

EU Perspective with National Examples

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SJWA WS2 on progress, challenges and opportunities related to identifying needs and accessing means of implementation for climate action in agriculture and food security, including sharing of best practices

Guiding questions

1. Experiences with identifying needs and/or accessing means of implementation for climate action in agriculture and food security?
2. Your assessment of progress, challenges and opportunities related to identifying needs and accessing means of implementation for climate action in agriculture and food security?
3. Any best practices related to identifying needs and accessing means of implementation for climate action in agriculture and food security that you wish to share?

Q1: Internal coordination is the key

- **Common targets** – the European Climate Law writes into law the goal set out in the European Green Deal for Europe’s economy and society to become climate-neutral by 2050. The law also sets intermediate targets: reducing net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 55% by 2030, and by 90% by 2040, compared to 1990 levels.
- Climate neutrality by 2050 means achieving net zero GHG emissions for EU Member States as a whole, mainly by cutting emissions, investing in clean technologies, and protecting the environment.
- The law aims to ensure that **all EU policies contribute to this goal** and that **all sectors of the economy** and society **play their part**.
- Review of the Common Agriculture Policy – Stakeholder Consultations are carried out

Q2: Follow up processes and improvement based on information

- The Climate Law includes measures to **keep track of progress** and **adjust our actions**, accordingly, based on existing systems such as:
 - The governance process for Member States' National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)
 - Regular reports by the European Environment Agency (EEA)
 - Latest scientific evidence on climate change and its impacts
- Progress will be reviewed every five years, in line with the global stocktake exercise under the Paris Agreement.

Q3: Enabling conditions for private funding

- Carbon removal and carbon farming (CRCF) regulation created the first EU-wide voluntary certification framework for:
 - permanent carbon removals
 - carbon farming
 - carbon storage in products
- By establishing EU quality criteria and laying down monitoring and reporting processes, the CRCF Regulation will **facilitate investment** in innovative carbon removal technologies, as well as sustainable carbon farming solutions, while addressing greenwashing.

National example of Germany: Rewetting of peatlands and use of paludiculture

- The [National Peatland Protection Strategy](#) (2022) is the German Government's long term framework for protecting and rewetting drained peatlands, therefore reducing the associated greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening biodiversity and supporting water retention.
- In line with this strategy, the [Action Plan on Nature based Solutions for Climate and Biodiversity \(2022\)](#) sets out concrete measures for implementation.
- Through pilot, model and demonstration projects, the German government supports early pioneers in peatland rewetting and are exploring new types of value chains based on paludiculture.
- Building on these experiences a large scale funding programme for rewetting agricultural and forested peatlands is introduced with strong incentives to restore peatlands and to develop new, sustainable value chains while involving all relevant stakeholders.
- A total of 1.75 billion euros in funding is available in this programme until the end of 2029.



Steinhuder Meer Peatland rewetting in Germany
Photo: B. Osterburg, Thuenen Institute

Key messages

- In addition to sustainable agricultural production, working with a food systems focus is crucial to reach climate goals, and even necessary to help ensure food security.
- The EU encourages all Parties to enhance climate action in relation to agriculture and food systems, including through NDCs, NAPs and other national plans.

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