

A sustainable, competitive and farmer-centred dairy sector – an EU perspective

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From Vision to Action: The Future of EU Agriculture

The Vision: A Fair & Sustainable Agri-Food Future

Our goal is a resilient and competitive agricultural sector that ensures food security, provides fair incomes for farmers, and operates in harmony with our climate and environmental ambitions.

The CAP Post-2027:

- **Simplifying the Policy** to reduce the administrative burden on farmers.
- **Ensuring Farm Viability** with a primary focus on fair income and support.
- **Boosting Resilience & Competitiveness** in the face of global challenges.
- **Driving Innovation & Knowledge Exchange** to equip farmers for the future.



Advice & knowledge exchange

Under the current CAP (2023-2027):

≈ 3.6 billion € planned for advice, training and knowledge exchange

Main AKIS interventions:

- Farm advisory service (financing advisory services for farmers/foresters)
- Knowledge exchange and information dissemination (trainings, demonstration activities, information activities, etc.)
- EIP-AGRI operational groups (bottom-up innovation projects)



AKIS connects actors in a structured way and on a regular basis to create continuous interaction with the aim to speed up knowledge exchange and innovation

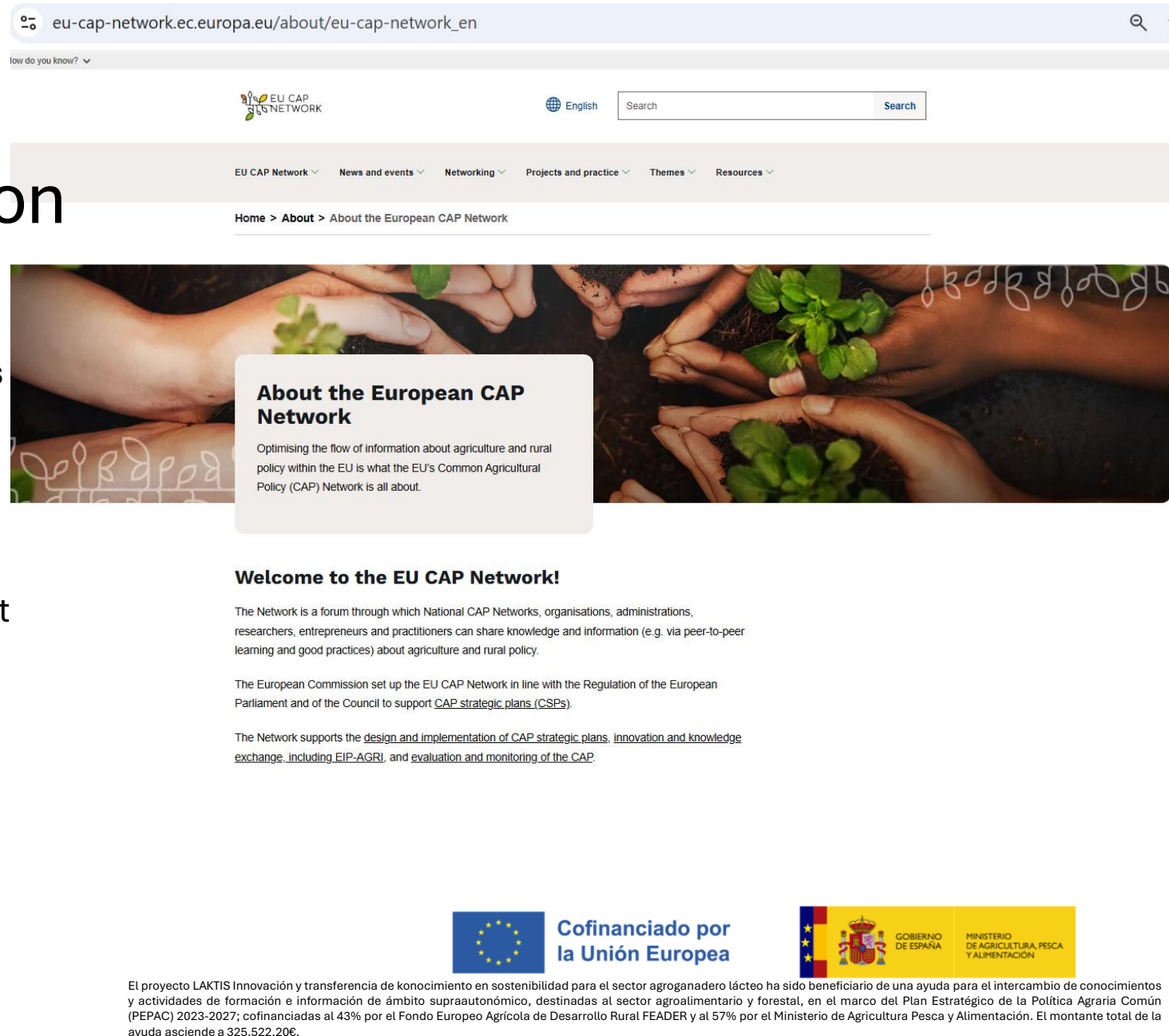
Future of AKIS – CAP proposal

Proposed provisions on knowledge sharing, innovation, advice are a continuation with strong emphasis on well-functioning AKIS

- Access to impartial advice for farmers and forest holders, with targeted advice for young and new farmers
- Continuation of EIP-AGRI OG interactive innovation projects and knowledge sharing measures
- National and EU CAP Networks support for fostering innovation and knowledge exchange
- Synergies between the CAP and the Research Framework Programme under EIP-AGRI

EU CAP Network: connecting people, knowledge and innovation

