SWOT RESPONSE FORM

Details:

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Please tick one of the following options that best describes you:

Farmer (full-time)    Farmer (part-time)    Farm family member
Member of the public  Other

Are you involved in:

Agriculture    Forestry    Farm Organisation
Rural Development    Food industry    Environment
Community Sector    Research    Civil Society / NGO

Other:

Nine specific objectives of the Common Agriculture Policy post 2020

support viable farm income and resilience across the Union to enhance food security;

(a) enhance market orientation and increase competitiveness, including greater focus on research, technology and digitalisation;

(b) improve the farmers' position in the value chain;

(c) contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as sustainable energy;

(d) foster sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources such as water, soil and air;

(e) contribute to the protection of biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services and preserve habitats and landscapes;

(f) attract young farmers and facilitate business development in rural areas;

(g) promote employment, growth, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including bio-economy and sustainable forestry;

(h) improve the response of EU agriculture to societal demands on food and health, including safe, nutritious and sustainable food, food waste, as well as animal welfare.

Those objectives shall be complemented by the cross-cutting objective of modernising the sector by fostering and sharing of knowledge, innovation and digitalisation in agriculture and rural areas.
### SWOT template

Please use a separate template for each objective

#### Objective: SUPPORT Viable Farm Income

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<th>Strength</th>
<th>How to - A just transition funding. Fair pay for small farms who regenerate one land increase biodiversity, provide local, sustainable food systems.</th>
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<td>Weakness</td>
<td>CAP directs payment incentive to large, unsustainable farms, and corporate landowners. The farmers protecting the environment are not at the core of key policy decisions.</td>
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<td>Opportunity</td>
<td>To develop a climate resilient food system that values farmers role. Biodiversity increase, clean water, carbon sink.</td>
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<td>Threat</td>
<td>Reduced CAP budget, no political will lobbying from large corporations.</td>
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*Strength many small farms with the knowledge in Ireland*

#### Objective: SUPPORT RESILIENCE

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<th>Knowledge still here. How to support resilience - diversification - woodland, nature, bio energy, horticulture, orchards, livestock, carbon sinks.</th>
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<td>Weakness</td>
<td>Insentives not there, Education lacking, low uptake, fear of the new.</td>
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<td>Opportunity</td>
<td>Income from wide range of products. Back ups from diverse range of production.</td>
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<td>Cheap produce on global markets. Facilitated by CAP subsidies and free trade agreements. Local food expensive.</td>
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#### Objective: SUPPORT Food Security

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<th>It is within living memory in Ireland how the lived from local food. How to support food security - incentives to develop horticultural farming, orchards.</th>
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<td>Weakness</td>
<td>No financial help, advice, low uptake, knowledge, weather conditions.</td>
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<td>Opportunity</td>
<td>Ireland food secure, with a vibrant rural community. Local food on local people. Reduced kilometers, GHG emissions. Food security from smaller food chains.</td>
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<td>Cheap imports lack of incentives.</td>
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### Objective: Enhance market orientation

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<td>Develop local food for local communities. Value added products, nutrient dense food of high quality.</td>
<td>Cheap imports cost of production.</td>
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### Objective: Contribute to climate change mitigation

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<td>Ireland has boggy wetland soil carbon land that can be planted with native woodlands. How to - mixed sward, mob grazing, hedgerows, ponds, restored wet lands/peatlands.</td>
<td>Lack of skills, knowledge transfer, education, monetary incentives.</td>
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<td>Opportunity: Ireland not tuned for GHG emissions, increased soil fertility for future generations. Build up a inter-generational knowledge biodiversity. Farmers respected for huge contributions to ecosystem services. Biochar, compost, farm/forestry/peatland farming practices, reduction of chemical fertilizers.</td>
<td>Threat: Lack of knowledge of advisors, continued reliance on monoculture forestry. Major businesses continue to lobby government for subsidies.</td>
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### Objective: Foster sustainable development and efficient management of water and soil

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<td>How to perverse the plane field to account for agricultural companies that degrade soil/water quality. Greater accountability. Move to farm compared.</td>
<td>Agrochemical advisors, lack of education.</td>
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<td>Opportunity: Less chemical fertilizers used, improved water quality, reduced GHG emissions from burning. Build up of soil life.</td>
<td>Threat: Lack of political will, increased move to plant silica/silicon, releasing CO2 whilst preparing land, water run off, acidic water conditions.</td>
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### Objective - 6. Contribute to the protection of biodiversity, enhance ecosystems, conserve habitats and landscapes.

**Strength**
- Many small farmers are already doing this
- How to reduce the pollutants, greater accountability, reward those doing it right
- Developing habitats and retaining them

**Opportunity**
- Increased biodiversity
- Break down of ecosystem reversed

**Weakness**
- Lack of political will
- No just payment schemes
- Mono culture farming

**Threat**
- Solutions available not taken heed of.

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### Objective - 7. Attract young farmers and facilitate business development in rural areas.

**Strength**
- Local food TV
- Local community
- Farmers respected and supported for their prime position in reversing climate crisis and ecosystem collapse

**Opportunity**
- To develop rural vitality with many rural businesses

**Weakness**
- No support or education on how important farmers' role is.

**Threat**
- Globalization
- Free trade agreements
- Fewer and fewer farmers as so many give up

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### Objective -

**Strength**

**Weakness**

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**Opportunity**

**Threat**