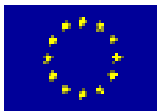


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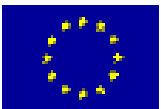
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# Current situation

- **Current environmental legislation on water is adequate.**
  - Challenge: full implementation
- **Current environmental legislation on biodiversity is targeted to NATURA.**
  - Biodiversity strategy: key to delivery of broader aims.  
-> CAP will be central to success in EU.
- **The absence of legislation on soil is a serious missed opportunity**
  - Without legislation: slow progress on protection.

*We seek broader cross-compliance including water framework directive and water management issues.*



# ENV priorities for agriculture and forestry

- Full acceptance and implementation of NATURA 2000.
- Boost to protection of permanent pasture for climate, water and biodiversity reasons.
- Strengthening high nature value areas so helping biodiversity and socio-economic role of agriculture.
- Greater recognition of biodiversity through biodiversity corridors and set-aside with additional links to water protection.

*Strengthening role of Pillar I in environmental delivery*

# Further strengthening rural development to ensure delivery of environmental public goods.

- In addition to today's menu:
  - Connectivity and green infrastructure
  - Better linkage of measures to give ENV benefits
  - Drive to reduce forest fires
  - Drive to prepare forests better for climate change