- Brings together farmers, advisers, researchers, rural communities and public authorities across Europe.
- Identifies, shares and promotes practical solutions developed through CAP and Horizon projects.
- Helps successful innovations move beyond pilot projects and reach farmers on the ground.
- Facilitates peer learning, networking and exchange of experience across Member States.
- Supports stronger AKIS and the uptake of innovation.



The screenshot shows the EU CAP Network website. The URL in the browser is eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/about/eu-cap-network_en. The page features a navigation bar with links to EU CAP Network, News and events, Networking, Projects and practice, Themes, and Resources. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'About the European CAP Network' and includes a sub-header 'About the European CAP Network' and a paragraph: 'Optimising the flow of information about agriculture and rural policy within the EU is what the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Network is all about.' Below this, there is a 'Welcome to the EU CAP Network!' section with a paragraph: 'The Network is a forum through which National CAP Networks, organisations, administrations, researchers, entrepreneurs and practitioners can share knowledge and information (e.g. via peer-to-peer learning and good practices) about agriculture and rural policy.' This is followed by a paragraph: 'The European Commission set up the EU CAP Network in line with the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council to support CAP strategic plans (CSPs).' and another paragraph: 'The Network supports the design and implementation of CAP strategic plans, innovation and knowledge exchange, including EIP-AGRI, and evaluation and monitoring of the CAP.'

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 **MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, PESCA Y ALIMENTACIÓN**

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EU R&I for Sustainable Livestock Systems



