

Implementation of the CAP in previous period and the readiness in the future period 2023-27

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Facts and figures I (2020)

- Agricultural and forestry farms 166.000
- Agricultural surface ~ 2.700.000 ha
- Area used for forestry ~ 3.400.000 ha
- Cropland ~ 1.364.000 ha
- Greenland ~ 1.297.000 ha
- Average farm size (agricultural area) 19 ha
- Farms less than 20 ha 86.370
- Farms over 100 ha 6.483

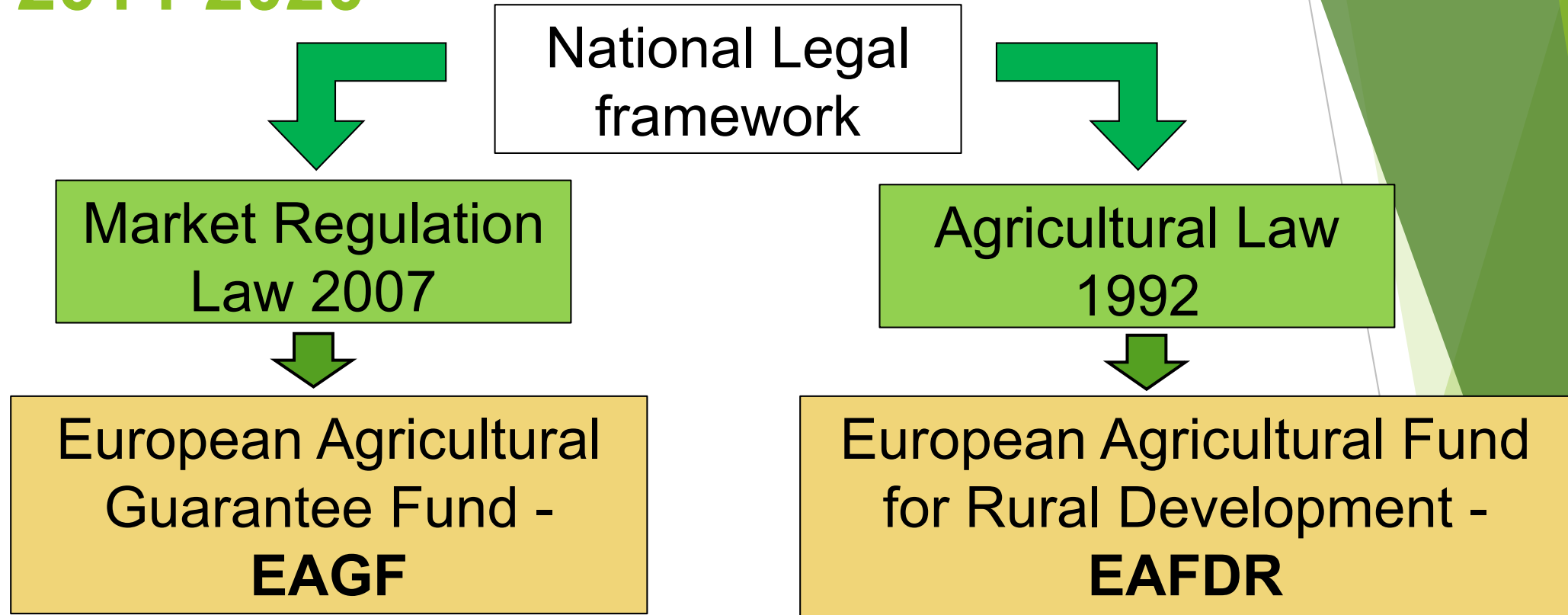
Facts and figures II (2020)

- Organic farms ~ 20.800
- Farms in disadvantaged areas ~ 65.800
- Cattle population ~ 1.900.000
- Pig population ~ 2.900.000
- Sheeps ~ 349.000
- Goats ~ 70.000

