



CAP Focus Groups

Official Launch: Wednesday, 11th of November 2020 at 8pm on Zoom
Presentations and scope of groups by Owen O'Driscoll and Breian Carroll

Focus Groups commence Monday the 18th of November

Focus Group 1	Farm regeneration/supports for young farmers, BISS and eco schemes
Focus Group 2	AKIS, Agri digitalisation, training of advisors
Focus Group 3	Knowledge Transfer, Farmer Training, Health & Safety, Farmer Well Being and Animal Health/AMR's
Focus Group 4	Soil fertility, Water Quality, Emissions and Organic Farming
Focus Group 5	Carbon Sequestration/assessment, Biodiversity and Baseline Measurements
Focus Group 6	Farm incomes, Sustainability, Forestry/Agro Forestry, Bio Economy, Cross Enterprise analysis
Focus Group 7	New Agri Environment Scheme and EIP's

Methodology:

- Aim: to facilitate open and constructive discussion on all aspects of the CAP to assist ACA in formulating its final paper
- Members are invited to join their preferred group. Members can join more than one group if they wish
- Groups will be limited to 12 - members must contact Angela in Head Office with your group preference
- All meetings will be online - the preferred times for group meetings will be agreed at the first meeting
- It is envisaged that each group will meet once a week until the 18th of December - max 1.5 hours per meeting
- An ACA appointed Moderator and Recorder will be responsible for the operations of each group and ensure the agenda and areas for discussion are completed. Moderators will act as chairpersons and recorders will note key recommendations and seek approval at the end of each meeting. There will be an online meeting held with the Moderators and Recorders before the commencement of group meetings
- The Group will be asked to discuss the subject matter of that group only and agree final recommendations
- The General Secretary will complete the preparatory work and share with the group Moderators and Recorders - there will be a fixed focus for each meeting
- Group members are encouraged to read and consider policy papers and future direction of the CAP during this project and you will be provided with as much information as possible to help you form opinions

This is an opportunity for all ACA members to contribute to our CAP paper - please support and enjoy this initiative with your colleagues