

JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

The Role of Parliaments in Shaping the Future of Food and Farming, 22-23 November 2018

Proposal of Irish Delegation - Future Debates on CAP

Environmental Measures

The Committee reiterates its view, expressed in April 2018, that a well-resourced CAP is integral to environmental measures. The Committee notes the additional requirements of the proposals and believes that these should be reflected by maintaining the current budget at the very least. The proposals support three core environmental objectives by:

- Contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and sustainable energy;
- Fostering sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources, such as water, air and soils; and
- Contributing to the protection of biodiversity, enhance eco-system services and protecting natural habitats and landscapes

The Committee suggests a number of measures including the incentivisation of renewable energy for farmers, anaerobic digestion, supports to improve soil fertility and the promotion of agroforestry, could be expressly encouraged by CAP.

The Committee reiterates its view that measures which promote carbon auditing at European level may offer potential, while high levels of knowledge-sharing and innovation should continue to be encouraged.