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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the conditions for the implementation of the Union support to the Common Agriculture Policy for the period from 2028 to 2034 (COM(2025)0560 – C10-0169/2025 – 2025/0241(COD))

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

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Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the conditions for the implementation of the Union support to the Common Agriculture Policy for the period from 2028 to 2034 (COM(2025)0560 – C10-0169/2025 – 2025/0241(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2025)0560),
- having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C10-0169/2025),
- having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the budgetary assessment by the Committee on Budgets,
- having regard to the reasoned opinion submitted, within the framework of Protocol No 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, by the Romanian Senate, asserting that the draft legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity,
- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 22 January 2026¹,
- having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of xx July 2026²,
- having regard to the opinion of the Court of Auditors of 9 February 2026³,
- having regard to Rule 60 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the opinions of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on Regional Development (A10-XX/202X),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A10-XX/202X)],

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;

¹ Not yet published in the Official Journal.

² Not yet published in the Official Journal.

³ Not yet published in the Official Journal.

2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) In line with the objective of achieving a better balance between incentives and requirements, Member States should target support through their NRP Plans towards CAP priorities, which are essential for the long-term sustainability of agriculture. The CAP post-2027 should accelerate the transition towards more sustainable production methods, contributing to climate-neutrality objective by 2050. ***The new CAP should offer better rewards for delivering more ambitious ecosystem services which go beyond the results achieved through mandatory requirements. The new CAP should strike a new balance between a farm stewardship with a set of mandatory requirements, and agri-environmental and climate actions which support commitments beneficial for the environment, climate and animal welfare and a transition towards more resilient production systems.***

Amendment

(7) In line with the objective of achieving a better balance between incentives and requirements, Member States should target support through their NRP Plans towards CAP priorities, which are essential for the long-term sustainability of agriculture. The CAP post-2027 should accelerate the transition towards more sustainable production methods, contributing to climate-neutrality objective by 2050, ***since the farming sector has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture and land use.***

Or. en

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) ***The farm stewardship should be established to guarantee compliance of the CAP support with the "do no significant harm" principle laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁷. The farm stewardship should***

Amendment

(8) The farm stewardship should comprise minimum environmental and social conditionality requirements, as well as ***a catalogue of*** protective practices designed by Member States to deliver on key objectives such as protection of soils and river courses from pollution. Member

comprise minimum environmental and social conditionality requirements, as well as protective practices designed by Member States to deliver on key objectives such as protection of soils and river courses from pollution. Member States should have the flexibility to adapt those protective practices to their specific geographical and climatic context and production systems including by establishing exemptions. To promote socially sustainable agriculture, certain CAP payments require compliance with standards on working and employment conditions, occupational safety and health. The European Charter and diverse national frameworks and labour market models should be respected, no additional obligations should be imposed on social partners or Member States regarding enforcement or controls and double corrections avoided.

States should have the flexibility to adapt those protective practices to their specific geographical and climatic context and production systems including by establishing exemptions. ***However, it is necessary to ensure that farmers within individual Member States and within the Union operate under comparable competitive conditions.*** To promote socially sustainable agriculture, certain CAP payments require compliance with standards on working and employment conditions and on occupational safety and health. The European Charter and diverse national frameworks and labour market models should be respected, no additional obligations should be imposed on social partners or Member States regarding enforcement or controls and double corrections should be avoided. ***Farm stewardship shall neither result in increased bureaucratic burdens for EU farmers nor shall it allow a renationalisation of the CAP.***

⁷ ***Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024), ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.***

Or. en

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Income support for farmers should continue to be the central policy instrument to guarantee a fair income to farmers and sustainable farming and food production. It

Amendment

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should contribute to fostering a competitive and resilient agricultural sector pursuing the benefits of high-quality production and resource-efficiency, while ensuring generational renewal and thus long-term food security. Income support allocations should be ringfenced to be used for Income support for farmers only, to provide stability and predictability for the Union agricultural sector. In order to ensure high impact and efficiency, the new CAP should entail a streamlined and consistent toolbox of Income support types of intervention enabling Member States to deliver on the CAP objectives.

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Given the need to target the support to those most in need, Member States should pay the area-based **degressive** income support only to those persons whose principal activity is agriculture, while ensuring that small and pluri-active farmers, who are engaged in at least a minimum level of agricultural activity, are not excluded.

Amendment

(10) Given the need to target the support to those most in need, Member States should pay the area-based income support only to those persons whose principal activity is agriculture, while ensuring that small and pluri-active farmers, who are engaged in at least a minimum level of agricultural activity, are not excluded.

Or. en

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) Articles 107, 108 and 109 TFEU should apply to the support under this Regulation. Nevertheless, in accordance with Article 42 TFEU, in view of the specific characteristics of the agricultural sector, those provisions should not apply to support falling within the scope of Article 42 TFEU that are carried out under and in conformity with this Regulation, Regulation (EU) 202X/XXXX [NRP Regulation] or Regulation (EU) No 1308/2012 as well as additional national financing for those interventions where the Union support falls within the scope of Article 42 TFEU.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Recital 59 on CAP)

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Recognising the need for more farm resilience and risk management, support should be granted to improve the ability of farmers to withstand increasing risks and crises, such as those related to the climate change or market instability, to enable farmers to participate in risk management tools, including support for insurance premiums and contributions to mutual funds in all Member States. A proactive approach to risk management reinforcing the sector's resilience should be promoted by fixing appropriate maximum support rates, with incentives for farmers who implement risk preventive measures.

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Insurance uptake and participation in risk management schemes by farmers remain limited and insufficiently attractive, due in particular to the inadequacy of certain methods for calculating losses. In order to foster them, Member States should be able to provide for appropriate alternative loss calculation methods.

Or. en

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The CAP objectives should also be pursued through support for investments implemented by farmers and forest holders. Such investments may concern, inter alia, infrastructures related to the development, modernisation or adaptation to climate change of agriculture and forestry, agro-forestry practices, energy and water, installation of digital technologies in agriculture, precision farming, diversification of income sources in other activities such as agro-tourism and bioeconomy. It should also be possible to support investments in the restoration of agricultural or forestry production potential following natural disasters, adverse climatic events or catastrophic events, including fires, storms, floods, pests and diseases.

Amendment

(12) The CAP objectives should also be pursued through support for investments implemented by farmers and forest holders. Such investments may concern, inter alia, infrastructures related to the development, modernisation or adaptation to climate change of agriculture and forestry with a view ***to improving competitiveness, creating modern jobs, introducing innovative technologies, and enhancing animal welfare***, agro-forestry practices, energy and water, the installation of digital technologies in agriculture, precision farming, the diversification of income sources in other activities such as agro-tourism and the bioeconomy. ***To ensure the competitiveness of agricultural businesses, investments are also needed in the regional processing and marketing infrastructure***. It should also be possible to support investments in the restoration of agricultural or forestry production potential following natural disasters, adverse climatic events or catastrophic events, including fires, storms, floods, pests and diseases.

Or. en

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) Animal welfare improvements should be recognised as a strategic investment supporting the resilience and long-term sustainability of the Union livestock sector, contributing to food security, helping to stabilise farmers' income and supporting farmers in adapting to societal demands. In accordance with Article 13 TFEU, the Union and the Member States must pay full regard to animal welfare when formulating and implementing agricultural policies. Farming practices that enhance animal welfare, including, where appropriate, improvements in animal health, increased longevity, better housing conditions or more space could further reduce mortality and disease risks, strengthen animal robustness and support more stable production. By reducing avoidable losses and improving animal health, such practices help stabilise farm income, strengthen risk management and support the long-term viability and competitiveness of the Union livestock sector, while also contributing to its climate and environmental objectives. However, particular attention should be paid to the competitiveness of Union farms at both European and global level, as well as to the economic aspects resulting from the implementation of high animal welfare standards. Identifying adequate financial resources for the application of higher animal welfare standards is necessary to ensure the viability of farms and guarantee a fair income for farmers, without imposing disproportionate costs on consumers, as well as to enable vulnerable groups to

access a nutritious meal every day.

Or. en

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to ensure a strong, sustainable and resilient common agricultural policy, Union food security, generational renewal **and** vibrant rural areas, this Regulation lays down specific conditions for the implementation of the Union support for the common agricultural policy (CAP) in accordance with the general objective laid down in Article 2, point (c), of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP].

Amendment

In order to ensure a strong, sustainable and resilient common agricultural policy, Union food security, generational renewal, vibrant rural areas **and a thriving bioeconomy**, this Regulation lays down specific conditions for the implementation of the Union support for the common agricultural policy (CAP) in accordance with the general objective laid down in Article 2, point (c), of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP].