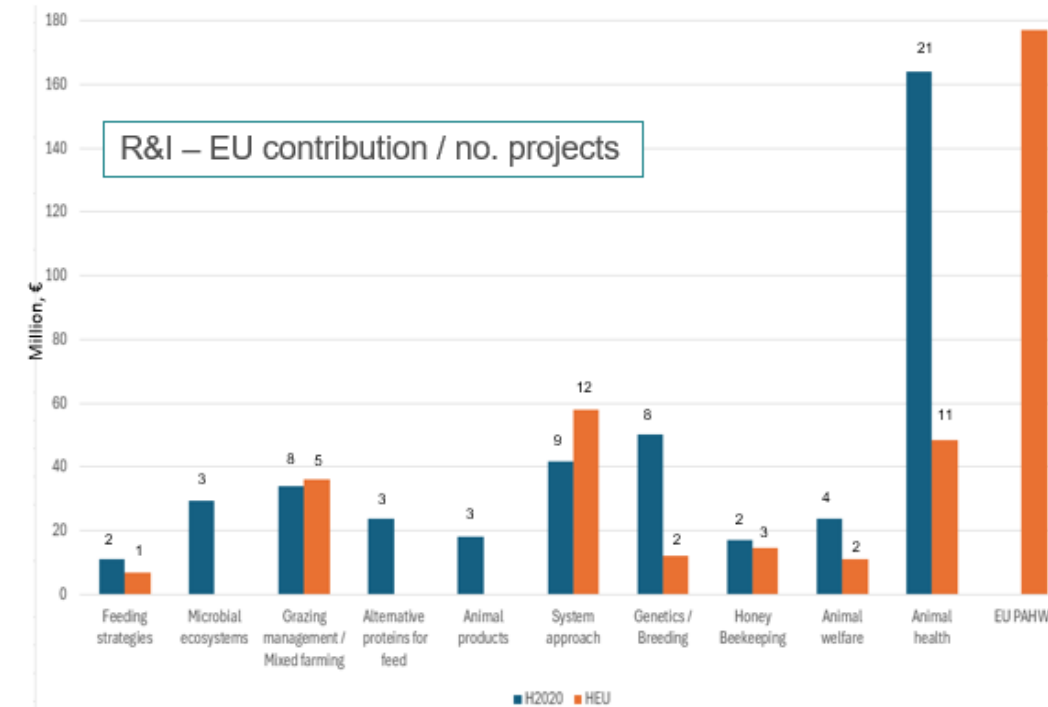
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Horizon 2020
Horizon Europe (up to WP26)



