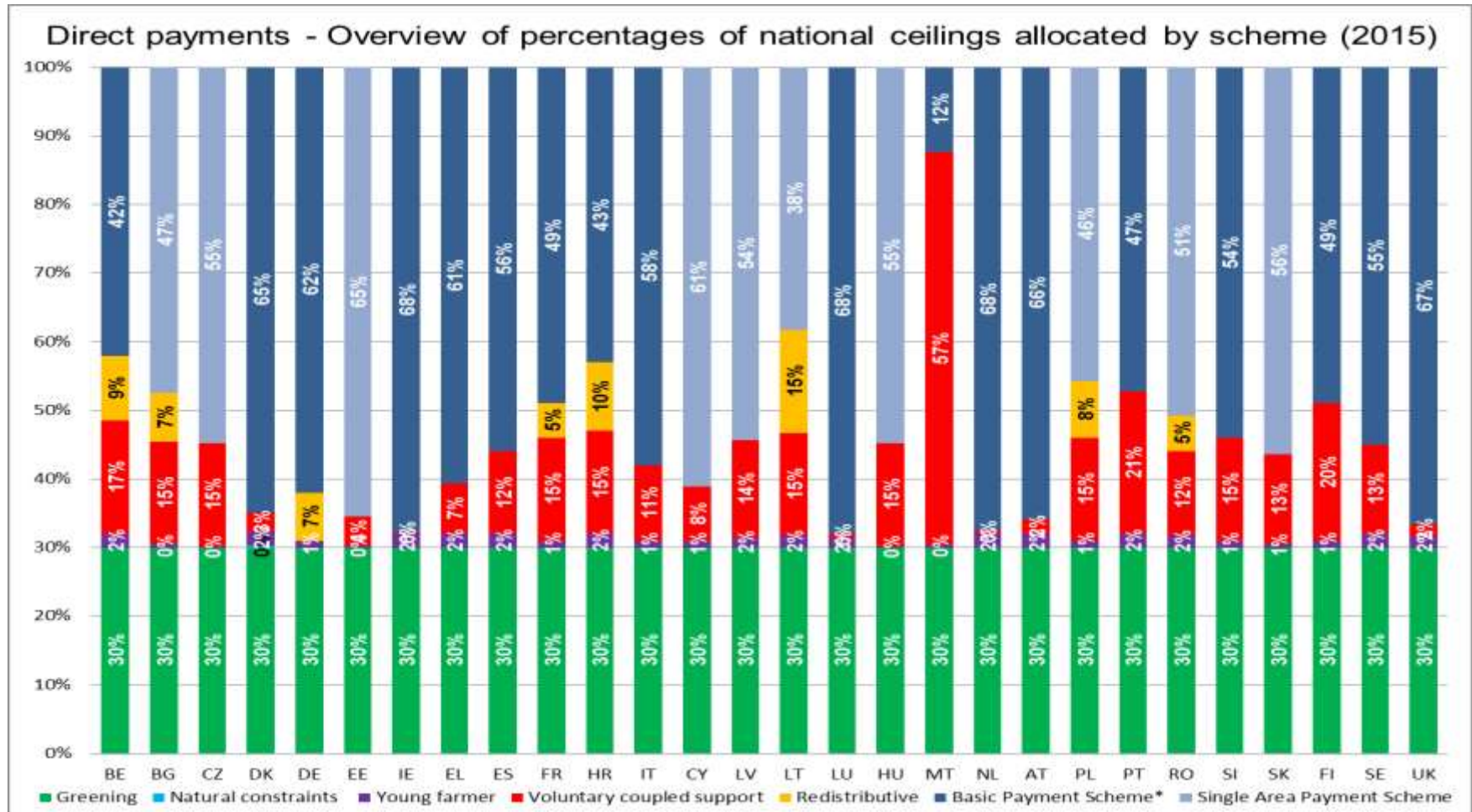
- ✓ Key decisions at national/regional level of the new direct payments architecture (1/8/2014)