Or. en

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1a

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:

(1) A ‘farmer’ means:

(i) a natural or legal person whose holding is situated in the Union and whose principal activity is an agricultural activity, as defined by the Member States in the CAP chapter of their NRP Plans, as referred to in Title III of the NRP

Regulation, in accordance with the criteria set out in this Regulation; or

(ii) natural person or small legal person, whose principal activity is not agriculture, but who is engaged in at least a minimum level of agricultural activity, as defined by Member States;

(2) A ‘beneficiary’ in the context of the implementation of LEADER means a natural or legal person or an entity with or without legal personality that is established or operates within the area covered by the relevant local development strategy and that contributes to the implementation of that strategy, including public bodies, economic and social partners, civil society organisations, and other local actors;

(3) ‘An ‘active farmer’ shall be determined in such a way as to comprise primarily farmers who exercise an agricultural activity on their holding. Farmers, whose principal activity is not agricultural activity, but who are engaged in at least a minimum level of agricultural activity, as set out by Member States, shall be considered active farmers as well;

(4) ‘operation’ means a payment granted to farmers or other beneficiaries under area- and animal-based CAP income support interventions referred to in Article 5 [Types of support], points (a) to (g), (o) and (p) of this Regulation;

(5) ‘new farmer’ means a farmer other than a young farmer and who is head of the holding for the first time, irrespective of the legal form of the agricultural holding;

(6) ‘organic farming’ means an organic production system certified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council^{1a};

(7) ‘holding’ means all the units used for agricultural activities, managed by a farmer and situated within the territory of

the same Member State, and within the territorial scope of the Treaties, as laid down in Article 52 TEU and Articles 349 and 355 TFEU;

(8) ‘Agricultural Knowledge and Information system’ or ‘AKIS’ means the combined organisation and knowledge flows between persons, organisations and institutions who use and produce knowledge and innovations for agriculture and interrelated fields referred to in Article 20 of this Regulation;

(9) ‘the smaller Aegean islands’ means any islands in the Aegean Sea except the islands of Crete and Evia.

^{1a} Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (OJ L 150 14.6.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/848/oj>).

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 4 points 14, 15, 17, 23 + def. “active farmer” VdL letter+NRP Art.4(3c), (9c), (16) and amended); new text: (2) definition beneficiary in the context of LEADER; (5) "irrespective of the legal form of the agricultural holding" added; linguistic correction added.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1b

*Definitions to be provided in the NRP
Plans*

1. Member States shall establish in the CAP chapter of their NRP Plans, as referred to in Title III of the NRP Regulation, their definitions of ‘agricultural activity’, ‘agricultural area’, ‘eligible hectare’, and ‘young farmer’ in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria and the principle of proportionality, and irrespective of the legal form of any persons concerned.

2. The definition of ‘agricultural activity’ shall be determined through one or both of the following activities:

(a) production of agricultural products, which consists of all activities aimed at obtaining those products; where agricultural products means products listed in Annex I to the TFEU, with the exception of fishery products, as well as cotton and short rotation coppice and products produced by paludiculture;

(b) maintenance of agricultural areas, which consists of the activities aiming at keeping the land in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation; where duly justified for animal welfare or environmental reasons, extensive grazing of an agricultural area that does not result in an increase of agricultural production for the farmers concerned may also be considered ‘maintenance’.

3. The definition of ‘agricultural area’ shall be defined in such a way as to comprise only land which is used for agricultural activities, including when it forms agroforestry systems.

4. The definition of ‘eligible hectare’ referred to in the first paragraph shall be defined in such a way as to comprise only areas cultivated by the farmer:

(a) agricultural areas on which an agricultural activity is performed under the farmer’s control and, if non-agricultural activities are also performed on those areas, on which that agricultural activity is predominant;

(b) areas for which support is provided under Article 5 points (a) and (g) [income support, small farmers] of this Regulation, or under the basic income support for sustainability under Title III, Chapter II, Section 2, Subsection 2, [BISS [all incl. entitlements], small farmers scheme], of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, where agricultural activity is not performed due to commitments and obligations arising from Union or national interventions or other programmes which contribute to the environmental and climate-related CAP specific objectives.

Member States may decide to include in the notion of ‘eligible hectare’ landscape features, and other elements, such as agrivoltaics not covered by the commitments and schemes referred to in point (b), provided that those landscape features and other elements do not significantly hamper the performance of agricultural activity and are not predominant on the agricultural parcel.

5. The definition of ‘young farmer’ shall be defined in such a way as to fulfil at least the following conditions:

(a) the farmer is 40 years old or younger;

(b) the farmer is the ‘head of the holding.

Where a farmer is deemed to fall within the definition of ‘young farmer’ at the moment of first access to support, that status shall be maintained for the full duration of the period of eligibility established under the relevant support scheme, irrespective of the farmer subsequently exceeding the upper age limit.

Or. en

(former NRP Art. 4 point 22) and amended; (1) "irrespective of their legal form" added; (2a) "and products produced by paludiculture"; (4) deletion of "which are at the farmer's disposal and which compromise"; added "cultivated by farmer"; (4a) deletion of "in terms of management, benefits and financial risks"; (4c) "and other elements, such as agrivoltaics", "and

other elements"; (5a) deletion of "set between 35 years and"), linguistic correction added

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall adopt CAP national recommendations providing guidance to each Member State for the implementation of the CAP-relevant specific objectives set out in Article 3, point (d), of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP], within their NRP Plans in line with Article 22 of that Regulation ***in advance of the submission of*** the NRP Plans by the Member States. The CAP national recommendations shall be based on the following:

Amendment

The Commission shall adopt CAP national recommendations ***pursuant to Article 288 TFEU*** providing guidance to each Member State for the implementation of the CAP-relevant specific objectives set out in Article 3, point (d), of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP], within their NRP Plans in line with Article 22 of that Regulation ***at least six months before the deadline for submitting*** the NRP plans by the Member States, ***taking into account its regional disparities at NUTS 2 level***. The CAP national recommendations shall be based on the following ***elements***:

Or. en

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) enhancing the access to knowledge and accelerate innovation and the digital transition for a thriving agri-food sector.

Amendment

enhancing the access to knowledge and accelerate innovation and the digital transition for a thriving agri-food sector, ***including access to digital and precision-farming solutions***.

Or. en

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) enhancing the economic vitality of rural areas.

Or. en

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The CAP national recommendations may be updated by the Commission, **as appropriate.**

The CAP national recommendations may be updated by the Commission **in connection with the mid-term review referred to in Article 25 of the NRP Regulation.**

Or. en

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Commission shall base the CAP national recommendations on an analysis of the situation of the agricultural sector **and** rural areas, including demographic factors, structural and territorial characteristics as well as food security in each Member State.

2. The Commission shall base the CAP national recommendations on an analysis of the situation of the agricultural sector **and** rural areas **and regions, as well as the vitality of rural communities.** That analysis shall include the demographic factors, structural and territorial characteristics and food security in each Member State.

Or. en

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In the CAP national recommendations, the Commission ***shall in particular*** identify key challenges to be addressed by each Member State in their NRP Plan, on the basis of the CAP-relevant specific objectives set out in Article 3, point (d), of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP].

Amendment

3. ##]
~In the CAP national recommendations, the Commission ***may*** identify key challenges to be addressed by each Member State ***and their respective regions*** in their NRP Plan, on the basis of the CAP-relevant specific objectives set out in Article 3, point (d), of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP].

Or. en

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 2a

Specific requirements for CAP interventions

1. Prior to the submission of CAP specific chapter of the NRP, Member States shall assess their needs under each specific objective in Article 3, point (d), of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP] taking into account the Commission's recommendations. They shall design their interventions on the basis of that assessment.

2. For each intervention that they include in their plans, Member States shall provide the following information:

(a) the type of intervention on which the intervention is based, its territorial scope

and the type of area that it targets;

(b) where applicable, a justification for the intervention based on an assessment of needs;

(c) where applicable, the sectors targeted by the intervention or group of farmers or the other beneficiaries targeted by the intervention, as well as the CAP environment and climate priority area, in accordance with Article 4 of this Regulation;

(d) an explanation of the relevant criteria in Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, as referred to in Article 20c (new) [WTO domestic support] and in Annex XVII [WTO annex] of this Regulation;

(e) a description of the design of the intervention, including the eligibility conditions, and of the agri-environmental and climate actions referred to in Article 10 of this Regulation];

(f) a description of farming practices covered by the intervention based on the Joint Research Centre classification of farming practices in accordance with Article 3(5) of this Regulation.

2. Member States shall determine the amount of support for the transition actions referred to in Article 10(1), point (b), of this Regulation based on cost estimates set out in the transition plans. The amount of that support shall be limited to [EUR 200 000] per farmer per programming period of the Plan.

3. Where public support is granted under Article 13 of this Regulation for an investment operation that does not exceed EUR 100 000 and is not subject to rules on public procurement, that support may take the form of standard scales of unit costs, lump sums or flat rates. Member States may also make use of alternative forms of simplified support, such as project-based lump-sum funding.

Justification

former NRP Art. 36) and amended; (1) new amendment; original text: (1) Member States shall provide for each intervention in their Plans (this is now Para 2); (1b) new amendment; original text (b) where applicable, sectors targeted by the intervention or group of farmers or other beneficiaries targeted under the intervention, CAP environment and climate priority area, in accordance with Article 4 of this Regulation (this is now 1c); original (f) deleted: (f) in relation to the interventions in certain sectors referred to in Part II, Title I, Chapter IIa of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, justification for targeting the selected sectors and complementarity with other CAP interventions, and where relevant, with other measures set out in the Plan; (3) original text + addition of last sentence: linguistic correction added.

