



Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan - Supporting Income Resilience and Agricultural Sustainability

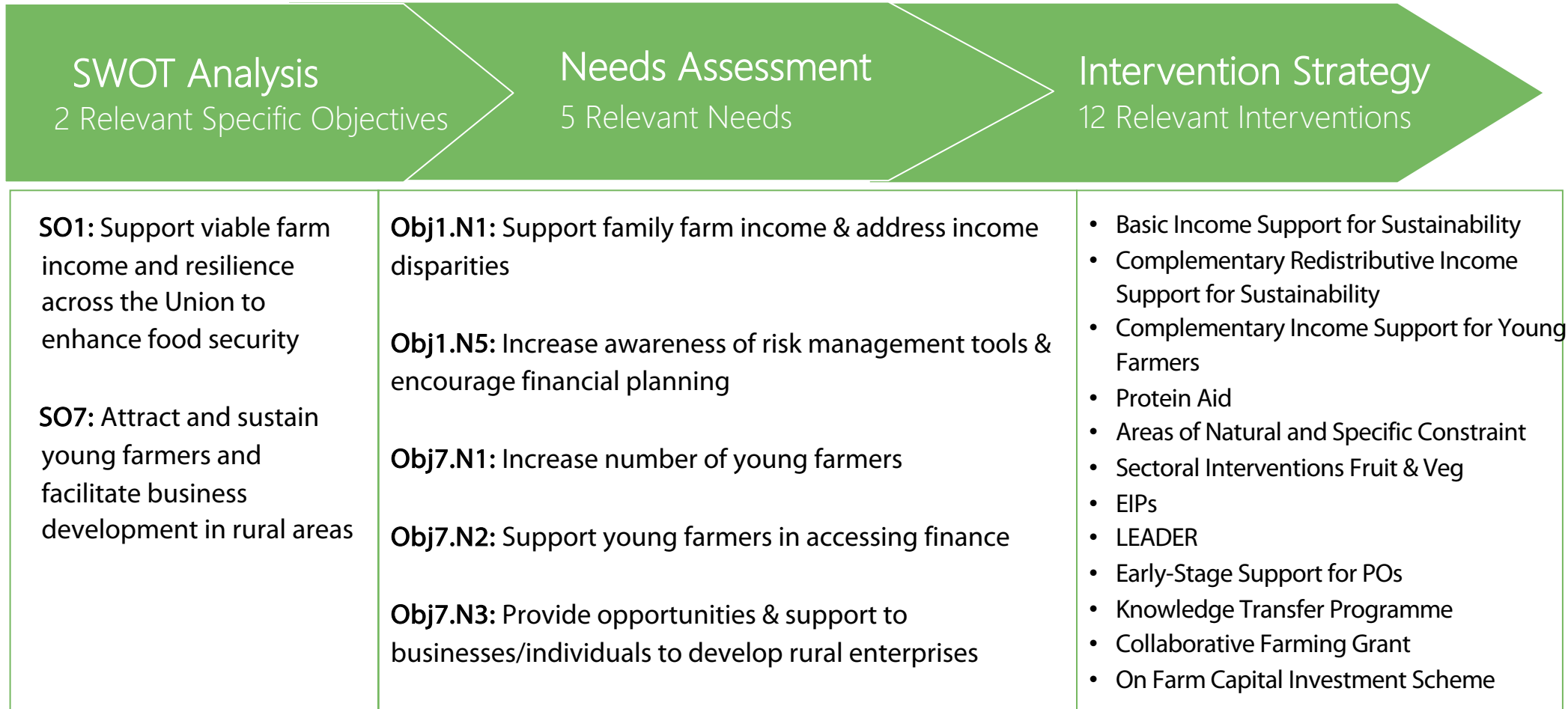
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Developing Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan

Investment Strategies to Support Agricultural Resilience



Interventions in Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan

Supporting Income Resilience and Agricultural Sustainability



Early-Stage Support for POs

- Very few POs in Ireland
- Aim of intervention is to encourage the establishment of POs
- Support provided for advisory costs and administrative function support

Collaborative Farming Grant

- Encourages succession planning and facilitates generational renewal
- Provides financial support to encourage the establishment of Farm Partnerships and to support older farmers to plan for retirement



Knowledge Transfer Programme

- Provides high quality and targeted advice to farmers
- Encourages shared learning and knowledge transfer
- 8 modules per year – 4 on 'Priority Topics'

