

Copa and Cogeca position on LULUCF and the Effort Sharing Decision

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Flexibility Mechanisms in the
Effort Sharing Decision

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Food security sets the challenge

- **Increasing global population**
- **Increasing uncertainty regarding yields and income for farmers due to climate change**
- **Each degree of increased temperature risks 17% decrease in corn and soyabean production**
- **Resource stress**

Agriculture can contribute in its own way

- **Marginal abatement costs for emissions reductions in agriculture are much higher than in the ETS sectors.**
- **We need to be able to allow for growth in food, feed and biomass in a sustainable way.**
- **Agriculture helps in the decarbonisation and substitution of fossil-based materials, for example with biofuels.**
- **We have very good agricultural practices and environmental standards in Europe. Attending to the global demand for EU production saves emissions in third countries**

Public Consultations on LULUCF and Effort Sharing Decision

- **Separate pillars for the Effort Sharing Decision and LULUCF was supported by Copa and Cogeca. Due to the lack of information the consideration of other options was not possible at that stage.**
- **Different agricultural models in each EU Member State and different models within each country make flexibility a must if we aim at a realistic ambition**

Flexibility as a solution

- **Flexibility with ETS could help make the most out of the mitigation potential of agriculture.**
- **We need to loosen the ‘firewall’ between ETS and non-ETS sectors.**
- **We need to make use of the similarities with other economic sectors, such as the forest, because of the common long investment cycles and long periods to measure changes.**

- **Agriculture subject to natural stresses and variability in production and emissions**
- **GDP not the best indicator of the possibility for cost-efficient emission reductions**
- **2020 EU's Effort Sharing Decision, big spread between MSs mitigation commitments can be reduced**
- **Flexibility between ETS and non-ETS sectors should be based on measurable improvements in the production – environmental integrity**

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Thank you for your attention