

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
The Chair

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Subject: Timing of the presentation of CAP legislative proposals and the MFF

Dear Vice-President Fitto, dear Commissioner Serafin, dear Commissioner Hansen,

The Coordinators of Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) mandated me to write to you regarding the growing concerns about the presentation of the legislative proposals on the future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) at the same time as the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), which is according to the Commission's College agenda expected in July 2025.

The AGRI Committee is currently finalising its own-initiative report on the future of EU agriculture, which represents a vital first step in shaping the institutional debate. This input provides the Commission with a valuable indication of the political direction and priorities likely to emerge in the legislative process. It is therefore important that this reflection is concluded and duly considered before the formal launch of new legislative proposals.

Moreover, the MFF is meant to provide the overarching financial framework for EU policies, including the CAP. Traditionally, the MFF is presented first, and only then are sectoral proposals developed in line with the available resources and political priorities. This sequence has helped ensure both coherence and accountability.

The AGRI Committee is also currently engaged in intensive work on legislative files such as the reform of the Common Market Organisation, which we hope to conclude beginning of September, or the so called CAP simplification package. A full CAP reform at this stage would stretch both institutional and stakeholder capacity.

We are also concerned that an accelerated drafting process would make it difficult to ensure the legal quality and internal consistency of the proposals. The previous CAP reform, which had a longer lead time, still faced criticism for technical shortcomings. A more measured timeline would help avoid such issues this time.

Finally, we believe that an inclusive consultation process with Member States, farmers, and stakeholders is essential for the legitimacy and success of any future reform. Presenting proposals without sufficient time for dialogue and feedback would be a missed opportunity to build broad support for the next generation of agricultural policy.

For all these reasons, the AGRI Committee considers that the CAP proposals should follow, not coincide with, the presentation of the MFF. We hope the Commission will take this position into account and allow for a structured and transparent process that reflects the importance of agriculture to the Union.

Yours sincerely,



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