

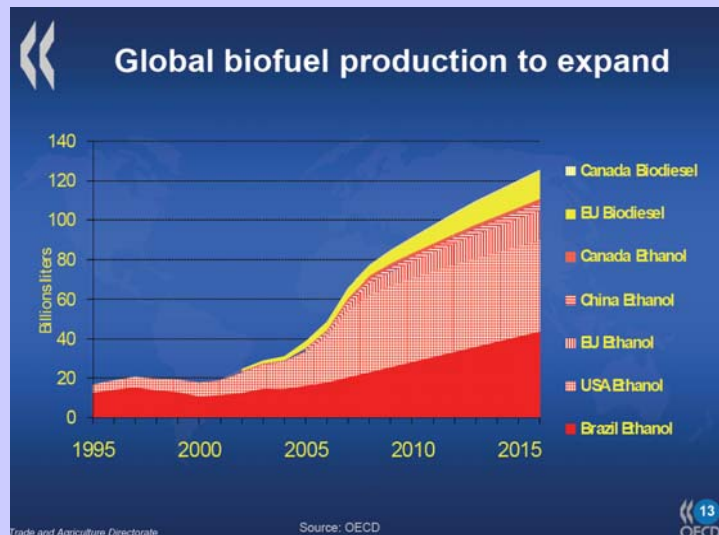
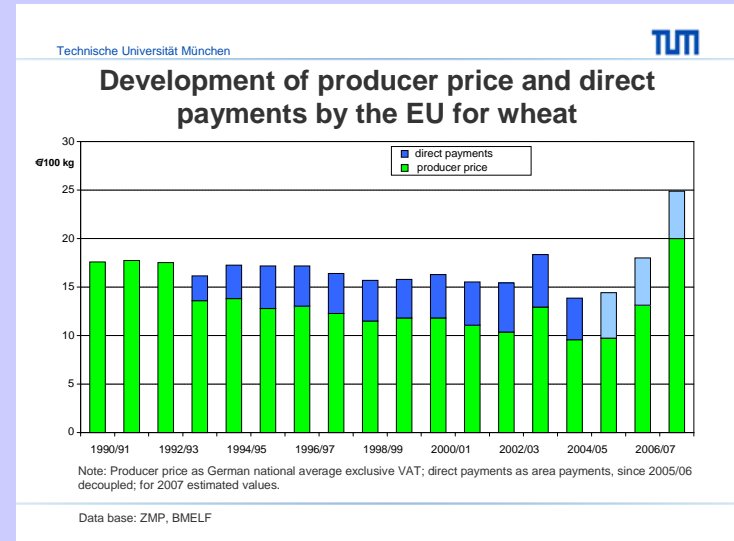
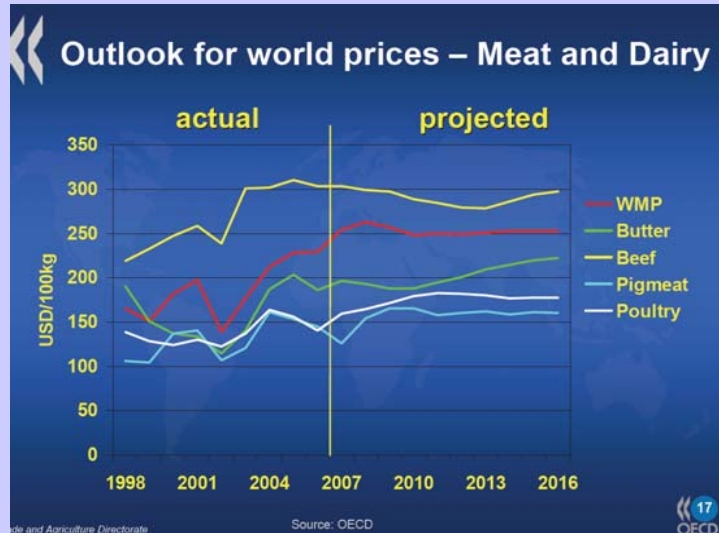
Common Perceptions & Visions for the Future – Common European Rural Policy

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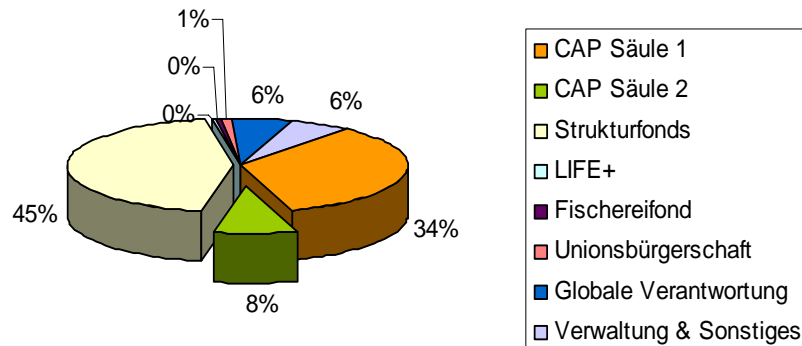
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A new decade – breaking with the past

