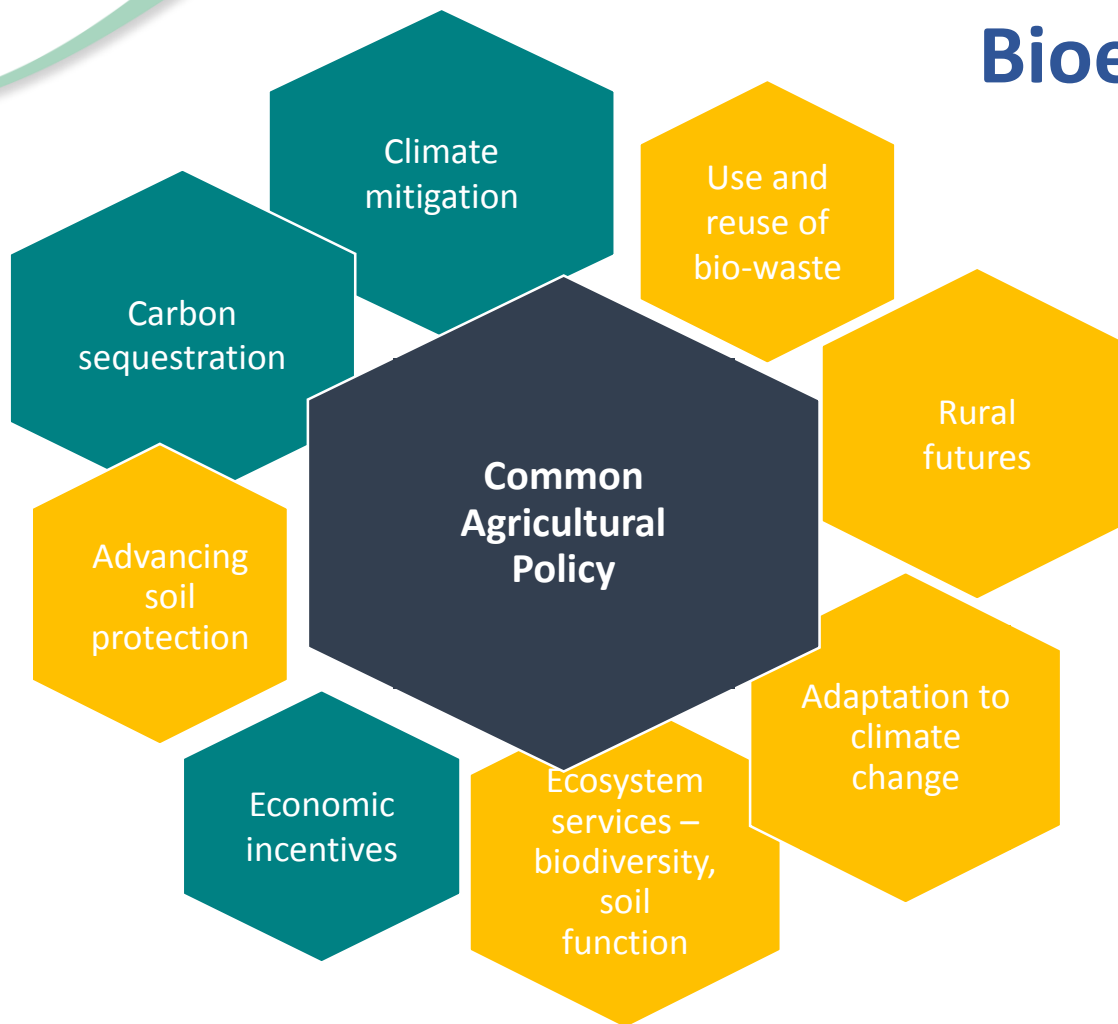


Soil, climate action and the bioeconomy in the context of the CAP

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***Common Agricultural Policy as a tool
to advance soil protection and add
value to the bioeconomy***

Opportunities for soils and the bioeconomy in the RDPs

- Investment in low carbon technology and machinery
 - Direct drilling seed application
- Investment in infrastructure
 - Storage for organic manure and slurries
- Collective approaches
- Supporting agri-environment-climate commitments
 - Cropping rotations and incorporation of crop residues
- Conversion and maintenance of organic farming practices