Austria and the EU

- Republic of Austria is a Federal State
- 9 Provinces
- Accession to the EC: 1st January 1995
- EU Commissioner: Franz FISCHLER (1995-2004)
- 1 Federal Ministry for agriculture and forestry, incl. CAP
- 1 Paying Agency: Agrarmarkt Austria - AMA

CAP 2014-2020



Enforcement as **authority**:

- Decisions by the Paying Agency
- Administrative procedure law
- Appeal to the Federal administrative court

Enforcement by **contract law**:

- Contract partners are the Federal government and the beneficiary
- Civil procedural law
- Civil courts

Market Regulation Law 2007 (I)

The **objectives** of this federal law (Art. 2, para 1 and 2) are:

- to ensure efficient and effective **implementation** and **processing** of the common market organizations in Austria, in doing so complying with Article 39 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)
- **make full use** of the funds made available in the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund for the Common Agricultural Policy.

Market Regulation Law 2007 (II)

- Competence basis, Art. 1:

(Constitutional provision) The adoption, amendment and repeal of provisions for the implementation of the common market organisations are a federal matter and may be directly provided by federal authorities.

- The competent market organisation, intervention and paying agency is the Agrarmarkt Austria (AMA), Art. 6
- Burden of proof shall bear the beneficiary, Art. 20
- General authorisation to issue regulations, Art. 28

Agricultural Law 1992 (I)

- Basis of the Austrian program for rural development 2014-2020.
- The program was approved by the European Commission on 12th December 2014.
- Legal basis for all support measures which are carried out by means of the private sector administration for the federal government.
- Make full use of EU co-financing opportunities for agriculture and forestry, Art. 1 section 7.

Agricultural Law 1992 (II)

- Special Directive for agri-environmental measures, Art. 2 para 5 (Constitutional provision).
- Special Directive for compensatory allowance in mountainous regions and less favored areas, Art. 4.
- National funding rule: 1/3 by the Federal government, 2/3 by the Provincial government, Art. 3.
- Green report: Ministry report on the development and economic situation of agriculture in the past calendar year, Art. 9.

Subsidy payments 2021 (EUR)

2021	Total Budget	EU-Budget	Federal Budget	Provinces Budget
Direct payments	683.840	683.840	0.00	0.00
Agri-Environment, LFA, RD-projects	874.630	438.020	256.080	180.530
TOTAL	1,558.470	1,121.860	256.080	180.530

