



A strategy on plant proteins : insights from France

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1. Why a strategy on plant protein?

4 challenges

Dependency

- at EU, national and farm level
- on protein and fertilizers imports

Climate change and environment

- nitrogen reduction
- crop rotation

Plant proteins

Economic opportunities

- strong growth in food markets
- opportunities for new value chains

Health / nutrition

- evolution of nutrition recomendations
- benefits of pulses consumption

2. How to design a strategy on plant protein?

Learning from past experience

- France has a 2014-2020 protein plan
- Some positive results to build upon
- Lessons learnt
 - Beyond production incentives, value chain approach is key
 - Beyond the crops sector, involve other players
 - Beyond feed, food to be adressed
- Context has changed

An inclusive process

8 months of consultation
3 parallel working groups
2 plenary sessions in the ministery
6 workshops and 10 contributions at the regional scale

6 interprofessions from crops, livestock and dairy sectors
13 research organisations
350 stakeholders and experts on the national and regional level
300 proposals made by stakeholders

Scope of the strategy

- All sources of plant protein are to be considered
 - A priority on legume crops
 - Do not forget grassland and forage legumes
- Production, value chain and consumption
- Feed and food
- Time horizon of 10 years

3. What needs to be adressed in a strategy on plant protein?

Main topics

- Diversification and legume rich crop-rotation
- Feed autonomy at farm level
- Synergies between crops and livestock production
- Foster plant protein based food production and consumption
- Foster research, innovation, transfer and training
- Strong case for action at EU level

What tools are needed in future CAP

- Plant protein as a priority in future CAP for France, as CAP National strategic plan being designed
- Coupled payments
 - Necessary to enhance legumes surface area: more flexibilty needed with the criteria related to the difficulties of the sector for some specific production
 - Mixed grass/legumes need to be supported (important for feed autonomy)
- Sectoral interventions
 - Should be opened to protein crops
- Conditionnality
 - Key to strenghen the environmental ambition of CAP and a level playing field

What tools are needed in future CAP

Eco-scheme

- Should be compulsory for all member states
- Important incentives for diversification, should go beyond additional costs

Agro-environment-climate commitments

- Usefull tools to help farmers face the risks associated with the protein transition (diversification, feed autonomy, etc)
- Need for simplification and incentive support (should go beyond additional costs)

Other important tools for plant protein

Investments, risk management, EIP-Agri, Horizon 2020

Thank you