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Information of the Austrian Delegation

Joint Statement by 17 delegations on the CAP Post-2027 Structure

Austria wishes to inform the Council of a joint statement by 17 delegations regarding the CAP Post-2027 Structure, which has been formally submitted on 1 October 2025 to the Horizontal Agricultural Questions Working Party, responsible for the technical aspects of the Common Agricultural Policy.

Joint statement of

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Spain, France, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia supported by Estonia

on the further functioning of an integrated and strong Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

On 16 July 2025, the European Commission presented its proposals for the European Union's Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for the period 2028 - 2034, as well as proposals for the design of key and sectoral policy areas. The Council's working bodies swiftly proceeded to conduct the technical discussions and to improve understanding of the proposals.

- The undersigned Member States emphasise with regard to the Common Agricultural Policy that:
    - The Council took a clear position on the future of the CAP in its conclusions of 9 December 2024 (16694/24): It emphasised the need for a CAP that is tailored to the needs of farmers, provides earmarked and appropriate financial resources and is based on the successful and reliable two-pillar model. In particular, the Council called for a coherent, integrated and strategically orientated policy with clear responsibilities and robust financial resources, which guarantees planning security for agricultural holdings and thus contributes to the competitiveness and resilience of the agricultural sector.
    - **In our view, these Council conclusions form a good basis for the organisation of the CAP in the period after 2027.**
    - In its report on the future of the CAP (2025/2052(INI)), the European Parliament reaffirmed important fundamental principles, including the need for a clear financial envelope for the CAP, the strengthening of the two-pillar model, the importance of an integrated and coherent legal framework and the protection of agricultural holdings. The report also emphasises that simplification for farmers in the implementation system is essential and that the CAP must continue to be instrumental to food security, climate and environmental protection.
    - **We are convinced that these guidelines support a strong and sustainable CAP.**

- **The proposed structure**, which is distributed over various legal proposals - namely the Regulation on the National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPP), the Performance Regulation, the Regulation on the EU School Scheme, the Regulation establishing a common market organisation for agricultural products, and the CAP Regulation - **leads to a considerable fragmentation of the CAP provisions**. Ensuring full consistency between the various working groups involved is therefore of particular importance to guarantee proper EU negotiations on this key EU policy.
- Without pre-empting the discussion of the Heads of State and Government in the MFF negotiations, **we** would like to **emphasise that an adequate and reliable funding** framework **is required in view of the increasing challenges for agriculture** - rising production costs, complex geopolitical situation, climate and biodiversity targets.
- It is essential to ensure a consistent and effective approach to developing this policy, taking into account the timely involvement of stakeholders in the agricultural sector.

Taking into account the concerns about the general structure, we need a structured analysis of which articles from the NRPP Regulation and the Performance Regulation should be assigned to the CAP in terms of content, in particular those that directly concern agricultural measures and instruments. These articles should therefore be negotiated in AGRIFISH Council and its preparatory bodies. It is understood that the rules on financing instruments and the performance framework—since they apply to many EU policies—should also be included in a negotiation framework that ensures everything remains consistent and coherent overall.

This analysis is essential in order to further develop the CAP in a coherent, integrated and manageable way.

The undersigned Member States thank the Presidency for taking this concern into account and emphasise the importance of an **integrated, coherent and financially secure Common Agricultural Policy** that is able to meet societal demands and future challenges.

Notwithstanding this joint opinion, the Member States reserve the right to make further contributions to individual articles and topics.