Amendment 19**Proposal for a regulation****Article 3 – paragraph 4 – introductory part***Text proposed by the Commission*

4. Member States shall **define in accordance with** Annex I, Part C, at a national or regional level, protective practices **to be respected by** farmers and other beneficiaries receiving the support referred to in paragraph 2, to achieve the following objectives:

Amendment

4. Member States shall **design, based on the general objectives set in** Annex I, Part C, at a national or regional level, **a catalogue of** protective practices, **from which** farmers and other beneficiaries receiving the support referred to in paragraph 2 **may choose in order** to achieve the following objectives:

Or. en

Amendment 20**Proposal for a regulation****Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point b***Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) protection of soil against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter, including through crop rotation or diversification, **as well as protection against burning of stubble on arable land;**

Amendment

(b) protection of soil against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter, including through crop rotation or diversification;

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Member States shall include in the NRP Plan a description of the protective practices defined for each of the objectives set out in paragraph 4 including their territorial scope, farmers and other beneficiaries subject to the practice and a summary of the protective practice. ***In setting the protective practices, Member States shall take utmost account of the CAP national recommendations referred to in Article 2.*** Member States shall adapt the protective practices to different land management systems and different environmental and climatic conditions in their territory.

Amendment

5. Member States shall include in the NRP Plan a description of the protective practices defined for each of the objectives set out in paragraph 4 including their territorial scope, farmers and other beneficiaries subject to the practice and a summary of the protective practice. Member States shall adapt the protective practices to different land management systems and different environmental and climatic conditions in their territory.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall include in the NRP Plan references to the relevant national legal acts governing the implementation of the protective practices. Where protective practices are laid down in national law, such references shall be sufficient for the purposes of this paragraph.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. In setting the protective practices referred to in paragraph 4, Member States may establish in their NRP Plan specific exemptions from those protective practices based on objective and non-discriminatory criteria, such as crops, soil types and farming systems or damage to permanent grasslands due, inter alia, to wild animals or invasive species. Those specific exemptions shall be **limited in terms of their area coverage**, shall be established only in the event, and to the extent, that they are necessary to address specific problems in the application of those practices and shall not hamper the objectives set out in paragraph 4 or distort competition.

Amendment

7. In setting the protective practices referred to in paragraph 4, Member States may establish in their NRP Plan specific exemptions from those protective practices based on objective and non-discriminatory criteria, such as crops, soil types and farming systems or damage to permanent grasslands due, inter alia, to wild animals or invasive species. Those specific exemptions shall be **applied throughout the territory of the Member State**, shall be established only in the event, and to the extent, that they are necessary to address specific problems in the application of those practices and shall not hamper the objectives set out in paragraph 4 or distort competition.

Or. en

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. Member States may grant temporary derogations from protective practices, where weather conditions prevent farmers and other beneficiaries from implementing those practices or where the implementation of those protective practices would hamper the objectives set out in paragraph 4. Member States shall ensure that the temporary derogations **are limited in their scope and duration to the extent necessary**, granted

Amendment

8. Member States may grant temporary derogations from protective practices, where weather conditions **or other restrictions, such as plant diseases or pest infestations or nationwide or local disorder**, prevent farmers and other beneficiaries from implementing those practices or where the implementation of those protective practices would hamper the objectives set out in paragraph 4. Member States shall ensure that the

based on objective and non-discriminatory criteria and that they do not hamper the objectives set out in paragraph 4 or distort competition.

temporary derogations, granted based on objective and non-discriminatory criteria and that they do not hamper the objectives set out in paragraph 4 or distort competition.

Or. en

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 9 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In doing so, Member States shall involve the agricultural sector in the design and implementation of those measures, and guarantee a nationally and EU-wide comparable and practice-oriented approach to their recognition.

Or. en

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

9a. Where agri-environmental and climate actions are implemented through cooperative arrangements, Member States may provide that compliance with the relevant protective practices shall be assessed at the level of the cooperative or collective action, provided that the objectives set out in paragraph 4 are achieved. In such cases, individual members of the cooperative shall not be required to comply separately with the protective practices, nor shall reductions or financial penalties be calculated on an individual holding basis for the parcels of

the holding effectively engaged in the cooperative arrangement. For all remaining parcels of the holding, compliance with the relevant protective practices shall continue to be assessed at the level of the individual holding.

Or. en

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 9 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

9b. *Where a beneficiary is not established in the Union but carries out agricultural activities in a given Member State, the competent authority of that Member State may, as a condition of payment, require the beneficiary to provide all information necessary to verify compliance with farm stewardship requirements, including records relating to land use, crop rotation, livestock management and application of inputs on agricultural areas managed by that beneficiary, or to submit to controls.*

Or. en

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 3a

Farm stewardship Control System

1. *Member States shall, as part of the controls referred to in Article 58 of the NRP Regulation [Responsibilities of*

Member States], verify the compliance of beneficiaries with the requirements of the farm stewardship referred to in Article 3 of this Regulation.

Where the area eligible for the support referred to in the first subparagraph, as declared in the geo-spatial application referred to in Article 20j(new) [IACS], does not exceed 10 hectares, the beneficiaries shall be exempted from controls and penalties under this Article.

Where a beneficiary has been selected for an on-the-spot check on an aid application or on a payment claim, Member States shall, to the extent possible and taking account of the associated risks, not select that beneficiary for a subsequent check and control sample for that year, except when the circumstances require more than one on-the-spot check in order to ensure the effective protection of the financial interests of the Union. This provision shall not reduce the level of checks.

2. Member States shall make use of their control and enforcement systems in the areas of climate and environment, public health, plant health and animal welfare, social and employment legislation, applicable labour standards to ensure that beneficiaries of the support comply with the requirements set out in the first paragraph.

3. The managing authority or paying agency shall be notified where relevant at least once a year of cases of non-compliance where enforceable decisions in that respect have been made under the applicable control and enforcement systems referred to in paragraph 2. That notification shall include an assessment and grading of the non-compliance concerned under the headings severity, extent, permanence or reoccurrence and intentionality.

4. The administrative penalties referred to in paragraph 5 shall only apply to non-

compliance with the requirements of the farm stewardship referred to in Article 3 of this Regulation XX [farm stewardship] where the non-compliance is the result of an act or omission directly attributable to the beneficiary concerned, and where one or both of the following conditions are met:

(a) the non-compliance is related to the agricultural activity of the beneficiary, as defined by Member States in their NRP Plans in accordance with Article 1b (new) (2) [framework definition of agricultural activity];

(b) the non-compliance concerns the holding as defined in Article 1a (new), (4a) [definitions - holding] or other areas managed by the beneficiary situated within the territory of the same Member State.

However, if the non-compliance concerns forest areas, the penalties referred to in paragraph 5 shall not be applied where no support is claimed for the area concerned.

5. Member States shall set up a system of administrative penalties applying to beneficiaries referred to in paragraph 4 who do not comply, at any time in the calendar year concerned, with the requirements of the farm stewardship.

The penalties shall consist of the reduction or exclusion of the total amount of the payments under measures listed in Article 5(1), points (a) to (f), and (o) and (p) of this Regulation to the extent they concern support for local agricultural products, of this Regulation granted or to be granted to the beneficiary concerned in respect of aid applications that the beneficiary has submitted or will submit in the course of the calendar year of the finding of the non-compliance.

The penalties shall be calculated on the basis of the payments granted or to be granted in the calendar year in which the non-compliance occurred. However,

where it is not possible to determine the calendar year in which the non-compliance occurred, the reductions or exclusions shall be calculated on the basis of the payments granted or to be granted in the calendar year in which the finding of the non-compliance was made.

For the calculation of those penalties, account shall be taken of the assessment and grading of the non-compliance concerned under the headings severity, extent, permanence or reoccurrence and intentionality, as referred to in paragraph 3. A penalty imposed pursuant to the national legislation implementing the legal acts listed in Annex I, parts A and B, to this Regulation XX for the same act or omission of a farmer or other beneficiary shall be taken into account in the calculation of penalties referred to in the first subparagraph.

The expenditure which has been reduced as a result of the application of a penalty shall be considered legal and regular. The reduction shall, as a general rule, be 3 % of the total amount of the payments. In the case of intentional non-compliance, the reduction shall be at least 15 % of the amount of those payments.

Member States shall provide that no administrative penalty shall be imposed if:

- (a) The non-compliance is due to force majeure or exceptional circumstances;*
- (b) The non-compliance is due to an order from a public authority.*

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 62(1)to(5); linguistic corrections added)

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall provide support to farmers and other beneficiaries ***at least in each of*** the following environmental and climate priority areas:

Amendment

Member States shall provide support to farmers and ***may provide support to*** other beneficiaries ***in*** the following environmental and climate priority areas ***determined by the Member States:***

Or. en

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States with areas affected by water pollution due to nitrate surplus shall provide support to farmers for extensification of livestock systems or for diversification to other agricultural activities.

Amendment

Member States with ***agricultural*** areas affected by ***or at a significant risk of*** water pollution due to nitrate surplus shall provide support to farmers ***to apply more sustainable management practices in their livestock systems and other solutions, including cooperative approaches, as well as support for the*** extensification of livestock systems or for diversification to other agricultural activities.

