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1	**Funding for Ireland CAP Strategic Plan interventions 2023-2027 (BirdWatch Ireland 2022)**										
2	Environmental benefit (red=zero, amber/yellow=poor, dark green = good, light green = could be better).										
3	**2023-2027**	**Budget in millions**	**% of budget**	**Applies to:**	**Environmental Action/Linkage /Benefit**	**Total IE CAP budget = in billions**	**9,832.60**	**130,000 farmers**		BirdWatchIreland protecting birds and biodiversity	
4	Basic Income Support for Sustainability	3,642.50	37%	All farmers that apply (circa 130,000 farmers)		Direct payment impt for farmers & requires meeting conditions and Statutory Mgt requirements (some articles of relevant EU Laws like Birds Directive, Habitats Directive, Water Framework Directive, Nitrates Directive). However, inadequate awareness by farmers of requirements. Good new changes : re land eligibility where 50% of 1 ha land parcel can be retained as habitat; re Space for Nature condition (GAEC 8) applies to all farmland but not enough habitats identified ; retention of landscape features such as hedgerows but new rules require scrutiny. Very poor ambition in Environmentally Sensitive Permanent Grassland (GAEC 9) condition considering IE is a grassland nation. Only 1% of farmers are inspected for conditionality compliance. State processes dont support good implmentation of EU enviro law in general as indicated by status of farmland birds and habitats which is worsening.					
5	Complementary income support for young farmers (CIS-YF)	177.9	2%			Direct payment					
6	Complementary redistributive income support for sustainability (CRISS)	593.1	6%			Transfer of funds from larger farms to smaller farms; considered impactful at higher % but unclear whether this will drive productivity. No environmental linkage but supports for smaller farmers welcome.					
7	Eco-Scheme	1,482.90	15%	circa 130,000 farmers depending on take up		Some elements of ecoschemes rewards farmers for activities like cutting fertiliser use but fert prices already high and shd drive reductions, so is this compensation for high prices? Space for nature element is not ambitious as no focus on improving quality of habitats. % allocation of 7% and 10% is still below findings of national research showing that most farms have higher % of habitats when all habitats are considered and not just EU list of GAEC 8 habs. Overall low ambition. Poor value for money.					
8	Sectoral Intervention for Apiculture sector	0.6	0.01%			Must be clear that this is not a support for wild pollinators but rather honey making. Honey bees compete with wild pollinators for resources.					
9	Protein Aid	35	0.36%			good to increase tillage; how much going to human food?					
10	Sectoral Intervention in the Fruit and Vegetable Sector	39	0.40%			Excludes most smaller hort farmers as turnover (over €2million) reqt is very high.					
11	**Total Pillar 1**	**5,971.00**									
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13	**Pillar 2**										
14	Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC)	1,250.00	12.71%	ANC map covers most of the country which doesn't make sense		no link to environmental action in this scheme					
15	Agri-environment climate measure (AECM)	1,500.00	15.26%	30000 farmers		General AECM: Inadequate measures to halt farmland bird declines and inadequate targetting of measures. Overall does not address the biodiversity crisis on farmland. Heavy reliance on ecological training of farm advisors to talk to farmers/prepare applications in a short period of time which is risky.					
16				20000 farmers		Cooperative Projects very promising. Targeted results based component but only 20,000 farmers included out of 130,000.					
17	AECM Training	21.6	0.22%			Must be focused on biodiversity, water and climate. Timing is critical. Scale of training need is huge. Environmental results are dependent on training of farm advisors in biodiversity, water and climate but specialist ecological advice is also required and this is not catered for. Have not seen the training modules yet.					
18	Straw Incorporation Measure	50	0.51%			Climate benefits but Commission signalled this as a concern in its letter but tillage is so small in Ireland this is not a key issue for us.					
19	Organic Farming	256	2.60%			Good, enough? 2.6% of the budget isnt 7.5% as the target is, but depends on what its spent on. eg payment rate per ha. but this is definitely a big increase on the previous ammount (about 75 milion)					
20	On farm investments* / TAMs	100	1.02%			Must ensure activities eligible for funding are changed from current TAMs which is driving intensive agriculture.					
21	Suckler Carbon Efficiency	260	2.64%			Climate benefits unproven in past Beef genomics scheme					
22	Beef and Sheep Producer Organisations	1.5	0.02%			?					
23	Continuous Professional Development for Advisors	1.9	0.02%			Important that this is focused on biodiversity, climate and water and they're well trained.					
24	European Innovation Partnerships (EIPs)	36.1	0.37%			Good					
25	Knowledge Transfer Groups	71.1	0.72%			Must be well designed to get max benefit					
26	Dairy Beef Welfare Scheme	25	0.25%			Supporting production. Unclear of welfare element					
27	Sheep Improvement Scheme	100	1.02%			Looks like a headage payment which could be even more destructive to habtiats=more sheep					
28	Collaborative Farming	2	0.02%			No clear enviro action or benefit					
29	Technical Assistance	6.3	0.06%			?					
30	LEADER	180	1.83%			LEADER is a good initiative with supports for diversification incl on farm processing etc; however this looks like a drop in funding, which continues a bad trend.					
31	**Total Pillar 2**	**3,861.60**									
32	**Total CSP 2023-2027**	**9,832.60**									