About € 73 million for restructuring and conversion of the vineyard in 2017

The Sectoral Conference on Agriculture and Rural Development, chaired by Minister Isabel García Tejerina on December 5th, has distributed 72.5 million euros among the Autonomous Communities for the restructuring and conversion of the vineyard in 2017

This distribution of aid to the restructuring and conversion of the vineyard is part of the support program for the Spanish wine sector 2014 - 2018

According to the General Secretary of Agriculture and Food, Carlos Cabanas, this item is part of the total budget of the Support Program endowed next year with 210.332 million euros, *which will also cover other measures such as the promotion of wine in third-party markets Countries, innovation, investment and distillation of by-products.*

The criteria applied for the distribution were: planted area of vineyard, the value of the

productions, the weight of the production of wines with Geographical Indication and regional specificities

Another measure agreed at the Sectoral Conference has been *the allocation of 3 million euros to the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands to co-finance support for agricultural production under the Program for Specific Options for Distance and Insularity (POSEI) 2016.*

CCAA	**REPARTO 2017**
	€
Andalucía	2.529.571
Aragón	3.225.291
Asturias	0
Baleares	221.752
Canarias	38.548
Cantabria	0
Castilla-La Mancha	33.418.561
Castilla y León	6.633.234
Cataluña	4.594.562
Extremadura	7.477.926
Galicia	1.000.000
Madrid	214.000
Murcia	2.060.865
Navarra	1.316.699
País Vasco	1.148.877
La Rioja	3.826.069
Valencia	4.826.045
TOTAL	**72.532.000**

Agriculture Advisory Council

At the meeting of the Agriculture Advisory Council, held on the same day of the Sectoral Conference, the main issues to be discussed by the Council of Ministers of Agriculture of the European Union, to be held in Brussels on 12th and 13th December, were discussed.

During the meeting, a draft conclusions on the food chain was presented, *which aims to harmonize at European level the measures and regulations already in force in some Member States*, such as Spain with the Law for the improvement of the functioning of the Food Chain. *The aim of this project is to strengthen the role of producers.*

As Cabanas explained in this project, which has been discussed in the Agriculture Committee itself, work has been done with the Commission and the Presidency to establish harmonization at

Community level for linear practices.

The second item addressed in the Advisory Council has focused on agriculture and climate, *with the presentation of two horizontal regulations, affecting the agricultural sector in relation to the emission reduction effort, and the role of the forestry sector in its capacity of absorption of emissions.*

On the other hand, Cabanas explained, *it has been explained the progress in the* Regulation of Ecological Production*, on which the Parliament, the Council and the Commission work, and which will be reported to the Council of Ministers in Brussels.*

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