Implementation of Rural Development



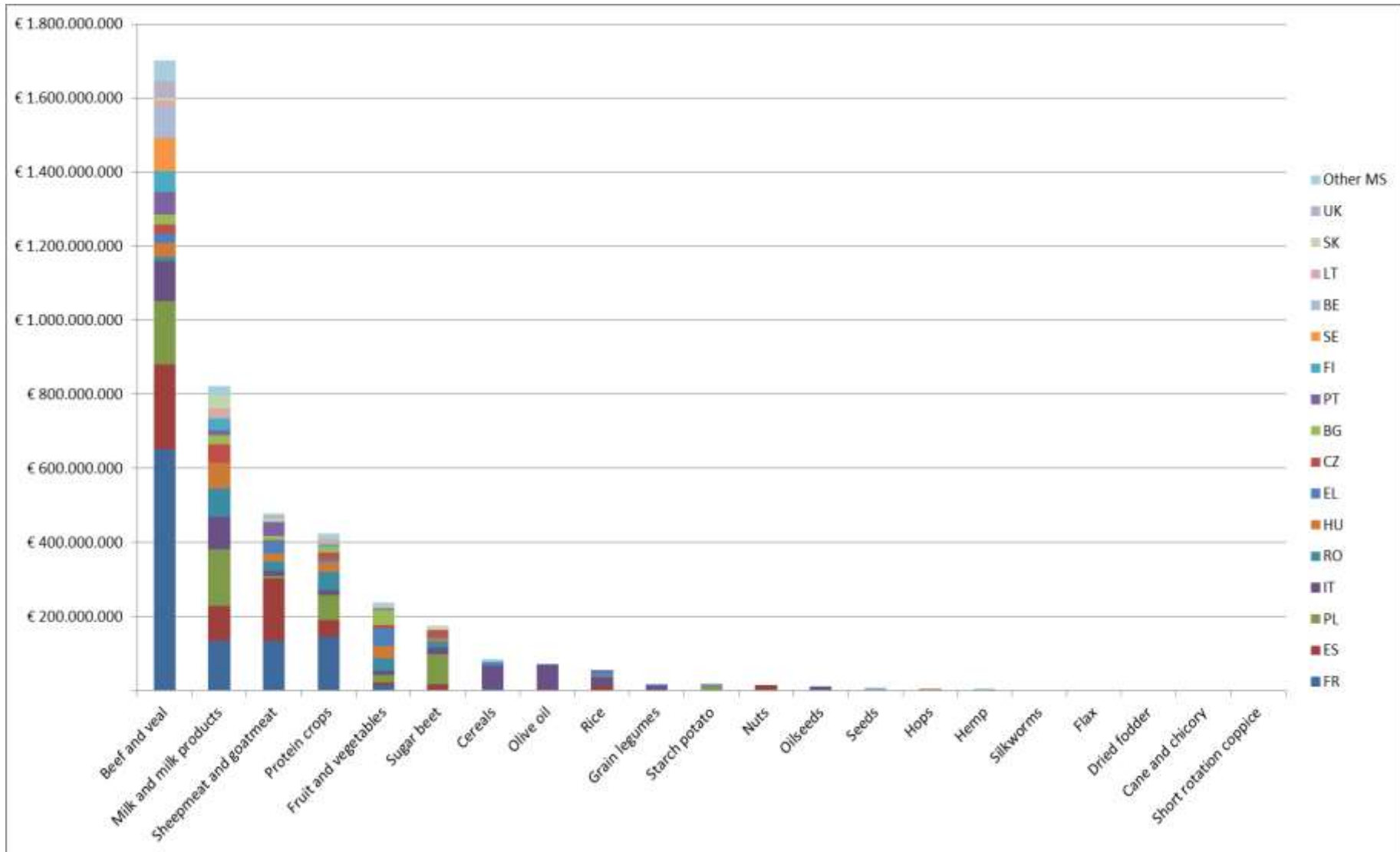
- ✓ Partnership Agreements approved
- ✓ On-going approval of the Rural Development Programmes:
Currently, 27 RDPs approved (out of 118)

