

Introducing the MEACAP Approach



The Impact of Environmental Agreements on the CAP

- Need to find way of bringing environmental priorities firmly into Agricultural policy
- Focusing on two important MEAs:
 - Kyoto Protocol
 - Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Need to look beyond to longer term challenges



Convention on Biological Diversity

- Vagueness as to what obligations amount to in reality
- Most concrete obligation = target to halt biodiversity decline by 2010
- Clear commitment made to this by EU
- Likely to miss target – need to reinforce efforts



Kyoto Protocol

- Clear commitments for EU up to 2012
- More demanding commitments likely post-2012
- Looking beyond narrow focus of formal compliance to wider climate agenda



MEACAP Approach

- Focus on agriculture (and forestry to some extent)
- Integrated approach
- Analysed specific technical and policy measures
 - GHG emission reduction measures
 - Bioenergy measures
 - Forestry measures
 - Biodiversity measures
 - Some account of sequestration



MEACAP Methodology

- Mixture of quantitative and qualitative methods
- Modelling on climate side – test cost-effectiveness
- Case studies – particularly biodiversity in new Member States



MEACAP Strategy

- The end-product – currently in draft form
- Related to current policy debate
- Conclusions relevant to:
 - short term agenda in CAP (health check);
 - longer term agenda (budget debate, CAP post-2013).



Research Team

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Meeting Aims

- Present MEACAP conclusions
- Discuss issues raised
- Share perspectives at time of long-term thinking about CAP
- Gain your opinions on our conclusions