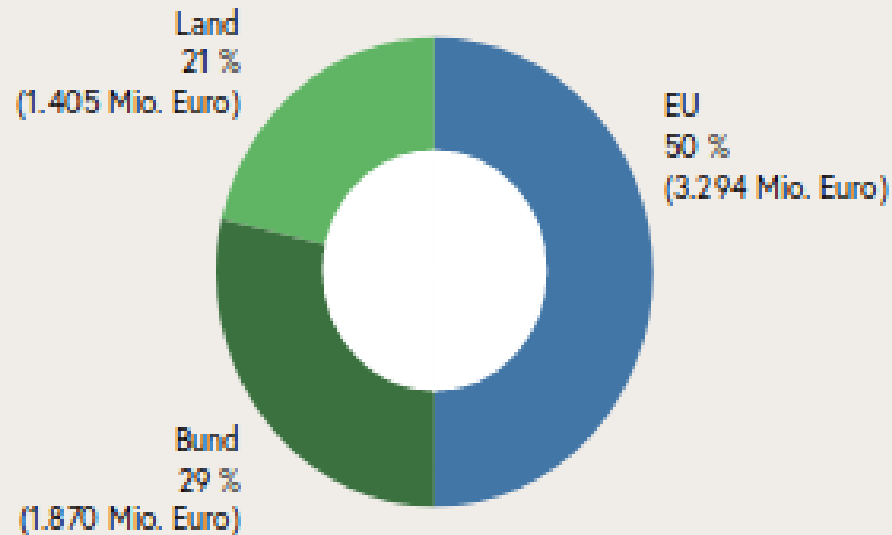
Source: Green report, 2021

Subsidy payments – Rural Development

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Ländliche Entwicklung 14–20

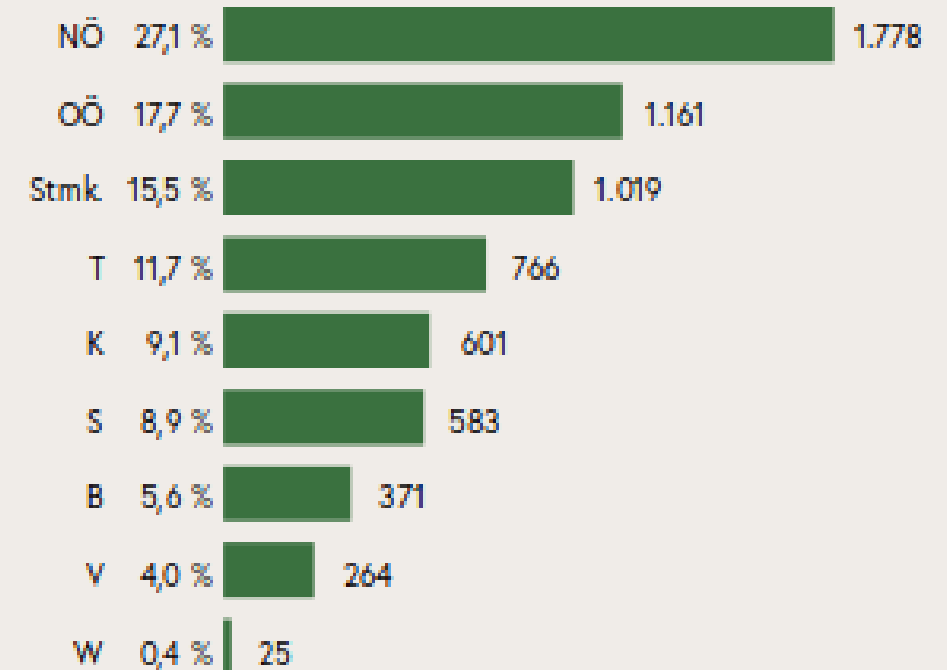
Gesamtmittel LE 14–20: 10.492 Mio. Euro,
bisher ausgezahlt 6.569 Mio. Euro (62 %)



Quelle: BMLRT, AMA, Auszahlungsstand zum 31. 12. 2020 (inkl. der Übergangsjahre 2021 und 2022)

