

# A RESULT-BASED APPROACH TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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# CHANGE OF PARADIGM IN THE NEW CAP

From a management-based to a result-based approach

Till now most CAP payments were prescriptive.

Prescriptive payments are unsatisfactory:

- Inflexible payment conditions
- Poor targeting
- Unclear baseline
- Low priority put on actual results

# WHAT IS A RESULT-BASED POLICY?

No EU definition

Scheme type	Category	Payments
Result based	Pure	Indicators: single payment threshold, stepped payment thresholds or continuously variable payments
Hybrid 1	Include baseline management	
Hybrid 2	Management based + optional top up result based	Basic payment + Bonus (results)
Management based	Holder only have to undertake specified management actions or abstain from certain activities	Basic Payment

# WHAT IS A RESULT-BASED POLICY?

Payments are conditional on the delivery of results

Design and implementation rely on adaptive management (innovation)

- multi-party governance systems
- Experiment - driven policy

Farmers must engage with policy  
Critical to have clear goals

# ENSURING EFFECTIVE DESIGN

## 3 critical issues

1. Clearly defined environmental objectives
2. Suitable indicators of these objectives, on which the result payments are based
3. Socio-economic context

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF RESULT-BASED POLICY

## Opportunities:

- Fine tuning all along the life of scheme (experimental process)
- Socio-economic co-benefits → collective learning
- Uptake of such scheme has increased over time

## Challenges:

- Risks to provoke disputes
- Need of extensive monitoring and clear accountability
- Need to bring different types of knowledge together

## WHEN IS MANAGEMENT-BASED POLICY MORE APPROPRIATE?

1. It is impossible to develop reliable indicators and methods of measuring them within reasonable costs
2. Achieving a measurable outcome takes an unreasonable length of time
3. Managing authority has no access to the information and expertise
4. The farming community is unwilling (trust)

# CONCLUSION

The CAP is moving towards a result-based approach

**Indicators should reflect the actual environmental benefits**

**Clear signals must be given to farmers**

**Farm-specific information needed**

**Robust Evaluation: administrative, scientific and economic**

**It is not a 'cure-all' mechanism for addressing broader design issues**





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