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The WASTE-REUSE IN AGRICULTURE the CAP contribution

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**The reuse of the organic
agricultural residues is a normal
behaviour for farmers**

Residues and by-products of agricultural production

- **European Court of Justice - judgment 18 April 2002 – case C-9/00**
- **Directive 2008/98/EC – Article 2, paragraph 1 (f)**

Do not call waste what can be reused on farm



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Residues and by-products with fertilisation value

Some examples:

- **Manure and slurry**
- **Straw**
- **Leaves and roots of vegetables and crops**
- **Residues of pruning**
- **Residues of product preparation for sale**



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Rural Development Policy of the CAP

How the CAP can help to reuse residues and by-products?

MS and Regions may activate measures of the Rural Development Programmes to encourage the reuse of the organic material on farm.



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What measures of the RDP can help the reuse?

- ***Agri-environmental measures: to produce and use compost from agricultural residues and intermediate crops cultivation to increase organic matter in the soil***
- ***Investments in bio-gas installations at farm level***
- ***Investments to purchase machines for shredding pruning material and using it***



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Compliance with the Nitrates Directive

Just a last precision:

Manure and slurry as said before can be used as fertilisers on farm, but respecting the Nitrates Directive 91/676/EEC.

The quantity of nitrogen of animal origin spread on the land in nitrate vulnerable zones is maximum 170 kg/Ha/year



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