Or. en

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) ***degressive*** area-based income support;

Amendment

(a) area-based income support;

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) redistributive payment;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) support for investments for farmers
and forest holders;

(i) support for investments for farmers,
forest holders **and cooperatives**;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point j a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**(ja) support for young farmers
(including a starter pack for young
farmers);**

Or. en

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point j b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(jb) investments in the processing and marketing of agricultural production;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point j c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(jc) support for promoting cooperative farming;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point l

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(l) LEADER;

(l) investment in rural communities;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point n

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(n) territorial and local cooperation initiatives;

(n) territorial and local cooperation initiatives, *including LEADER*;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point n a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(na) support for investments for rural development, such as investments in basic services, small-scale rural infrastructures, land consolidation and reallocation and village renewal in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point o a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(oa) support for investments for flood or coastal protection preventive actions and non-productive investments relating to the specific objectives set out in Article 3(1), point (d) (v), of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP];

Or. en

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point o b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ob) support for investments in irrigation;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The interventions referred to in paragraph 1, points (a), (b), (c) and (g) shall not apply to the outermost regions referred to in Title VI of the NRP Regulation.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art.35(2))

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Interventions referred to in paragraph 1, points (a) to **(k)**, and interventions in certain sectors referred to in Title I, Part II, Chapter IIa, of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 shall be income support interventions to be financed from the Fund in accordance with Article 10(2), point (a), second subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP].

2. Interventions referred to in paragraph 1, points (a) to **(ja)**, and interventions in certain sectors referred to in Title I, Part II, Chapter IIa, of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 shall be income support interventions to be financed from the Fund in accordance with Article 10(2), point (a), second subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP].

Or. en

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. *Support under interventions referred to paragraph 1 of this article shall be deemed to comply with the 'do no significant harm' principle in Article 33(2), point (d), of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509.*

Or. en

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3b. *In order to facilitate access to the interventions referred to in paragraph 1, as well as interventions laid out in Article 16, Member States shall establish access points, such as regional one-stop-shops, for farmers. Those access points may provide inter alia information on support opportunities and procedures and facilitate the entry and establishment of farmers in the agricultural sector, including by helping them with the submission of funding applications and providing guidance.*

Or. en

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Degrressive area-based income support

Area-based income support

Or. en

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The differentiation of payments may take the form of annual lump sum payments that replace fully or partially the area-based income support per eligible hectare. Member States shall increase the support per eligible hectare granted to young farmers.

Amendment

The differentiation of payments may take the form of annual lump sum payments that replace fully or partially the area-based income support per eligible hectare. ***In line with the minimum 8 % of the amount dedicated to CAP income support that Member States must allocate to interventions targeting young farmers pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 35(4), point 3 (new) [support to young farmers], of Regulation (EU) 202X/XXXX [NRP]***, Member States shall increase the support per eligible hectare granted to young farmers.

Or. en

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The total amount of payments per farmer established in accordance with paragraph 2 shall be degressive in accordance with the following rules:

(a) Member States shall reduce the annual amount of the area-based income support exceeding EUR 20 000 to be granted to a farmer by 25 % where the amount of the area-based income support granted to a farmer is between EUR 20 000 and EUR 50 000;

(b) Member States shall reduce the annual amount of the area-based income

Amendment

deleted

support exceeding EUR 50 000 to be granted to a farmer by 50 % where the amount of the area-based income support granted to a farmer is more than EUR 50 000 and not more than EUR 75 000;

(c) Member States shall reduce the annual amount of the area-based income support exceeding EUR 75 000 to be granted to a farmer by 75 % where the amount of the area-based income support granted to a farmer exceeds EUR 75 000.

Or. en

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph -1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States may introduce a cap on the area-based income support to be granted to a farmer for a given calendar year. Member States that have decided to introduce capping shall reduce the amount of such income support exceeding EUR 100 000 by 100 %.

Or. en

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. The total amount of area-based income support shall not be higher than maximum EUR 100 000 per farmer per year. *In the case of a legal person or groups of legal persons, the capping shall cover all holdings under the control of*

4. *However*, the total amount of area-based income support shall not be higher than maximum EUR 500 000 per natural person per year. *The Commission shall record the amount of payments per natural person.*

one legal or natural person.

Or. en

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. Member States shall ensure that at the latest by 2032 the applicants who reach the retirement age, determined by national law, and who receive a retirement pension, no longer receive support under this Article. *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 7 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) areas for which support is provided under Article 5(1), points (a) and (g), or under the basic income support for sustainability under Title III, Chapter II, Section 2, Subsection 2, of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, where agricultural activity is not performed due to commitments and obligations arising from Union *or* national interventions or other programmes which contribute to the CAP environmental and climate priority areas referred to in Article 4;

(b) areas for which support is provided under Article 5(1), points (a) and (g), or under the basic income support for sustainability under Title III, Chapter II, Section 2, Subsection 2, of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, where agricultural activity is not performed due to commitments and obligations arising from Union, national *or regional* interventions or other programmes which contribute to the CAP environmental and climate priority areas referred to in Article 4;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7a. Interventions referred to in Article 5 paragraph 1, points (a) to (c), (g), (ja), and (o) to (r) of this Regulation shall be income support interventions to be financed from the Fund in accordance with Article 10(2), point (a) (ii) (a) [Budget].

Interventions referred to in Article 5 paragraph 1, points (d) to (f), (h) to (j), (jb) to (ob) and (s) of this Regulation shall be rural development interventions to be financed from the Fund in accordance with Article 10(2), point (a) (ii) (b) [Budget] NRP Regulation.

The planned average aid per hectare for area-based income support referred in the first subparagraph shall be no less than EUR 130 and no more than EUR 200 for each Member State. For cotton, the aids are defined in Article 13 b (new).

Or. en

Justification

former NRP Art. 35(3)) and amended; Interventions referred to in Article 35 paragraph 1, points (a) to (k) and (r) NRP Regulation shall be income support interventions to be financed from the Fund in accordance with Article 10(2), point (a) (ii) [Budget]. The planned average aid per hectare for degressive area-based income support referred in the first subparagraph shall not be less than EUR 130 and not more than EUR 240 for each Member State. For cotton, the aids are defined in Article 13 b(new); linguistic corrections added.

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 a (new)

Article 6a

Redistributive payment

- 1. Member States shall provide for a mandatory 15 % redistributive income support subject to the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified in their NRP Plans. That support shall be financed from the Fund in accordance with Article 10(2), point (a) (ii) (a) [Budget].***
- 2. Member States shall ensure redistribution of direct payments from larger to smaller or medium-sized holdings by providing for redistributive income support in the form of an annual decoupled payment per eligible hectare to farmers who are entitled to a payment under the area-based income support referred to in Article 6.***
- 3. Member States shall establish at national or regional level an amount per hectare or different amounts for different ranges of hectares, as well as the maximum number of hectares per farmer for which the redistributive income support shall be paid. The redistributive payment shall be granted from the first eligible hectare.***
- 4. The redistributive payment from the first hectare may be combined with other income support schemes provided for under this Regulation.***

Or. en

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall provide income support to small farmers, as determined by the Member States replacing the support under interventions referred to in Article 5(1), points (a), **(b) and (d)**. Member States shall design the intervention in the NRP Plan as optional for farmers.

Amendment

Member States shall provide income support to small farmers, as determined by the Member States replacing the support under interventions referred to in Article 5(1), points (a) **and (b)**. Member States shall design the intervention in the NRP Plan as optional for farmers.

Or. en

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that the support under this Article is primarily directed towards farmers who exercise an agricultural activity on their holding and actively contribute to food security, irrespective of the legal form or structure of the holding. Support granted under this Article shall entail a simplified scheme, including exemption from farm stewardship requirements, protective practices, controls, and related reductions and penalties.

Or. en

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The payments per eligible hectare shall be limited to the additional costs or loss of income related to undertaking

3. The payments per eligible hectare shall be limited to the additional costs or loss of income related to undertaking

agricultural production in the designated areas *compared to production in non-designated areas*.

agricultural production in the designated areas.

Or. en

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States **may** provide area-based support in agricultural and forest areas for disadvantages resulting from the implementation of:

Member States **shall** provide area-based support in agricultural and forest areas for disadvantages resulting from the implementation of:

Or. en

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Agri-environmental **and** climate actions

Agri-environmental, climate **and animal welfare** actions

Or. en

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Member States shall provide incentives for **the following actions beneficial for the climate, environment, animal health and welfare and** sustainable

1. **In line with the support that Member States are to dedicate to agri-environmental, climate and animal welfare actions pursuant to Article 35(4)**

forestry:

*(1) (2 new) of Regulation (EU) 202X/XXXX [NRP Regulation], Member States shall provide incentives for **voluntary management commitments taken up by active farmers and other beneficiaries, including commitments to convert to and maintain organic farming, optimise the use of resources, extensification of livestock production, established and implemented in accordance with paragraph 3. Such support may include efficiency measures, such as optimised nitrogen and nutrient management, production and use of renewable fertilisers, as well as extensification or production diversification measures, where technically and economically appropriate.***

*(a) **voluntary management commitments taken up by farmers and other beneficiaries, including commitments to maintain organic farming and extensification of livestock production, established and implemented in accordance with paragraph 3;***

*(b) **voluntary transition towards resilient production systems carried out by farmers at the level of the holding or for part of a holding, including conversion to organic farming and extensification of livestock production systems, established and implemented in accordance with paragraph 4.***

Or. en

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States may provide incentives for voluntary transition towards resilient production systems carried out by active

farmers at the level of the holding or for part of a holding, including conversion to organic farming and the adoption of more sustainable management practices of livestock systems or extensification of livestock production systems, as well as lower-carbon footprint or other production systems and diversification of production established and implemented in accordance with paragraph 4.