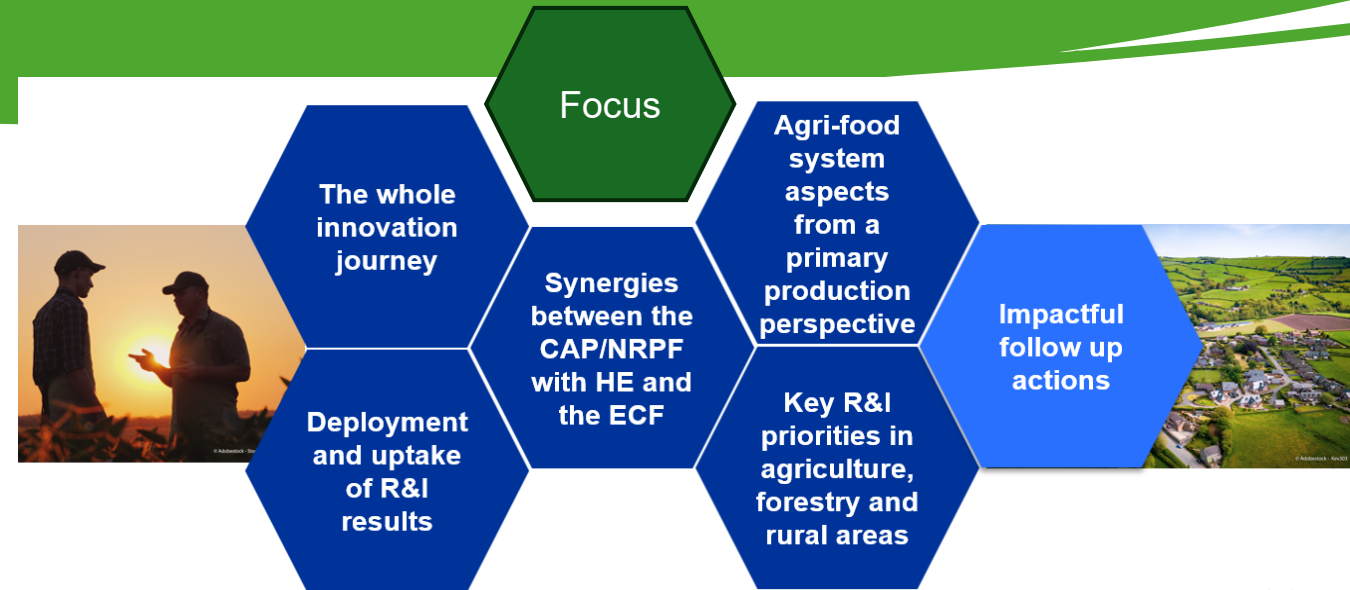
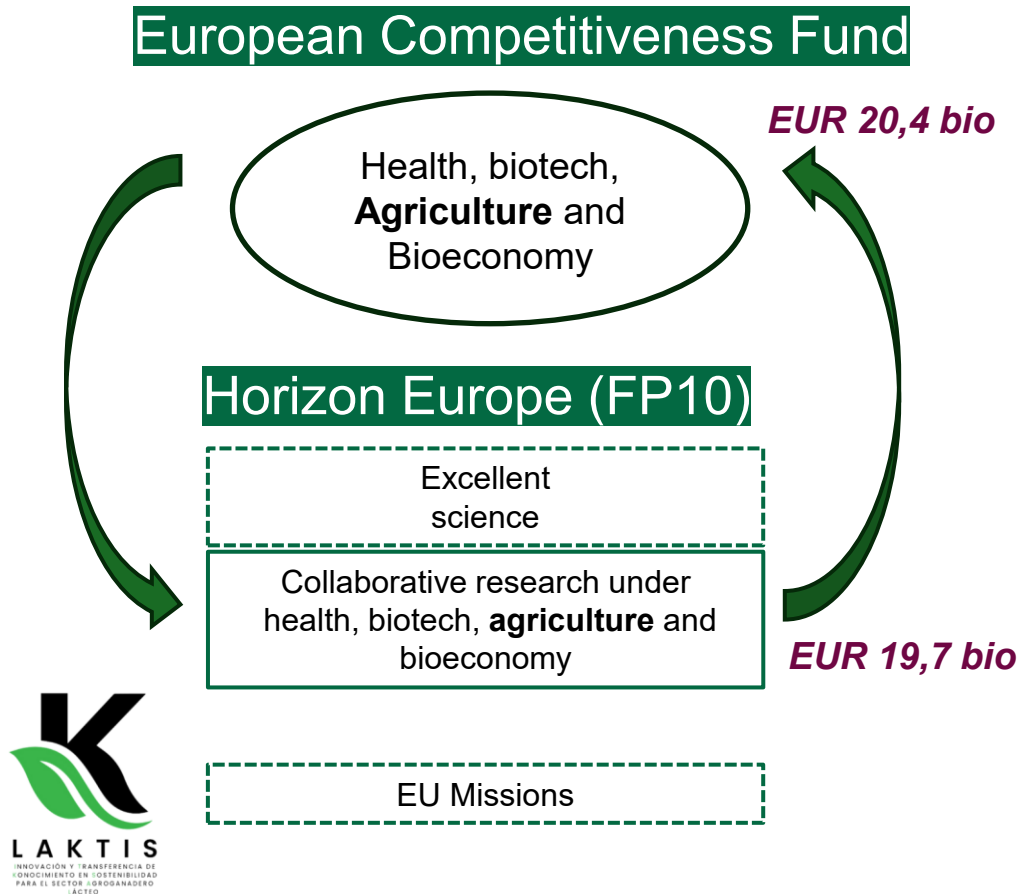
EU contribution
€ 413 million
€ 363 million

Empowering farmers via AKIS

- **Reliable measurements** provides farmers with credible data to track sustainability progress, unlock market opportunities, and comply with regulatory requirements.
- **Simplification** breaks down complex sustainability goals into practical, clear, actionable steps and reduces farmer overwhelm and administrative burdens.
- **Knowledge transfer** through peer learning, digital platforms, and trusted advisors ensures practical, regionally relevant solutions reach farmers.
- **Long-term advisory systems** help farmers adapt to evolving challenges like climate change, market demands and policy shifts



EU R&I for Sustainable Livestock Systems



➔ **New Strategic Approach to R&I** for competitive, resilient and sustainable agriculture, forestry, rural areas and food systems in agriculture and food systems