Ländliche Entwicklung 14–20 nach Bundesländern

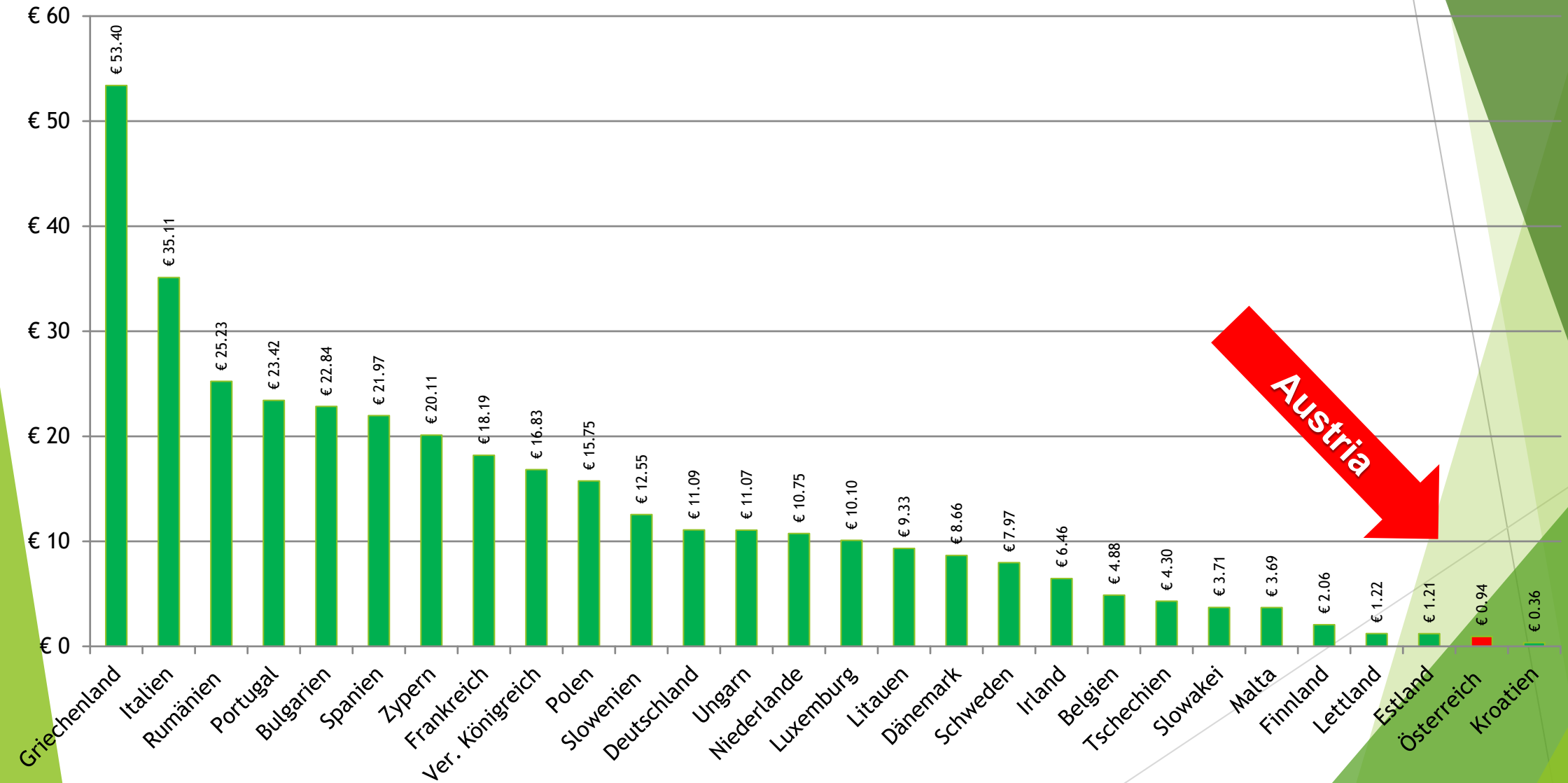
(6.569 Mio. Euro = 100 %)



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Financial corrections (1995-2018)

Average amount of financial corrections extrapolated to € 1.000 payment



Development of the legal framework – CAP 2021-2027

- 1st June 2018: Presentation of legislative proposals by the European Commission.
- 25th June 2021: Agreement between Commission, Council and Parliament.
- 23th November 2021: Adoption by the European Parliament.
- **Due to these delays, the CAP reform package could not enter into force as planned with 01.01.2021.**
- Transitional regulation until 31th December 2022.
- Continuation of the Austrian RD 14-20 programme in 2021 and 2022.
- Financing from EU financial framework 2021-2027.
- Start of the CAP strategic plan with 1st January 2023.

CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2017 – Creation process

- May 2019 - September 2019: Development of SWOT analysis.
- Oct 2019 - Mar 2020: Development of needs analysis.
- Jan 2020 - Oct 2021: Ex-ante Evaluation and Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- Feb 2020 - Oct 2021: Development of the national legal framework.
- Apr 2021 - Jun 2021: Update of SWOT and Demand Analysis.
- Nov 2019 - Nov 2021: Development of interventions, intervention logic and other essential chapters.
- 30th Dec 2021: Submission of the CAP Strategic Plan.
- Ongoing: Exchange and coordination with EC-DG Agri, stakeholder involvement, preparation of national implementation.