Or. en

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall allocate [X]% of the total amount dedicated to rural development to interventions targeting those measures pursuant to Article 35(4), subparagraph (1b) (new), of Regulation (EU) 202X/XXXX [NRP].

Or. en

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The management commitments referred to in paragraph 1, point (a), may be annual or multiannual and may have in particular the following objectives:

3. The management commitments referred to in paragraph 1, point (a), may be annual or multiannual, and ***ensure a clear and tangible income effect at farm level. In particular, they may*** have the following objectives:

Or. en

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) protection of water quality and reduction of pressure on water resources, protection of soil, nutrient management, biodiversity conservation, including landscape features and reduction of the use of pesticides;

Amendment

(a) protection of water quality and reduction of pressure on water resources, protection of soil, nutrient management, biodiversity conservation, including landscape features and reduction of the use of pesticides, ***protection and restoration of wild and managed pollinators and pollinator habitats, through support for pollinator-friendly farming practices the establishment and maintenance of diverse landscape features, such as multiannual flowering areas with staggered flowering periods, hedgerows, beetle banks;***

Or. en

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States may monitor the effectiveness of agri-environmental and climate actions benefiting wild and managed pollinators and may support voluntary cooperation between farmers and beekeepers aimed at enhancing pollination services, biodiversity and the quality of beekeeping products, including coordinated management of apiary placement, adaptation of agricultural practices beneficial to pollinators, and measures to reduce risks to pollinators and beekeeping products arising from the use of plant protection products, in accordance with integrated pest

management principles and relevant Union law.

Or. en

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Support for the transition actions referred to in paragraph 1, point (b), shall be granted on the basis of *a* transition action *plan drawn up by a farmer and approved by the Member State*. To implement the support for transition actions referred to in paragraph 1, point (b), Member States shall describe in the NRP Plan the production systems that they deem beneficial for the climate *and* environment.

Amendment

Support for the transition actions referred to in paragraph 1, point (b), shall *be* granted on the basis of *simple and practicable commitments defined by Member States, without imposing mandatory transition action plans that create disproportionate administrative burden*.

To implement the support for transition actions referred to in paragraph 1, point (b), Member States shall describe in the NRP Plan the production systems that they deem beneficial for the climate, environment *and animal welfare, while ensuring flexibility and avoiding additional administrative complexity for farmers and administrations*.

Or. en

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall pay the support to farmers in instalments over the period of implementation of the transition action plan. The payment of the last instalment

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that *support is granted in a timely and predictable manner, including for both annual and multiannual measures, and that* payments

shall be conditional upon completion of the implementation of the transition action plan. Member States shall ensure that *the* payments are *recovered if the farmer fails to implement the transition action plan.*

are *made within the respective application year.*

Or. en

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. *Farmers converting their farms to organic farming in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 are exempt from the requirement to draw up an action plan, provided they fulfil the conditions laid down in that Regulation.*

Or. en

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall **only** grant support for management commitments referred to in paragraph 1, point (a), which go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements referred to in Annex I, Part A, and the relevant minimum requirements for the use of fertiliser and plant protection products, animal welfare and other relevant mandatory requirements established by national and Union law.

Member States shall grant support for management commitments referred to in paragraph 1, point (a), which go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements referred to in Annex I, Part A, and the relevant minimum requirements for the use of fertiliser and plant protection products, animal welfare and other relevant mandatory requirements established by national and Union law.

Or. en

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Support may also be granted for commitments contributing to compliance with requirements under Union or national law where such commitments generate additional environmental benefits and a clear income effect at farm level.

Or. en

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

However, where national law imposes requirements which go beyond the corresponding mandatory minimum requirements laid down in Union law, support may be granted for management commitments referred to in paragraph 1, point (a), contributing to compliance with those requirements.

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Regulation, payments for agri-environmental and climate action may include an incentive component that exceeds the amount of actual costs and income foregone, provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) the total payment does not result in price support being granted to producers;

(b) the payment does not depend on the nature or extent of production;

(c) the Member State specifies, in its NRP chapter, the WTO “Green Box” category under which the measure is to be notified and provides a justification for this.

Or. en

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States **shall** provide coupled income support to farmers in specific agricultural sectors and products, where relevant defined in accordance with Annex I to Regulation (EU) **No 1308/2013**, or to specific types of farming therein, **which undergo** difficulties and are **important for socio-economic** or environmental **reasons**.

Amendment

Member States **may** provide coupled income support to farmers in specific agricultural sectors and products, where relevant defined in accordance with Annex I to Regulation (EU) **No 1308/2013**, or to specific types of farming therein, **where such sectors or types of farming are facing particular** difficulties and are **of significant socio-economic** or environmental **importance**.

Or. en

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The overall level of coupled income support shall remain limited and shall not exceed a proportionate share of direct payments, in line with the objective of maintaining the decoupled nature of income support.

Or. en

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Such support shall be limited to what is strictly necessary to address those

difficulties and to prevent the abandonment of agricultural production. It shall take into account the need to maintain a level playing field and to avoid distortions of competition within the internal market.

Or. en

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. *Coupled income support shall not be granted where it leads to distortions of competition or has negative effects on the functioning of the internal market.*

Member States, the Commission and the Council shall ensure that any such support is consistent with maintaining a level playing field within the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. For support granted as a payment per animal to the livestock sectors, Member States shall ***take into account environmental impacts, including by setting a maximum livestock density criteria in nitrate vulnerable zones.***

4. For support granted as a payment per animal to the livestock sectors, Member States shall ***ensure that such support is implemented in a simple and practicable manner, without imposing additional administrative or documentation requirements.***

Or. en

Amendment 77

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Coupled income support shall be granted per eligible hectare ensuring uniform and low-bureaucracy implementation.

Or. en

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. The financial allocation to coupled income support interventions as referred to in Article 5(1), point (b), of this Regulation shall be limited to a maximum of 12 % of the Union contribution set out by the Member State in the NRP Plan for CAP income support interventions referred to in paragraph 1, points (a), (c), (f) and (g). This percentage may be increased by a maximum of three percentage points, provided that the amount corresponding to the percentage exceeding 12 % is allocated to protein crops, farmers combining the production of crops and livestock or agricultural areas at a risk of abandonment of agricultural production in particular in the Eastern border regions, defined in the Plans. For the purposes of this Article, Eastern border regions means Union NUTS2 regions bordering the Russian Federation, Belarus or the Ukraine, by land or sea, not covering the entire territory of the Member State concerned.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 35(5) amended and then changed 20% into 12% and 5 percentage points into 3 percentage points, linguistic corrections added)

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States **shall** provide support to farmers for participation in risk management tools. Member States shall ensure that support is granted only for losses which exceed a threshold of at least 20 % of the average annual production or income of the farmer in the preceding three-year period, or a three-year average based on the preceding five-year period excluding the highest and lowest entry.

Amendment

Member States **may** provide support to farmers for participation in risk management tools, **taking into account that the design and implementation of such tools shall remain within the competence of Member States and regions**. Member States shall ensure that support is granted only for losses which exceed a threshold of at least 20 % of the average annual production or income of the farmer in the preceding three-year period, or a three-year average based on the preceding five-year period excluding the highest and lowest entry.

Or. en

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States may apply an appropriate alternative method for calculating the losses for **young farmers and new farmers**.

Amendment

3. Member States may apply an appropriate alternative method for calculating the losses for farmers **that request it**.

Or. en

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, Member States may provide support for participation in collective crisis prevention and risk management tools to producer organisations, producer groups and entities representing other forms of cooperation that are constituted at the initiative of producers and controlled by them. Such forms of cooperation shall be identified by the competent authority of a Member State as producer groups for the duration of the programme. Support shall take the form of financial contributions to mutual funds whose objectives relate to the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1), points (a) and (c) of Regulation 1308/2018, with the aim of avoiding and dealing with disturbances in the markets of the relevant sector, and including financial contributions for the administrative costs of setting up. When providing the support, Member States shall approve the rules for the constitution and management of the mutual funds. Those rules shall provide that mutual funds may only intervene in the event of a fall of at least 20 % in market prices in the sector concerned compared with the average recorded over the preceding three-year period, or a three-year average based on the preceding five-year period, excluding the highest and lowest values. Member States shall limit the support to one or more rates not exceeding 70 % of the contributions to the mutual fund, of the mutual fund's administrative cost and, where relevant, of other eligible costs.

