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Copa-Cogeca:

The united voice of farmers and their cooperatives in the European Union

Two organisations....

Copa

Created in 1958, Copa represents 23 million European farmers and family members.

Cogeca

Created in 1959, Cogeca represents 22, 000 European agricultural cooperatives.

Copa and Cogeca

In 1962, a joint Secretariat was created, making it one of the biggest and most active lobby organisations in Brussels

Challenges in the future

Food production

Environment

Employment

Nature

Water

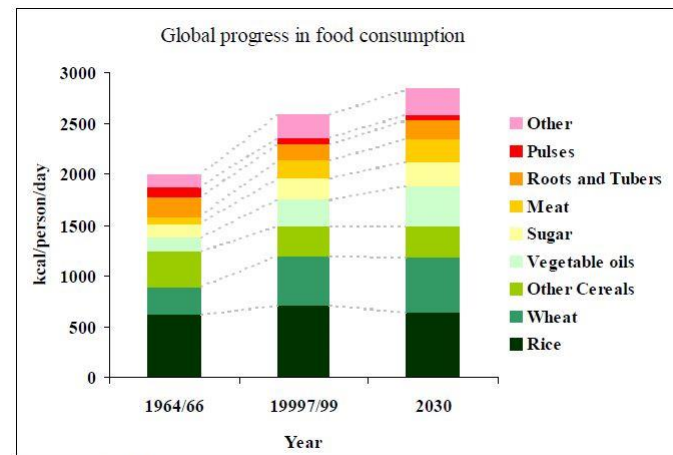
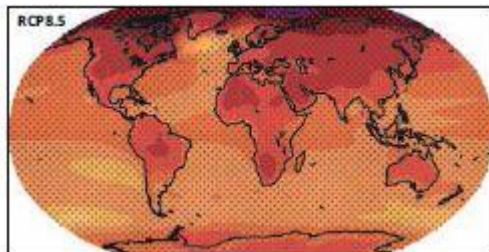
Biodiversity

Climate

Energy production

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

- Life projects have been a positive addition throughout the years
- Farmers are the first food producers
- The present challenges for agriculture are complex



Source: FAO (2002)

European and international climate debate coherence is key

Article 2 Paris Agreement

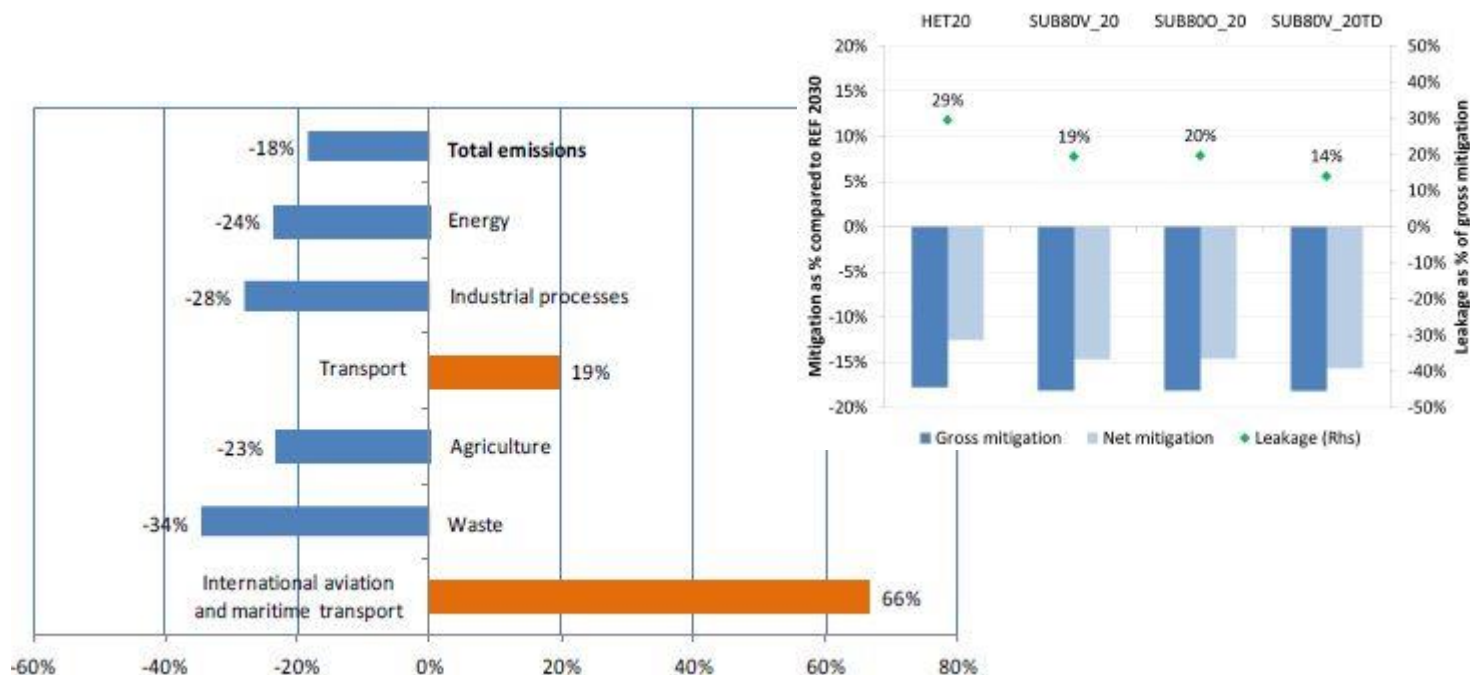
1. This Agreement, in enhancing the implementation of the Convention, including its objective, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, including by:

(a) Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;

(b) Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production; and

Agriculture emissions profile and previous efforts

- Agriculture has reduced its emissions by 23% since 1990
- Can we continue in the same way while still producing?



Source: EEA database (2013)

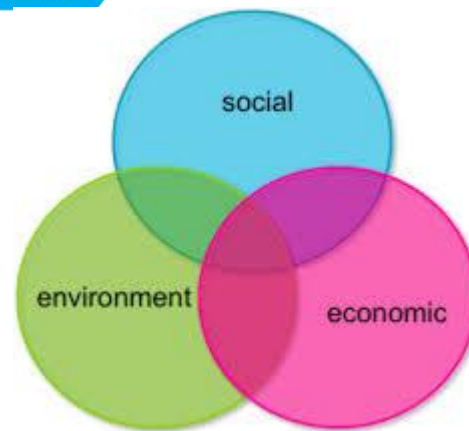
Sustainability needs to be communicated positively

- SDGs
- Work underway from agriculture



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Sustainability has to be equally
social, environmental and economic



Future cornerstones

- CAP – Rural Development Programme
- Research and development
- Education
- Advisory services





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