Objectives for the Strategic Plan

- Sustainable competitiveness and resilience of farms, including through direct income support and redistribution to smaller farms.
- Ensuring the nutrition of the population.
- Expansion of the high level of resource and climate protection:
 - Strengthening biodiversity-enhancing agriculture
 - Further development of organic farming (up to 30% share) and promotion of sustainable forestry
- Promoting knowledge transfer and innovation.
- Improving vitality and quality of life in rural areas:
 - Development of infrastructures and services
 - Further strengthening of Leader

Participation process – Strategic Plan

- Four "Future of CAP Conferences" (between 300 and 500 participants each).
 - Five public consultations (175 opinions in total).
 - Six specialist dialogues (each between 100 and 370 participants).
 - 14 Expert groups (with around 200 members).
 - 85 Expert discussions with various interest groups.
 - Eleven newsletters - with more than 1.000 recipients.
 - Project website National Strategic Plan" - www.bmlrt.gv.at/zukunft-gap
- All actions are led by the Federal Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry.

Priorities – Strategic Plan

- 1) Agricultural income support and promotion of young farmers
- 2) Payments for natural disadvantages
- 3) Environmental and climate performance on the lumber area and animal welfare
- 4) Land-based investment promotion and development of enterprises
- 5) Regional and municipal funding
- 6) Water and forest
- 7) Sector Promotion Fruit & vegetables, wine and beekeeping
- 8) Knowledge transfer, consulting and cooperation

➤ These contents are implemented through around 100 interventions, each of which defines beneficiaries, funding objects/mechanisms, funding rates and other implementation details, laid down in 1.200 pages.

Financial Plan

Reg. (EU) 2021/2115	Area	Subsidies CAP-SP 2023-2027 [Mio. €]	Subsidies Ø per year [Mio. €]
	Direct payments	3.387,9	677,6
<i>Art. 21</i>	<i>Basic income support</i>	2.373,1	474,6
<i>Art. 29</i>	<i>Complementary redistribution income support</i>	353,7	70,7
<i>Art. 30</i>	<i>Support for young farmers</i>	71,1	14,2
<i>Art. 31</i>	<i>Eco-schemes</i>	500,0	100,0
<i>Art. 32</i>	<i>Alpine management support</i>	90,0	18,0
	Sector-Intervention	103,4	20,7
	Rural Development	5.301,3	1.060,3
<i>Art. 70,72</i>	<i>Agri-environmental-climate measures (excl. Eco-schemes)</i>	2.370,0	474,0
<i>Art. 71</i>	<i>Natural/area-specific constraints</i>	990,0	198,0
<i>Art. 73</i>	<i>Investments</i>	984,0	196,8
<i>Art. 75</i>	<i>Setting-up of young farmers</i>	78,5	15,7
<i>Art. 77</i>	<i>Cooperation</i>	528,2	105,6
<i>Art. 78</i>	<i>Knowledge exchange</i>	208,1	41,6
<i>Art.125</i>	<i>Technical assistance</i>	142,5	28,5
	SP 2023-2027 total	8.792,5	1.758,5

Strategic Plan – Observation letter

- Comments of the Commission (observation letter) on the SP received on 30 March 2022, publicly available.
- 251 remarks, of which 29 “key issues”.
- Austria’s efforts are widely recognised, but improvements are also called for and proposed, in particular regarding:
 - the level of ambition
 - the environmental architecture
 - greenhouse gas and ammonia emissions and renewable energy
 - redistribution, digitalization or consultancy

Timetable for approval

- Ongoing intensive and constructive exchange with EC-DG AGRI.
- Transmission of partly extensive declarations and information - about half of the 251 remarks have already been submitted in writing.
- The aim is to clarify as many points as possible before the summer 2022.
- Subsequently, submission of adapted Strategic Plan.
- Autumn 2022 approval to ensure implementation of the Strategic Plan as planned from 2023.

CAP Implementation in Austria

Any questions?

If not, thank you for your attention!

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