➔ **AgriResearch Conference**, Brussels, 24-25 Sept. 2026



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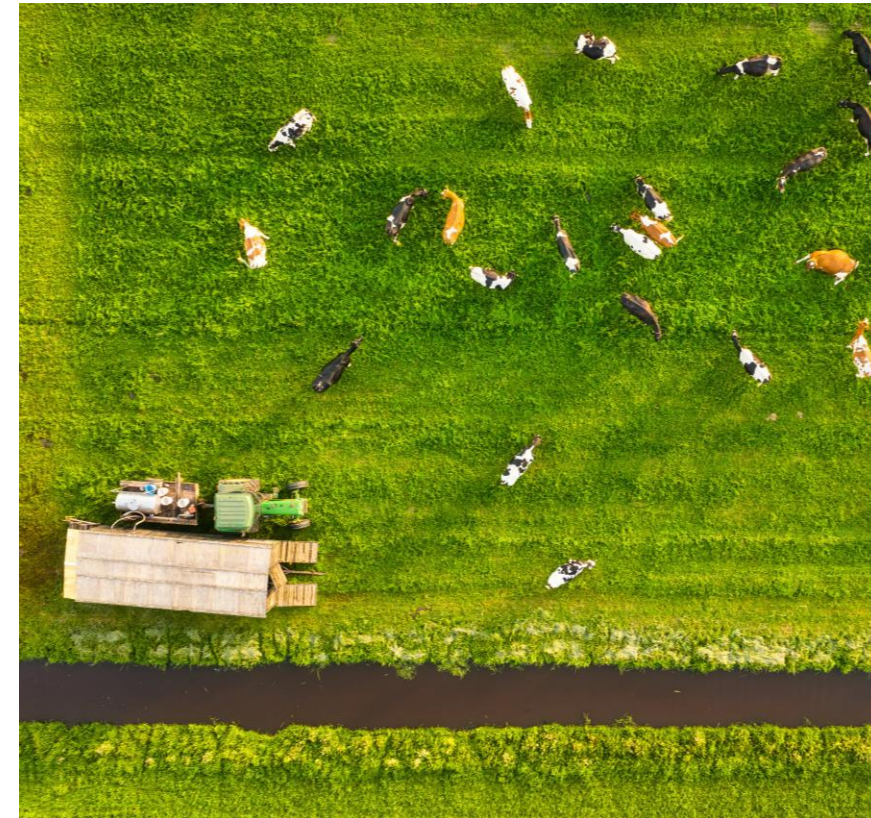
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Environmental Transition & Economic Viability

- Sustainable agriculture remains a key objective of the future CAP
- CAP green objectives, remains strong, more targeted, simpler and fairer
- Experience from the past used to develop the new CAP

Example of new elements:

- Farm stewardship to ensure a common level of protection of natural resources
- Organic and small farmers are largely exempt from the farm stewardship requirements
- (Paid) Environmental measures can help farmers to bear the costs of compliance
- Payments for ecosystem services remain mandatory for the Member State to make available for the farmers



A 5-star livestock strategy

- Crisis **resilient**
- Globally **competitive**
- **Sustainable** in all 3 dimensions
- Fitting **territorial** diversity
- Mainstreaming **excellence** in all production systems