On Farm Capital Investment Scheme

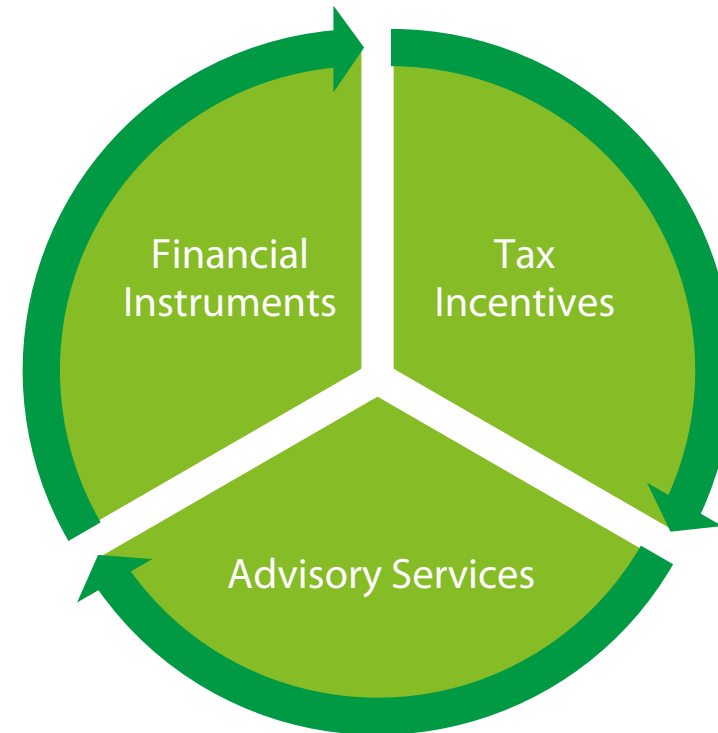
- Provides investment support to farmers to develop their farm enterprise
- Provides higher grant rate to young farmers and female farmers (at 60%)

Supports outside the CAP



SO1: Support viable farm income and resilience across the Union to enhance food security

1. Financial Instruments:
 - Future Growth Loan Scheme
2. Agriculture Specific Tax Measures:
 - Accelerated Capital Allowance Scheme
 - Agricultural Relief from Capital Acquisition Tax,
 - Income Averaging
3. Advisory Services
 - Teagasc Advisory Services

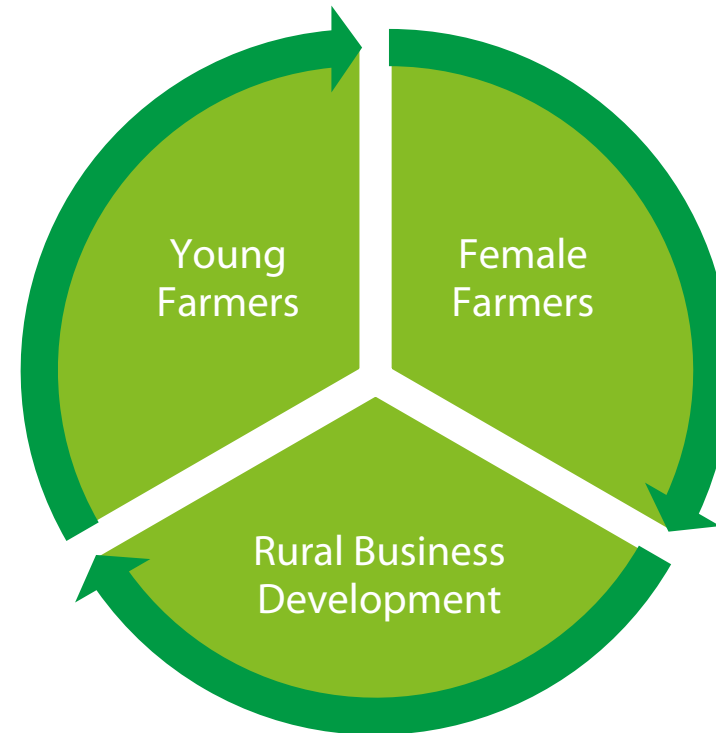


Supports outside the CAP

SO7: Attract and sustain young farmers and facilitate business development in rural areas



1. Supporting Young Farmers
 - Agri-Taxation supports
 - Succession Farm Partnerships
 - Land Mobility Service
2. Supporting Female Entrepreneurs
 - ACORNS
3. Supporting Rural Business Development
 - National Broadband Strategy
 - Community Services Programme



Financial Instruments

Ireland's Approach



Future Growth Loan Scheme

- Offered by the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI); underpinned by funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE); and counter-guaranteed by the European Investment Fund (EIF)
- EUR 800 million scheme available to SMEs and small mid-caps (including farmers)
- Long term loans (7 – 10 years)
- Loan from EUR 25,000 to a maximum of EUR 3 million per eligible applicant
- Unsecured up to EUR 500,000
- Addresses market failure in long-term lending caused by banks refusing loans due to:
 - Lack of borrower credit history
 - Absence of sufficient capital
- Will be replaced by the Growth and Sustainability Scheme

Green Investment Strategies

To support income resilience, farm viability, business development and young farmers



Within the CAP

1. Areas of Natural and Specific Constraint
 - Minimum stocking rate – supports biodiversity
2. On Farm Capital Investment Scheme
 - 50% grant rate for investments in the organic sector
 - 50% grant rate for investments with specific environmental/climate benefits
 - 40% grant rate for Low Emission Slurry Spreaders
3. Knowledge Transfer Programme
 - Climate change mitigation/adaptation
 - Water quality
 - Biodiversity conservation
4. EIPs – Stream B
 - Environmental, biodiversity and climate change challenges

Outside the CAP

1. Future Growth Loan Scheme
 - A review of the FGLS found that nearly all (86%) primary agricultural businesses surveyed invested in environmental sustainability
2. Growth and Sustainability Scheme
 - Will include a dedicated fund allocation for environmental sustainability
3. Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland - SME Supports
 - Supports businesses to improve energy costs
 - Free online learning resource – SEAI Energy Academy
 - Online workshops on energy management
 - Support Scheme for Energy Audits (EUR 2,000)



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