Member States shall ensure that any overcompensation resulting from the combination of the interventions under this Article with other public or private

risk management schemes is avoided.

Or. en

Amendment 82

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States shall establish the methodology for the calculation of losses and triggering factors for compensation ***in their*** NRP Plan. Member States shall ensure that any overcompensation resulting from the combination of the interventions under this Article with other public or private risk management schemes is avoided.

Amendment

4. Member States shall establish the methodology for the calculation of losses and ***the*** triggering factors for compensation. ***Those methodologies shall be defined in a clear and operational manner that ensures efficient administrative implementation. They do not need to be detailed specification in the*** NRP Plan. Member States shall ensure that any overcompensation resulting from the combination of the interventions under this Article with other public or private risk management schemes is avoided.

Or. en

Amendment 83

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Support for investments ***for farmers and forest holders***

Amendment

Support for investments

Or. en

Amendment 84

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall grant support under this Article for productive and non-productive investments making an appropriate overall contribution to resilience of agriculture, food systems, forestry and rural areas, in particular climate and water resilience. Member States shall explain in their NRP Plans how they plan to grant such support.

Amendment

1. Member States shall grant support under this Article for productive and non-productive investments making an appropriate overall contribution to resilience of agriculture, food systems, forestry and rural areas, in particular climate and water resilience **or improving animal welfare**. Member States shall explain in their NRP Plans how they plan to grant such support.

Or. en

Amendment 85

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall favour investments that support sustainable agricultural practices and contribute to more efficient use of natural resources and agricultural inputs, including irrigation, fertigation and precision farming.

Or. en

Amendment 86

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Support for investments ***in the restoration of agricultural or forestry production potential damaged by natural disasters, adverse climate events or catastrophic events shall be granted only when the event concerned has caused the***

3. ***Access to support for small investments, up to EUR 20 000, shall be subject to a simplified approval and disbursement procedure with proportionate administrative requirements, as determined by each***

destruction of at least 30 % of the agricultural production potential or at least 20 % of the forestry production potential.

Member State in their NRPP, with a proof of successful implementation of the investment deemed to be sufficient. Access to support for small investments responds particularly to the need articulated by women farmers who, even for minor investments, find it harder to easily access funding for setting up or strengthening their businesses.

Or. en

Amendment 87

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. By way of derogation from paragraph 4, points (a), (b) and (c), that requirement shall not apply where the support is provided through financial instruments.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 88

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where Union law results in the imposition of new requirements on farmers, support may be granted for investments to comply with those requirements for a maximum period of 36 months from the date on which they become mandatory for the holding.

The investment project carried out by farmers shall comply with the requirements of Union law in force at the time when the granting authority approved the application for investment support. Farmers shall comply with new requirements after the implementation of the investment project.

Or. en

Amendment 89

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

For young farmers setting up for the first time in an agricultural holding as head of the holding support for investments to comply with the requirements of Union law may be granted for a maximum period of 36 months from the date of setting up, or until the actions defined in the business plan referred to in Article 14(3) are completed. Member States may only grant payments under this paragraph in order to compensate beneficiaries for all or part of the additional costs related to the compliance with those requirements.

Amendment

The investment project carried out by young farmers shall comply with the requirements of Union law in force at the time when the granting authority approved the application for investment support. Young farmers shall comply with those requirements of Union law after the implementation of the investment project. Member States may only grant payments under this paragraph in order to compensate beneficiaries for all or part of the additional costs related to the compliance with those requirements.

Or. en

Amendment 90

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6a. The maximum support rate applicable to the interventions referred to in Article 5(1), point (i), of this Regulation [investments for farmers] shall be 75 % of the total eligible costs of each intervention. However, the maximum support rate applicable to the interventions referred to in paragraph 1, point (i), targeting young farmers shall be 85 % of the eligible public expenditure.

Or. en

Justification

former NRP Art. 35(4) subpar (2); linguistic corrections added

Amendment 91

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 13a

Investments in irrigation

1. Member States may grant support for investments in irrigation in new and existing irrigated areas, provided that the conditions laid down in Article 13 and in this Article are fulfilled.

2. Investments in irrigation shall be supported only where the Member State concerned has sent to the Commission a river basin management plan as provided for in Directive 2000/60/EC for the entire area in which the investment is to take place, as well as for any other areas whose environment could be affected by the investment. The measures taking effect under the river basin management plan in accordance with Article 11 of that Directive and of relevance to the agricultural sector shall be specified in the relevant programme of measures.

3. Water metering enabling measurement of water use at the level of the supported investment shall be in place or put in place as part of the investment.

4. Member States shall limit the support to one or more rates not exceeding:

(a) 80 % of the eligible costs for irrigation on-farm investments;

(b) 100 % of the eligible costs for investments in off-farm infrastructure in agriculture to be used for irrigation;

(c) 65 % of the eligible costs for other irrigation on-farm investments.

5. Support subject to the investments in irrigation as laid down in this article conditions shall be deemed to comply with the ‘do no significant harm’ principle in Article 33(2), point (d), of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509.

Or. en

Amendment 92

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 13b

Crop-specific payment for cotton

1. Bulgaria, Greece, Spain and Portugal shall grant a crop-specific payment for cotton to farmers producing cotton falling within CN code 5201 00. Those Member States shall establish specific requirements to guarantee a minimum level of production efficiency and product quality.

2. The Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall ensure that the supported cotton production does not put excessive strain on natural resources such as water and soil. To that end, or in pursuit of other environmental or socio-economic objectives, those Member States may grant the aid only for specific cotton varieties, in specific regions, or for specific types of farming, or may establish requirements related to agronomic practices.

3. The crop-specific payment for cotton shall be granted per hectare of eligible area of cotton.

4. The following national base areas are

established:

- (a) Bulgaria: 3 342 ha;*
- (b) Greece: 250 000 ha;*
- (c) Spain: 48 000 ha;*
- (d) Portugal: 360 ha.*

5. The following fixed yields in the reference period are established:

- (a) Bulgaria: 1.2 tonne/ha;*
- (b) Greece: 3.2 tonne/ha;*
- (c) Spain: 3.5 tonne/ha;*
- (d) Portugal: 2.2 tonne/ha.*

6. The amount of the crop-specific payment per hectare of eligible area shall be calculated by multiplying the yields laid down in paragraph 2 with the following reference amounts:

- (a) Bulgaria: EUR 636.13;*
- (b) Greece: EUR 229.37;*
- (c) Spain: EUR 354.73;*
- (d) Portugal: EUR 223.32.*

7. If the eligible area of cotton in a given Member State in a given year does not exceed the base area laid down in paragraph 1, then the amount per hectare referred to in paragraph 3 may be increased either by a coefficient obtained by dividing the national base area by the actual eligible area, or increased by 25 %, whichever is smaller.

8. If the eligible area exceeds the base area, the amount per hectare shall be reduced proportionately to the overrun of the base area.

9. For the purposes of this Article, an 'approved interbranch organisation' means a legal entity made up of and founded by farmers producing cotton and at least one cotton ginner. Such organisations shall ensure efficient and durable action with the goal to concentrate supply and to adapt

production to market requirements.

10. The Member State where the ginners are established shall approve interbranch organisations that satisfy the criteria laid down in paragraph 1.

11. In the case of farmers who are members of an approved interbranch organisation, the crop-specific payment for cotton for hectares that are eligible within the national base area laid down in paragraph 4 shall be increased by an amount of EUR 2. For this purpose, Member States may establish specific requirements for the members of such interbranch organisations.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 39; linguistic corrections added)

Amendment 93

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Setting-up of young farmers, rural business start-up and development of small farms

Setting-up of young farmers, rural business start-up, **setting-up and development of cooperatives** and development of small farms

Or. en

Amendment 94

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Member States shall provide support for the setting-up of young farmers

1. Member States shall provide support for the setting-up of young farmers

and the start-up of rural businesses, **including the** setting-up of new farmers, under the conditions laid down in this Article and as further specified in their NRP Plans.

and the start-up of rural businesses under the conditions laid down in this Article and as further specified in their NRP Plans. **Member States may also, under the same conditions, provide support for the setting up of new farmers.**

Or. en

Amendment 95

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) setting-up and development of cooperative farms as legal entity;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Member States shall grant support in the form of lump sums or financial instruments **or** a combination of both. Support shall be limited to the maximum amount of aid of EUR 300 000 and may be differentiated in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria.

4. Member States shall grant support in the form of lump sums or financial instruments, a combination of both **or grants**. Support shall be limited to the maximum amount of aid of EUR 300 000, and may be differentiated in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria. **In the case of a cooperative farm, as a legal cooperative, a comparable legal entity or an association of natural persons or legal entities, the limitation shall apply at the level of the members of those legal entities or associations, provided that the members participate on an equal footing in the holding.**

Or. en

Amendment 97

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) an assessment of the current demographic situation in the agricultural sector;

Amendment

(a) an assessment of the current demographic situation in the agricultural sector, ***including territorial and structural disparities***;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) identification of entry barriers for young farmers and proposed national initiatives and measures to overcome them;

Amendment

(b) identification of entry barriers for young farmers and proposed national initiatives and measures to overcome them, ***including access to land, capital, knowledge, advisory services and risk management tools***;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) description of how the Starter pack for young farmers referred to in Article 16 will be utilised in the national context;

Amendment

(c) description of how the Starter pack for young farmers referred to in Article 16 will be utilised in the national ***or regional*** context, ***including its contribution to sustainable business models, income stability and resilience***;

Amendment 100

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) synergies between measures contributing to generational renewal set out in the NRP Plan.

