

## **CONTRIBUTION OF THE EU AGRICULTURAL POLICY TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION**

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- Brief presentation of the contribution of the agricultural sector to GHG emissions: current situation, main trends since 1990, and projected future trends.
- Main outcomes of the WG on agriculture and forestry organised under the ECCP I and II. Overview of the measures with highest emissions reduction potential; cost-effectiveness considerations.
- Overview of the key measures of the 2003 Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) reform and the new rural development policy, which can lead to a further decline in GHG emissions. The new rural development regulation for the period 2007-2013 would provide further opportunities to strengthen the contribution of the CAP to combating climate change, which is one of the key priority areas defined in the Community strategic guidelines for Rural Development