



SALV trajectory on future agriculture

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With its eye to the future, the strategic advisory council of agriculture and fisheries (SALV) identified 5 key challenges of a sustainable future of agriculture in Flanders. These challenges can best be summarised into the following questions:

- How can we keep and attract as many farmers possible into the farming business?
- How can farms operate in the best optimal way given the multifunctional open space conditions of the Flemish landscape?
- How can we keep the impact of agriculture on environment, climate and nature within the limits of the environmental space?
- How do we come to an agriculture sector accepted and supported by society?
- How do we anticipate and respond to future events and changes?

These challenges were thoroughly elaborated in a SALV discussion paper a few years ago (2017). Whereas this discussion paper adequately pinpointed the wide array of economic, social/societal and environmental key challenges ahead for agriculture in Flanders, an elaboration of possible pathways to answer these challenges fell beyond the scope of this exercise. In the upcoming time, the SALV aims to delve into these challenges and prospect probable solution directions through a series of 'future dialogues', each on a challenge topic.