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France needs to review its plan for agriculture to match the scale and urgency of the climate and biodiversity crisis

The current European Union food system is responsible for an estimated 30% of the continent's GHG emissions. The agriculture sector also puts immense pressure on biodiversity, as it contributes significantly to soil degradation and reductions in water quality and availability.

This is why **the ecological transition of agri-food systems is necessary and urgent.**

The latest Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform requires Members States to develop a National Strategic Plan (NSP) presenting:

1. their needs for ten specific objectives, three of which are environment and climate related;
2. the interventions they plan to implement to address these needs;
3. the budget allocated to these interventions.

IEEP is producing a **series of four reports assessing how the NSPs of four Members States with large agriculture sectors (France, Germany, Spain and Poland) contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation.** This first assessment shows that on the whole, France has not used the flexibility available to significantly improve requirements and funding for the environment and climate. We provide two sets recommendations to improve the potential impact of CAP spending.

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Carbon farming co-benefits: Approaches to enhance and safeguard biodiversity

This report proposes requirements to ensure that carbon farming standards enhance and safeguard biodiversity, alongside delivering climate mitigation. [Read the report](#)



Agreement on CBAM: A long way to go

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Benefits of nature restoration: A new series of policy briefs

IEEP and the Ecologic Institute, as part of the Think Sustainable Europe network, have prepared a series of thematic policy briefs to inform policymakers of the crucial importance of nature restoration. [Read the briefings](#)

Synergising climate and biodiversity agendas is an imperative challenge for the century

As a major contributor to biodiversity loss, agriculture in the EU must shift to restore agroecosystems so that they can provide benefits for biodiversity and climate. Carbon farming can help achieve this goal. [Read the blog](#)



EVENT | Digitalising development — not digitising the status quo!

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