

Opening discussion

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- 1) The CAP is facing transition toward Sustainability. Three directions: targeting, selecting, complying. Is **CAP toolbox still valid to face new challenges?** Is path dependency still driving (and limiting) changes? **Distance between the framework of the transition(s) and the policies set.** A long transition to transition...
- 2) Recent CAP reform: an occasion for adjusting goals and instruments. Cap is facing environmental challenges with some success (but many critiques to CAP responses). Sustainability is currently totally focused on environmental issues. Social aspects more evanescent, even harder to measure and create statistics. **Economic sustainability as a condition for the other pillars.**

- 3) The agri-food sector faces new challenges, but the required adaptation cannot be considered like one single one-dimensional process, in terms of actors, territories, sectors, components of the systems: **CAP never really followed the «one size fits all» philosophy, even when we were told it was, but now it is really time to move on.** New National path dependencies emerging?
- 4) The complexity and the progressive complications of supply chains and food systems need to be taken into account. What kind of innovation? That invests local systems, national economies, and international trade. **Social and institutional innovations need to be part of the process** of re-thinking public support and modernisation, not only technological-digital transition.

- 5) To produce more with less: is that really a wise strategy for the future? for Europe and OECD Members? *Do we need more, or do we need different?* Product differentiation and activity diversification to be encouraged. Especially in MSs where agriculture is highly diversified and responds to many different societal needs and requirements. *To produce better with less.*
- 6) What about the future? *Is there a shift towards a “food policy” and to sustainable consumption?* Change of point of view: from the higher to the lower part of the chain; from “hard” interventions (regulations, standards) to “soft” ones (information, education ...), *entering the sphere of individual choices of an indistinctive social group (consumers)....* This shift has many relevant implications, hopefully there will be a fruitful discussion in the next future...