

Climate action in the new CAP

Reform of the CAP (Common Agrarian Policy) recently approved for the 2014/2020 period endeavours to tackle the new challenges faced by the agrarian sector, among which climate change holds an outstanding place. Climate action receives a decided boost with the inclusion of a series of instruments and potential measures focussed on meeting adaptation and mitigation requirements, which will be analysed in the paper. However, it is not only necessary to avail of the appropriate instruments and incentives with potential to effectively combat the effects of climate change, but also to confront the institutional, technical, social and economic barriers that prevent said action, and that may hinder and even prevent its inclusion in Rural Development Programmes.