Amendment

(d) synergies between measures contributing to generational renewal set out in the NRP Plan, ***as well as with other relevant Union and national instruments supporting rural development and innovation.***

Or. en

Amendment 101

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) support for setting-up of young farmers in accordance with Article 14;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 102

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ***degressive*** area-based income support for young farmers in accordance with Article 6;

Amendment

(b) area-based income support for young farmers in accordance with Article 6;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) access to advisory services and training programs tailored to young farmers' needs, in accordance with Article 20.

Or. en

Amendment 104

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) support for small farmers in accordance with Article 7 targeting young farmers; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 105

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) investment support with higher aid intensity for young farmers; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 106

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) possibilities of financing investments implemented by young farmers through the financial instruments in accordance with Article 71 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP]; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 107

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) support for rural business start ups; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 108

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) cooperation interventions facilitating access to innovation through the projects of EIP-AGRI operational groups in accordance with Article 19 of this Regulation and Article 74 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP]; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 109

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**(h) cooperation interventions
facilitating intergenerational cooperation
including farm succession in accordance
with Article 74 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP];** *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 110

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**(i) support for farm relief services in
accordance with Article 17;** *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 111

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**(j) access to advisory services and
training programs tailored to young
farmers' needs, in accordance with Article
20.** *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 112

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Starter pack for young farmers may include a set of the following measures, in line with the Strategy on Generational Renewal in Agriculture referred to in Article 15:

(a) support for setting-up of young farmers in accordance with Article 14;

(b) support for small farmers in accordance with Article 7 targeting young farmers;

(c) investment support with higher aid intensity for young farmers;

(d) possibilities of financing investments implemented by young farmers through the financial instruments in accordance with Article 71 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP];

(e) support and investment incentives for rural business start ups;

(f) cooperation interventions facilitating access to innovation through the projects of EIP-AGRI operational groups in accordance with Article 19 of this Regulation and Article 74 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP];

(g) cooperation interventions facilitating intergenerational cooperation including farm succession in accordance with Article 74 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP];

(h) support for farm relief services in accordance with Article 17.

Or. en

Amendment 113

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall integrate in the design of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 links and synergies with other measures set out in their NRP Plans, in particular in respect to measures facilitating intergenerational succession and generational renewal, investments for rural business start-ups, or access to and use of financial instruments.

Amendment

2. Member States shall integrate in the design of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 links and synergies with other measures set out in their NRP Plans, in particular in respect to measures facilitating intergenerational succession and generational renewal, ***farm relief services and*** investments for rural business start-ups, or access to and use of financial instruments.

Or. en

Amendment 114

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In order to facilitate access to the interventions referred to in ***paragraph 1***, Member States shall establish a ***single*** point of access for young farmers which may provide inter alia information on support opportunities and procedures and facilitate the entry and the establishment in the agricultural sector, including submission of funding applications and guidance.

Amendment

3. In order to facilitate access to the interventions referred to in ***paragraphs 1 and 2***, Member States shall establish a point of access for young farmers which may provide inter alia information on support opportunities and procedures and facilitate the entry and the establishment in the agricultural sector, including submission of funding applications and guidance.

Or. en

Amendment 115

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States may provide support for the farm relief services, allowing farmers to take a leave for sickness, childbearing, care for children and other family members, holidays and similar life events, as well as participation in trainings, as further specified in their NRP Plans.

Amendment

1. Member States may provide support for the farm relief services, allowing farmers ***and family members working on the farm*** to take a leave for sickness, childbearing, care for children and other family members, holidays and similar life events, as well as participation in trainings, as further specified in their NRP Plans.

Or. en

Amendment 116

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall provide support for LEADER to prepare and implement LEADER local development strategies under the conditions laid down in Article 76 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP] and as further specified in their NRP Plans.

Amendment

1. Member States shall provide support for LEADER ***of [at least 5 %] of the total amount dedicated to rural development as set out in Article 10(2), point (ii), or Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP], as referred to in Article 35(4a) of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP]*** to prepare and implement LEADER local development strategies under the conditions laid down in Article 76 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP] and as further specified in their NRP Plans.

Or. en

Amendment 117

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall support LEADER at least in rural areas ***with***

Amendment

2. Member States shall support LEADER at least in rural areas defined by

specific disadvantages defined by the Member States in the NPR Plans.

the Member States in the NPR Plans.

Or. en

Amendment 118

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall provide support **through** LEADER for projects **implemented** by local action groups **involving startups**, value **added capacity in** transformation, diversification of **farm** activities, including **agrotourism**, direct sale of agricultural products **and** innovation.

Amendment

3. Member States shall provide support **under** LEADER for projects **selected** by local action groups **and implemented with the participation of start-ups, as well as, for start-ups, for capacity-building with the aim of adding** value **through** transformation, **for the** diversification of **agricultural** activities, including **agritourism, for the** direct sale of agricultural products, **and for** innovation, **as well as for all projects that contribute to the activation of the local community.**

Or. en

Amendment 119

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Support provided from LEADER shall be focused on rural development fields with added value for farmers and forest holders, such as social, environmental, digital and economic transformation of rural areas, improvement of well-being of rural citizens, strengthening social capital.

Amendment

4. Support provided from LEADER shall be focused on rural development fields with added value for **rural communities, in which** farmers and forest holders **play a key role**, such as social, environmental, digital and economic transformation of rural areas, improvement of well-being of rural citizens, strengthening social capital, **providing basic services and improving overall living conditions taking into**

account the needs of women.

Or. en

Amendment 120

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) develop innovative solutions focusing on the specific needs of farmers, forester holders and rural actors;

Amendment

(a) develop innovative solutions focusing on the specific needs of farmers, forester holders and rural actors, ***where appropriate, taking into account interactions throughout the entire supply chain;***

Or. en

Amendment 121

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20a

Monitoring of agricultural resources

The National and Regional Partnership Fund may support actions taken by the Commission through remote-sensing applications used for the monitoring of agricultural resources. Such remote-sensing applications shall aim to give the Commission the means to:

(a) manage Union agricultural markets in a global context;

(b) ensure agri-economic and agri-environmental-climate monitoring of agricultural land use and agricultural land use change, including agro-forestry, and monitoring of the condition of soil,

crops, water, biodiversity, agricultural landscapes and agricultural land so as to enable estimates to be made, in particular as regards yields and agricultural production and agricultural impacts associated with exceptional circumstances, and to enable the assessment of the resilience of agricultural systems and progress towards the achievement of the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;

(c) share the access to the estimates referred to in point (b) in an international context, such as the initiatives coordinated by United Nations organisations, including the constitution of greenhouse gas inventories under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or other international agencies;

(d) contribute to specific measures increasing the transparency of world markets, taking account of Union objectives and commitments;

(e) ensure technological follow-up of the agri-meteorological system.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 37, linguistic corrections added)

Amendment 122

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20b

Crisis payments to farmers following natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events

1. Member States may provide crisis

payments to farmers that are affected by natural disasters, adverse climatic events or catastrophic events. Those payments shall aim at ensuring continuity of the agricultural activity of those farmers and shall be subject to the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified by the Member States.

2. Support under this Article shall be subject to the formal recognition by the competent authority of the Member State that a natural disaster, adverse climatic event or catastrophic event, as defined by the Member State, has occurred and that those events, the measures adopted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 to eradicate or contain a plant disease or pest, the measures adopted to prevent or eradicate animal diseases listed in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 or the measures adopted regarding an emerging disease in accordance with Article 6(3) and Article 259 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 have directly caused damage that has resulted in the destruction of at least 30 % of the average annual production of the farmer in the preceding three-year period or a three-year average based on the preceding five-year period, excluding the highest and the lowest entry.

3. The losses shall be calculated either at holding level, at the level of the holding's activity in the sector concerned or in relation to the specific area concerned.

4. Member States shall establish the applicable support rates for compensating the loss of production. Those rates shall be higher for farmers who also implement interventions, or other preventive actions at farm level, to reduce the level of production and income risks for which support is granted. Indexes may be used for calculating the loss of production.

