

"Slovenia is chairing the European Union at a very important time for agriculture and rural development. Discussions about adjustments of common agricultural policy (CAP) are taking place vigorously. CAP should continue in the direction of the Fischler reform from 2003, consolidate and adjust to new conditions and at the same time outline the contouring of this policy after 2013. Therefore, now is the appropriate time to consider what is it that we want with agriculture and agricultural policy in the EU in the future and what role should rural development policy play in this respect. To this discussion we can for the first time contribute with our experience and views as a new Member State.

It is our opinion that the discussion must be unburdened with historical restraints and taboos. The solutions should ensure political and economical environment, which will enable agricultural development not only from the economic point of view but also in their social functions. Our goal is sustainable development, which will integrate economical, environmental and social goals as well as well defined targeted policy, which will as far as possible achieve what is expected from her."

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