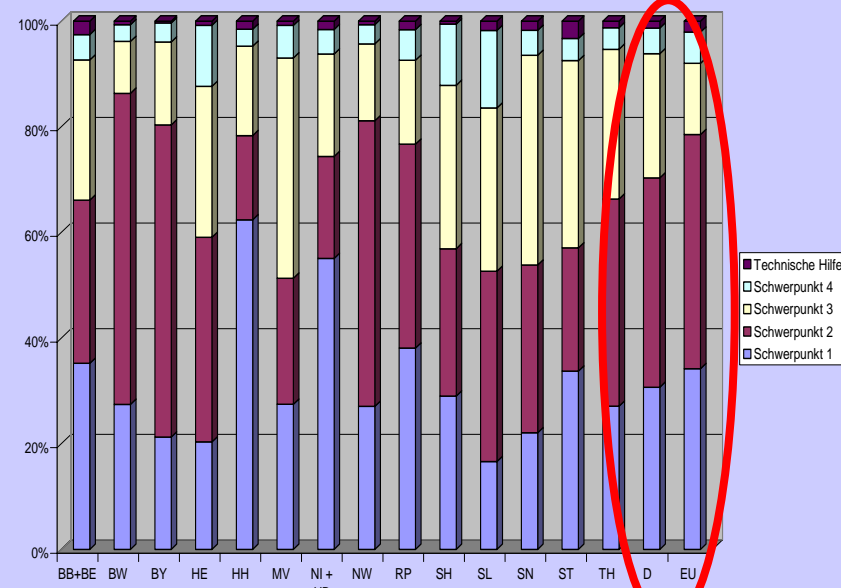


Reforming the EU-Budget ...