Through actions at **EU, MS & stakeholders'** level

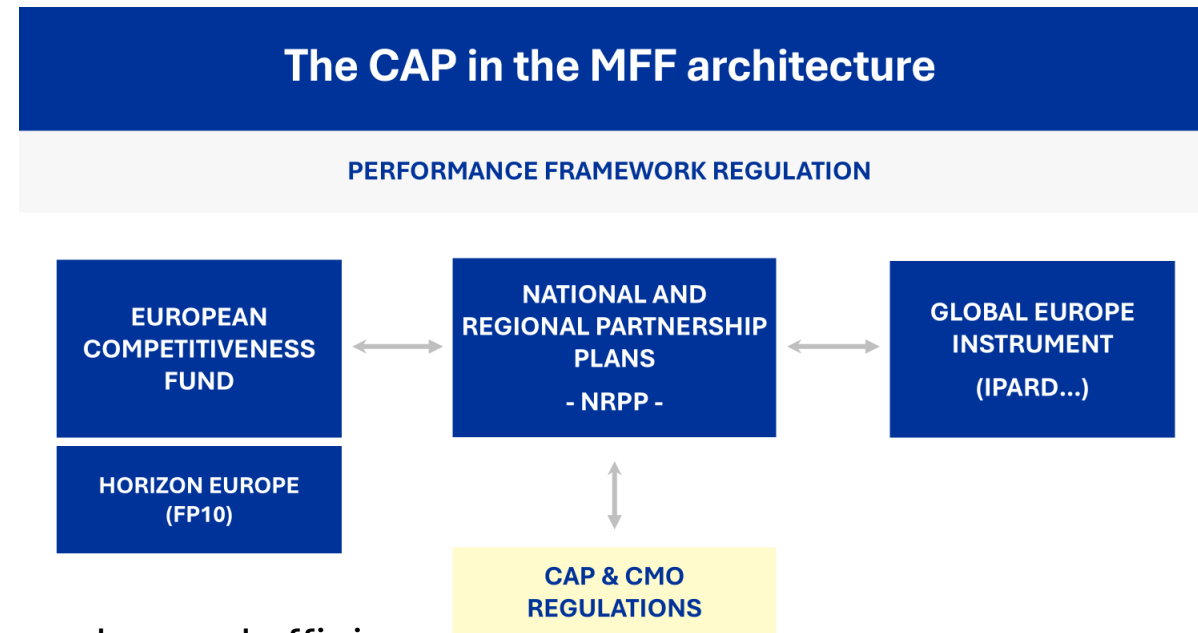
The **Livestock strategy** will foster the competitiveness, resilience and sustainability of the EU livestock sector and agri-food chain, while the **Vision 2040 for fisheries and aquaculture** will boost competitiveness and sustainability in these sectors, and the **Ocean Act** will guide European ocean governance.

Commission work **2026** programme

EUROPE'S INDEPENDENCE MOMENT

Communication from the Commission
to the European Parliament, the Council,
the European Economic and Social Committee
and the Committee of the Regions

Future CAP architecture



- MFF 2028-2034: integration of EU funding instruments for enhanced efficiency and impact
- National and Regional Partnership Plans strengthen links across policies
- Harmonised rules and new governance framework reinforce CAP support and unlock more opportunities for farmers and rural areas
- Going beyond income support: infrastructure services, skills, quality of life
- Focus on projects and results not on source of funding, and better accessibility for beneficiaries

Ensuring continuity: building on positive

	2023-2027	2028-2034
STRATEGIC PLANNING BY OBJECTIVES	CAP and CFP specific objectives	Continued and streamlined
INSTRUMENTS	Wide set of tools across pillars	Continued and improved
PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLE	From planning to monitoring and implementation	Continued and reinforced
DELIVERY OF PERFORMANCE	EU = basic policy parameters Member States = higher responsibility for delivering on targets	Continued
NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS	Planning in partnership between EU level and Member States	Continued
GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION	Plans authorities in charge of CAP/CFP	Continued
ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROLS	IACS	Continued
ASSURANCE AND AUDIT	Single audit approach principle	Continued
MONITORING AND REPORTING	Based on common set of indicators	Continued and streamlined

Conclusions

The **future of the European dairy sector** depends on our ability to combine sustainability, competitiveness and knowledge.

Farmers need reliable information, trusted advice, practical innovation and strong cooperation networks.

Projects such as LAKTIS demonstrate that when farmers, advisers, researchers, cooperatives, businesses and public authorities work together, sustainability becomes an opportunity rather than a constraint.

Europe will continue supporting this transition through the CAP, research and innovation, advisory services and strong rural networks.

The sustainability transition will only succeed if it is built with farmers, supported by knowledge and driven

