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# Some limited observations on the next CAP Strategic Plan

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#### 1. Status

- AES measures in current RDP:
  - Targeting evolved and evolving
  - Predetermined actions in GLAS
  - Scope for Results-Based payments
  - Need for specialist/ecological oversight in addition to agricultural planners
  - Need for supporting actions payments/capital works
  - EIPs a positive initiative scope for continuing and expanding
  - Landscape scale approach required
  - Nest Protection required for certain bird species/groups

### 2. Trends

- AES measures:
  - Targeting evolved and evolving
  - Commission seeks inclusion of Results Based
  - Increased public consciousness re climate, water, biodiversity, pollinators...
  - In a context of:
    - Increased intensification/specialization of agriculture, afforestation, etc.
    - Decreased landscape heterogeneity, biodiversity, small farmers, young farmers, etc.

## 3. Drivers/Pressures

- Policy and markets
- Intensification
- Abandonment / conversion to other uses
- Climate and climate action
- Brexit