EU-Budget 2007-2013



Rural development in Germany: allocation of EAFRD 2007-2013 budget



Source: Bundesministerium für Landwirtschaft, November 2007

European priorities?
Budget after 2013



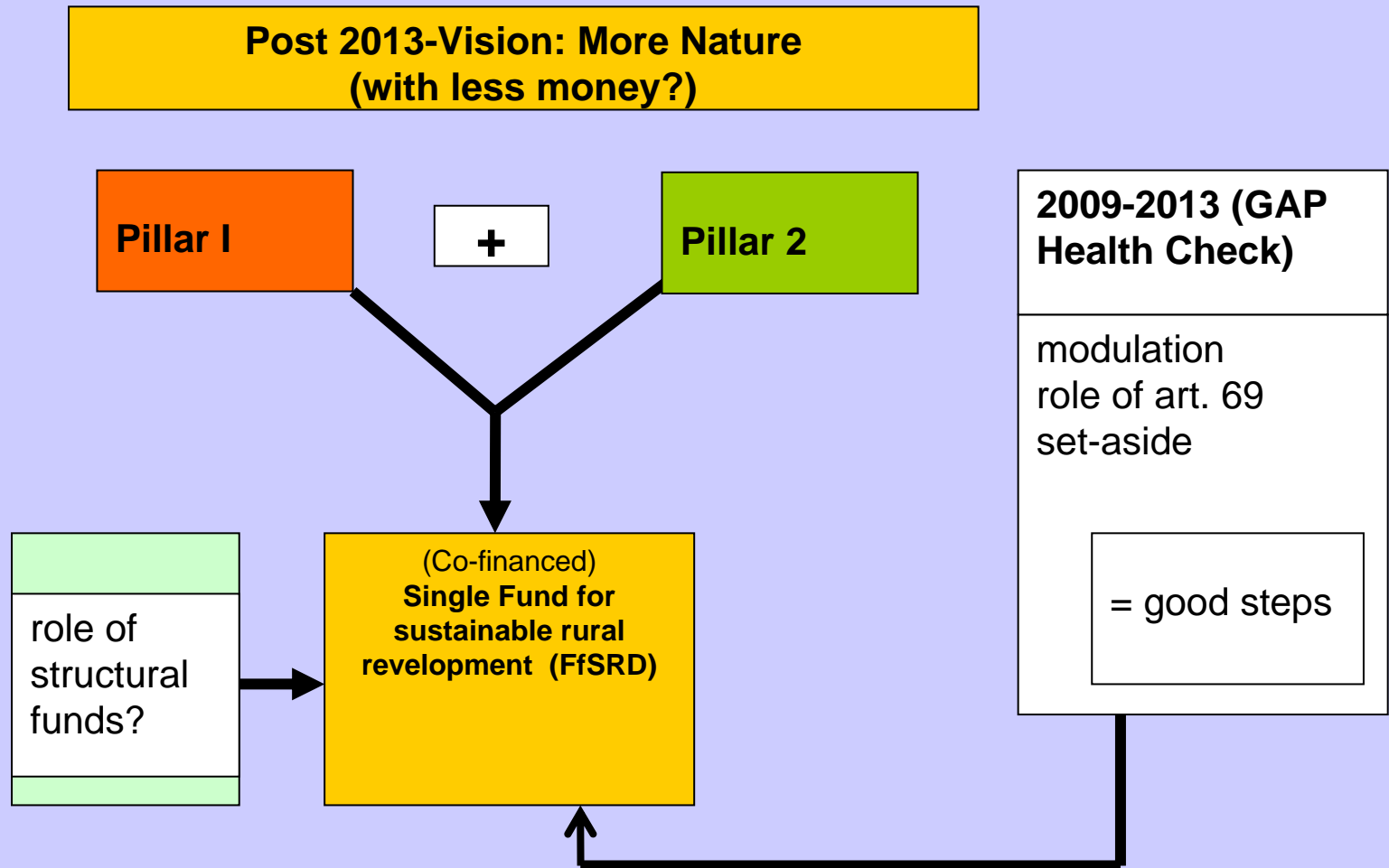
...with a clear vision

- **criteria for income support (in the light of market developments)**
- **criteria for rewarding environmental goods (being provided, maintained or valorised)**
- **criteria on environmental performance (to be fulfilled)**

*(acc. to Terwan &
van der Weijden 2006)*

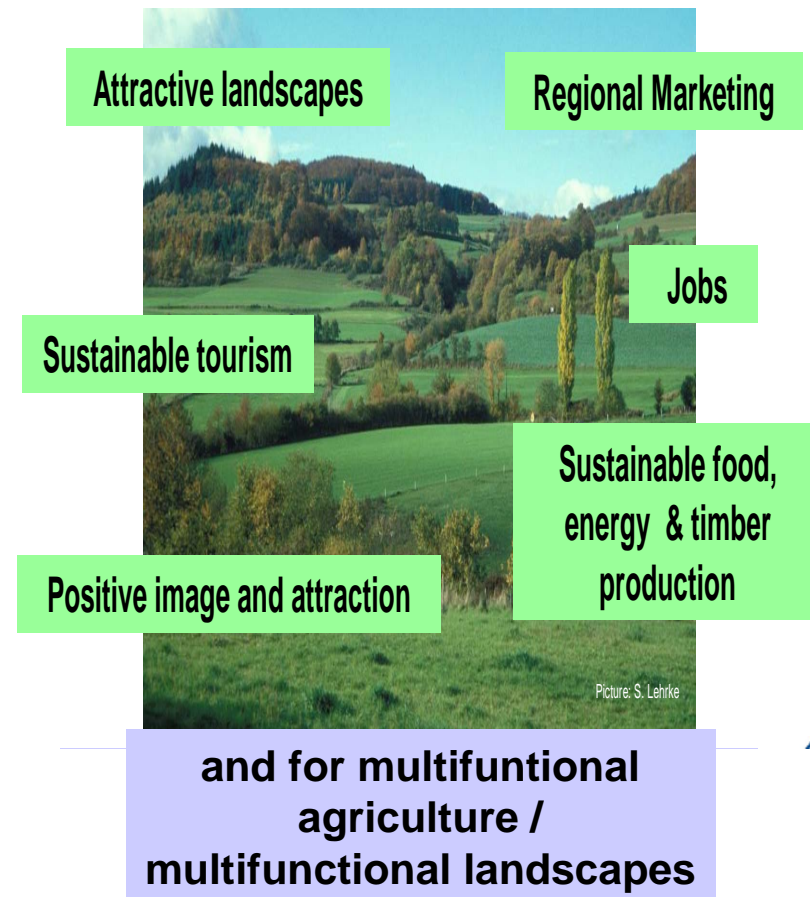
At the moment a clear
and coherent vision does
not exist!

Proposal of Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN):



Core Objectives

1. maintenance of international important valuable landscapes (LFA's & Natura 2000 network) incl. water- and soil improvements
2. Strengthening interlinkages and creating coherence and synergies between food, energy, water and timber supply-chains and other economic activities in the region („Multifunctionality“)
3. Support the sustainable valorisation of natural heritage, thus creating new job opportunities particularly in peripheral rural areas



Strategic Elements I

1. Make sure everybody understands what farmers get income support for (e.g. producing in high nature value areas thus maintaining valuable landscapes)
2. Pay farmers for their deliverance of ecosystem services
3. Decouple payments for meeting environmental needs from the primary production
4. Build earmarked tiers - finance pure nature conservation measures in the interests of Europe
5. Reducing the complexity of environmental measures
6. At the same time: increasing the scope for combining them effectively at local level



Strategic Elements II

7. Bind all tiers to compliance of mandatory standards, not only agri-environmental measures
8. Give sustainable land management a priority above other tiers
9. Basic requirements – minimum environmental and other standards in the sense of Cross Compliance annex III - will not disappear. Instead they are now universal – no need to maintain two control systems
10. Support investments strengthening the competitiveness and link it to environmental baselines
11. Use market mechanisms such as tendering for geographically spatially appropriate solutions

Thank you very much for your attention!



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