Direct payments: summary of main decisions by MS



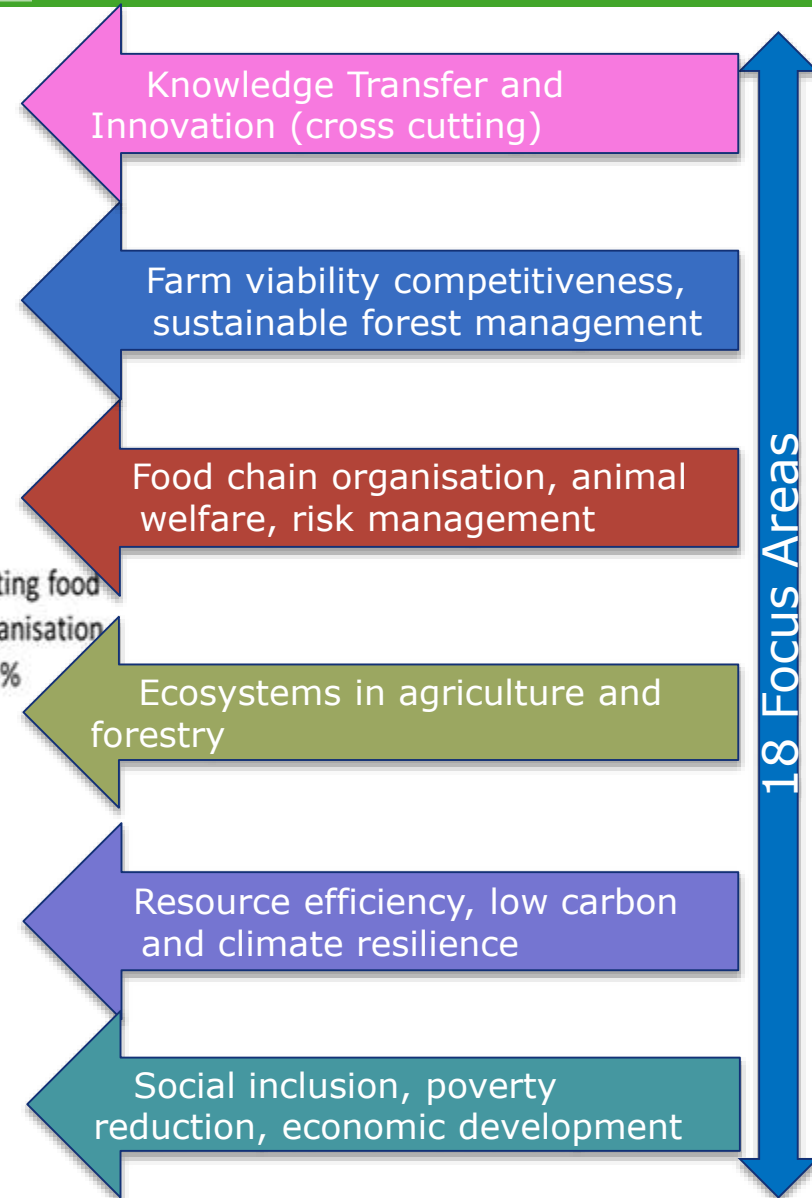
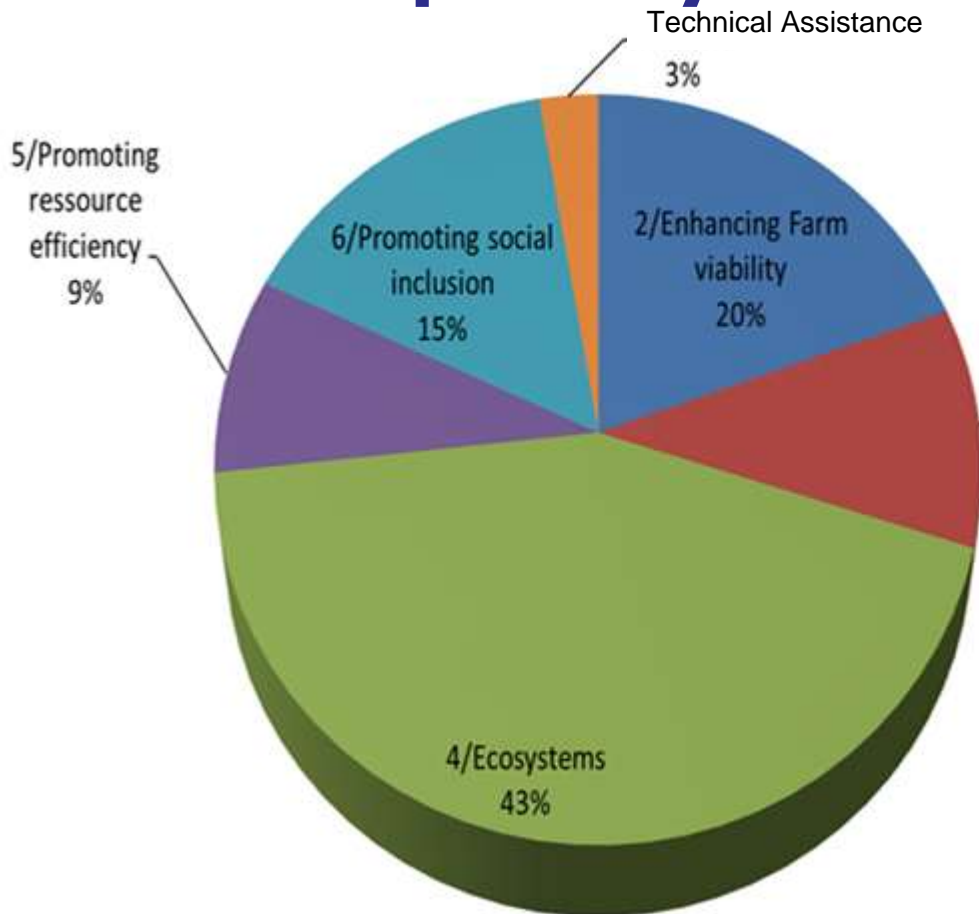
Share of DP envelope left for basic payment at EU-28 level in 2015 = 55%

