

Q&A on Methodology of the CAP reform tool

What is the total budget of the CAP and why it represents an average of 114 €/year/person?

The current CAP budget is divided into two programmes, disbursed over a period of 7 years:

EU programmes	Budget 2014-2020 ¹
Common Agricultural Policy - CAP Pillar I (direct payments)	312.735,05 million €
Rural Development Programme - CAP Pillar II	95.577,05 million €
TOT CAP Budget 2014-2020	408.312,1 million €

EU Total Budget 2014-2020 ²	1.027.142 million €
Total CAP budget (pillar I + pillar II)	408.312,1 million €
Share of the CAP	39,7%
CAP budget per person per year (513 million inhabitants) ³	113,7 €

Where do the 10 budget lines come from? How did we estimate their impact on the main criteria?

In reality, the number of budget lines are many more than the 10 presented. However, for simplification we have grouped them under 10 main headings according to the type of intervention. They also have been renamed to make them more understandable and take into account the European Commission proposal for the **new CAP 2021-2027**, so that the results can provide a meaningful input in the current CAP reform negotiations.

The amounts presented as “current status” are based on the breakdown of **spending under the current CAP (2014-2020)**. For direct payments, they are based on the plans communicated by the Member States to the European Commission for the year 2015-2016⁴. For Rural Development, they are based on the declarations by Member States for the whole period⁵. The impact of the budgets on the 8 criteria in the first part of the game are estimations based on analysis of available data and evidence on the current state of EU agricultural and food systems, made in consultation with Greens/EFA network of experts in the field of EU agriculture policy.

For more details and insight read our information note!

¹ Source: European Commission http://ec.europa.eu/budget/mff/programmes/index_en.cfm#rural

² Source : European Commission http://ec.europa.eu/budget/mff/figures/index_en.cfm

³ Source Eurostat https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Population_and_population_change_statistics

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/sites/agriculture/files/direct-support/direct-payments/docs/simplimentation-decisions-ms-2016_en.pdf

⁵ https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/sites/agriculture/files/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/common/rdp-list_en.pdf