- Building of new supply chains
- Cooperation beyond farm or administrative boundaries
- Knowledge transfer via capacity building, advise and information dissemination
- Result-based payment schemes

- **Access to co-finance programs to invest in technology or machinery (e.g. EIB loans)**

- **Add value to materials emerging from land management, e.g. cover or catch crops**

- **Actors' and communities' empowerment to determine workable solutions that enable change along supply and value chains**

Support via Operational Groups



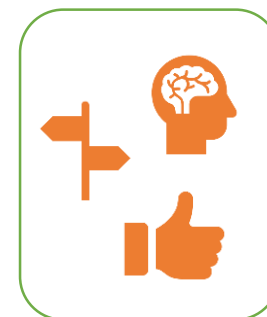
Information and
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Farming techniques to
increase soil
protection



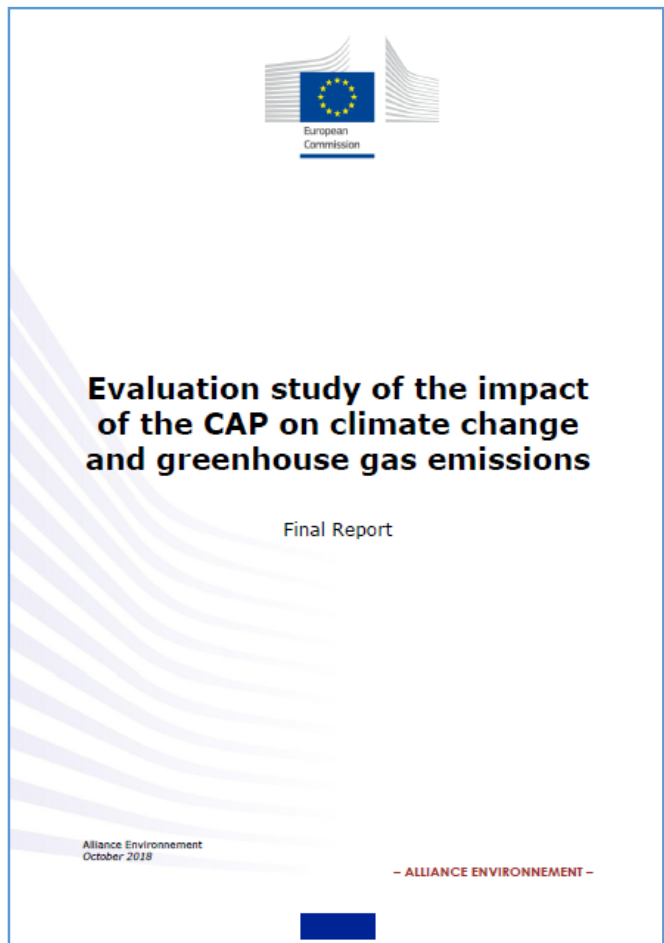
Structuring of joint
purchase and use of
machinery



Development of
innovative tillage
techniques

What influences the uptake of RDP measures?

- Ability of RDP measures to influence the changes in farming systems – more market-driven
- How restricted farmers feel by the prescriptions and rules
- Level of payment for 'extra' activities
- Fear of penalties
- Application process in order to receive support
- Availability of data to target action, deliver advice and implement action
- Communicating and addressing priority action within an area



Lessons learnt from current CAP implementation

Based on 2018 CAP evaluation:

1. **Contribute more coherently and with greater relevance to climate objectives**
2. **RDP funding does offer an opportunity to promote climate action through all aspects of rural bioeconomy**
3. **Existing measures could be adapted to:**
 - Renewable energy installation**
 - Processing facilities**
 - Support at community level**

Opportunities in the future CAP

- **Climate change action as strategic objective of future CAP**
- **Design of CAP Strategic Plan at Member State level**
 - Identify tailored interventions
 - Translate those in operational objectives
 - Target group, areas of activity, scale, budget, CAP instruments, ‘owner of the actions’, synergies
 - Stakeholder buy-in from the start
 - Means of engagement, interests and uncertainties, current knowledge and needs, preferences for cooperation