Voluntary Coupled Support: sectors supported





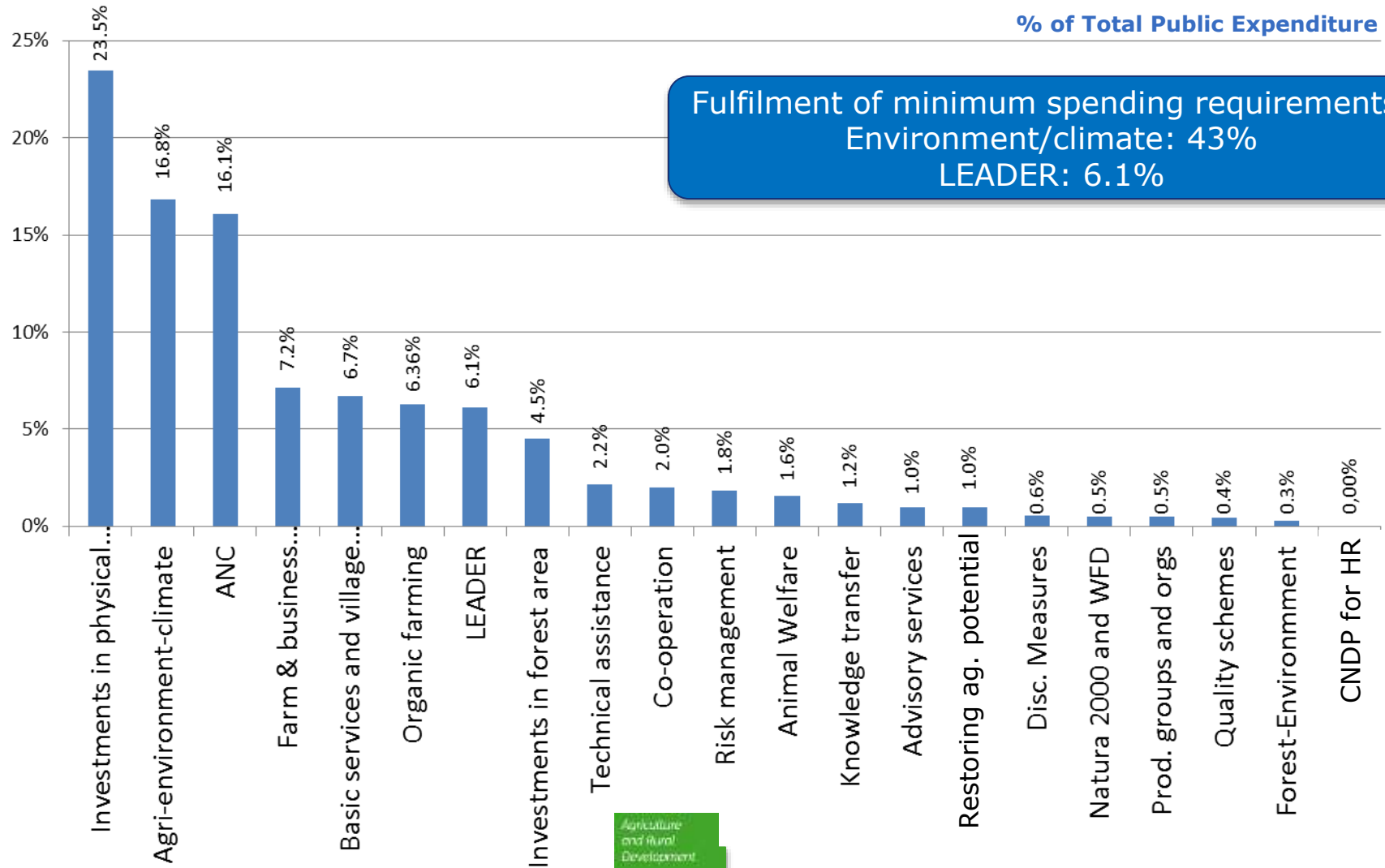
Share of funds per RD priority



Rural Development 2014-2020



Allocation of funds per measure



Looking ahead...

Challenges for the agricultural sector

Scarcity of natural resources

Food supply

Climate change

Policy context after the last CAP Reform

Subsidiarity

Simplification

Pressure on CAP budget

The CAP

Jobs, Growth and Investment

A Resilient energy Union

Political Guidelines for the Juncker Commission

Free Trade Agreement US

Deeper Internal Market

Thank you