# ENRD Thematic Group on 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action in rural areas'

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« Our farmers act for the environment »





### Regions of France included in the European LIFE project Carbon Dairy (2013-2018)



## Implementation of the Low Carbon Farms project

- Building on the previous LIFE Carbon Dairy Project: creation of a « Low Carbon farm » label (national level)
- Wish to go further in Pays de la Loire:
  - More funding made available: estimated budget of 8,3M€
  - Long-term vision
  - Objective: 70% of the dairy farms on the territory involved
- Farmers supported along a **3-year phase**:
  - Diagnosis over the carbon footprint of the farm (at the start)
  - Training and development of a personalised action plan
  - Implementation
  - → For ALL farmers, voluntary participation



### Relation between the regional Low Carbon project and **the current CAP**

- Measure 4.1.1 for « Investments in livestock buildings to improve » :
  - Working conditions and competitiveness of farms
  - To develop efficient use of energy in agriculture
- A number of points is awarded to each project depending on the type of project. The more virtuous the project is, the more points it gets (organic farming, quality sign, energy saving, etc.)



### Relation between the regional Low Carbon project and **the current CAP**

- Each year, the projects are classified and selected according to the available budget; only the highest rated projects are selected.
- Bonus points are also awarded for specific projects, example:
  - Young farmers (priority for the new generation)
  - Involvement in the Low Carbon Farms project (since 2019)



#### Conclusion: what's next?

- Issues around the future CAP: will to use it more to accompany the Low Carbon Project
- First big impact assessment in 2024
- Possible extension of the initiative to the meat sector (beef)
- → In any case, wish to pursue the efforts!

#### THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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