5. When granting support under this Article, Member States shall ensure that

overcompensation as a result of the combination of this support with other national or Union support instruments or private insurance schemes is avoided.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 38; linguistic correction added)

Amendment 123

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20c

WTO domestic support

1. Member States shall design the CAP income support interventions on the basis of the types of intervention listed in Annex XVII [WTO Annex] to this Regulation, including the definitions and conditions laid down in Article 1a (new) and Article 1b (new) of this Regulation and in Article 4 of the NRP Regulation, in such a way that they qualify under the criteria of Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

2. The support referred to in Article 5 points (a), (d), (g), (o) and (p) of this Regulation shall qualify under the criteria of the paragraphs of Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture indicated in Annex XVII to this Regulation [WTO Annex] to this Regulation for those interventions. For other interventions, the paragraphs of Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture indicated in Annex XVII to this Regulation [WTO Annex] are indicative and those interventions may instead comply with a different paragraph of Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture if that is

specified and explained in the NRP Plan.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 40)

Amendment 124

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20d

Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on oilseeds

- 1. Where Member States provide for area-based interventions relevant for the Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Economic Community and the United States of America on oilseeds under GATT, the total of the support area based upon the planned outputs included in the Plans of the Member States concerned shall not exceed the maximum support area for the whole Union.***
- 2. Each Member State that intends to grant the support referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall indicate the corresponding planned outputs in hectares in the NRP Plan.***
- 3. If all planned outputs proposed by Member States in their NRP Plans exceed the maximum support area for the whole Union referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Commission shall adopt implementing acts fixing the indicative reference support area for each Member State calculated on the basis of each Member State's share of the average cultivation area in the Union during the previous five years starting with the year***

preceding the submission of the Plan proposal. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 88 NRP Regulation [committee procedure].

4. The Commission shall inform each of those Member State of the reduction coefficient. The Member States shall adjust the proposed planned outputs in the NRP Plans in accordance with the reduction coefficients.

5. If a Member State intends to increase the planned outputs referred to in paragraph 1 set out in the NRP Plan approved by the Commission, it shall notify the Commission by means of a request to amend the NRP Plan.

6. Where necessary to avoid that the maximum support area for the whole Union referred to in paragraph 1 is exceeded, the Commission adopt implementing acts in the form of a decision setting the reduction coefficients or revising existing reduction coefficients for all Member States that exceeded their reference support area in their NRP Plans.

7. Member States shall exclude the cultivation of confectionery sunflower seed from any area-based intervention referred to in paragraph 1.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 41, linguistic correction added)

Amendment 125

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 e (new)**

Article 20e

Scope and common requirements

1. This Chapter lays down specific types of intervention for agriculture to mitigate the difficulties caused by the insularity, small size and distance from markets of the smaller Aegean islands.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation ‘the smaller Aegean islands’ means any islands in the Aegean Sea except the islands of Crete and Evia.

3. In addition to contributing to the specific objectives set out in Article 3, point (d) of the NRP Regulation, the interventions referred to paragraph 1 shall contribute to the following objectives:

(a) guaranteed supply to the smaller Aegean islands of products essential for human consumption or for processing and as agricultural inputs by mitigating the additional costs incurred due to their extreme remoteness or insularity, without harming local production and the growth thereof;

(b) securing the long-term future and development of agricultural activities in the smaller Aegean islands, including the production, processing and sale of local crops and products, with a particular focus on food security and self-sufficiency, and maintaining and strengthening their competitiveness.

4. Greece may implement in smaller Aegean islands the interventions referred to in Article 35(1) of the NRP Regulation, except for those referred to in point (o) [outermost regions] thereof [Types of intervention].

5. Farm stewardship referred to in Article 3 of this regulation shall apply to beneficiaries receiving support for local

agricultural products referred to in Article 20g(new) of this Regulation [Support for local agricultural products].

6. However, beneficiary of support for local agricultural products referred to in Article 20g(new) of this Regulation [Support for local agricultural products] receiving an annual payment that does not exceed EUR 3 000 shall be exempt from farm stewardship requirements referred to in parts A and C of Annex XI to this Regulation.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 42; linguistic corrections added)

Amendment 126

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20f

Specific supply arrangements

1. Specific supply arrangements shall be established for the agricultural products listed in Annex I to the TFEU which are essential in the smaller Aegean islands for human consumption, for the manufacture of other products or as agricultural inputs.

2. Greece shall establish in its Plan, at the geographical level which it deems most appropriate, a maximum volume of each agricultural product, from among the products listed in Annex I to the TFEU, to quantify the annual supply requirements for the smaller Aegean islands.

3. The maximum volume of agricultural products referred to in the first subparagraph shall comprise also the

volumes of those products required by undertakings packaging and processing products intended for the local market, for consignment to the rest of the Union or for export to third countries as part of regional trade or within the context of traditional trade flows. The maximum volume of the products referred to in the first subparagraph shall be established taking into account in particular the quantities of those products established in the supply forecast balance sheets in the previous programming period.

4. Support shall be granted to supply the smaller Aegean islands with Union products to ensure special supply requirements established in accordance with paragraph 2 in terms of price and quality, while maintaining the Union's share in the supplies of those products.

5. No support shall be granted for the supply of products which have already benefited from the specific supply arrangements in another smaller Aegean islands.

6. Only products of sound, fair and marketable quality shall benefit from the specific supply arrangements.

7. In implementing the specific supply arrangements, Greece shall take account in particular of the need to ensure that existing local production is not destabilised nor obstructed in its development and of the requirement laid down in paragraph 5.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 43; linguistic corrections added)

Amendment 127

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 g (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20g

Support for local agricultural products

- 1. Greece shall grant support for production, processing, marketing and transport of raw and processed agricultural products in the smaller Aegean islands.*
- 2. Greece shall design the interventions so as to ensure the continuity and the development of local agricultural production in the smaller Aegean islands.*
- 3. Greece shall provide for a fair distribution of payments. Greece may cap the amount of the support to be granted to a beneficiary in a given calendar year or use degressive payments.*
- 4. Greece may grant support for marketing of products outside of the region in which they are produced. That support shall not exceed 10% of the value of the production marketed, delivered to a destination zone in a given calendar year.*
- 5. When a Plan is amended in accordance with Article 24 of the NRP Regulation [amendments to Plans], beneficiaries affected by the exceptional natural disaster or the severe meteorological event may continue to benefit from support in the form of measures to support production, processing or sale provided for in paragraph 1 irrespective of their level of activity throughout the restoration period, but subject to a formal commitment to restore their agricultural production capacity.*

Or. en

(former NRP Art. 44)

Amendment 128

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 h (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20h

Controls and penalties

- 1. For the specific supply arrangements, Greece shall conduct verifications by means of administrative, physical and on-the-spot checks.**
- 2. The administrative checks carried out on the import, entry, export and dispatch of agricultural products shall be exhaustive and shall involve cross-checks with the supporting documents. The physical checks carried out in smaller Aegean islands concerned on the import or entry of agricultural products shall involve a representative sample amounting to at least 5 % of the licences and certificates.**
- 3. In the case of measures to support the local production, Greece shall conduct verifications by means of administrative and on-the-spot checks.**
- 4. Administrative checks shall be exhaustive and shall include cross checks with, inter alia, data from the integrated administration and control.**
- 5. Aid applicants for specific supply arrangements and support the local production shall be selected to undergo on-the-spot checks by the competent authority on the basis of a risk analysis and the representativeness of the aid applications submitted, the competent authorities shall perform on-the-spot checks by sampling, for each action, at**

least 5 % of aid applications. The sample shall also represent at least 5 % of the amounts covered by the aid for each action.

In all appropriate cases, Greece shall make use of the Integrated Administration and Control System provided for in Article 20j(new) of this Regulation.

Every on-the-spot check shall be the subject of an inspection report relating the details of the checks carried out.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 45)

Amendment 129

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20i

European and national CAP Network

1. Each Member State shall, at the latest 12 months after the approval by the Commission of the Plan, establish and support a national network for CAP ('national CAP network') for the networking of organisations and administrations, advisors, researchers and other innovation actors, and other actors in the field of agriculture and rural development at national level. The national CAP networks shall build on the existing networking experience and practices in the Member States.

2. The Commission shall establish a European network for the Common Agricultural Policy ('European CAP network') to link national networks, organisations, and administrations in the

field of agriculture and rural development at Union level.

3. The objectives of the national and European CAP networks shall be to:

(a) involve stakeholders in the design and implementation of the CAP interventions of the NRP Plan;

(b) support Member State administrations in implementing the CAP interventions;

(c) improve the quality of the NRP Plans and in particular their measures related to agriculture and disseminate results;

(d) foster innovation, peer-to-peer learning, and knowledge-sharing;

(e) enhance monitoring and evaluation capacities;

(f) disseminate information on the CAP and funding opportunities;

(g) contribute to further development of the CAP.

4. To achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 6, the networks shall:

(a) collect, analyse, and disseminate information on good practices concerning the CAP as well as analysis on developments in agriculture and rural areas;

(b) build capacity for Member States' administrations and other actors involved in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the NRP Plans concerning the CAP;

(c) facilitate exchanges, peer-to-peer learning, and networking, including where relevant exchanges with networks in third countries;

(d) support the networking of funded cooperation projects, such as local action groups under Article 18a [LEADER] of this Regulation, EIP-AGRI operational groups referred to in Article 19 of this Regulation (and promote links to other Union-funded strategies.

5. The European CAP network and the national CAP networks shall collaborate and carry out joint activities in the achievement of the objectives referred to in paragraph 3. The European CAP network shall use a distinctive visual identity.

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 57)

Amendment 130

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 j (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20j

Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS)

1. Each Member State shall set up and operate an integrated administration and control system (the ‘integrated system’). It shall apply to the interventions listed in Article 35(1), points (a) to (g) of the NRP Regulation.

2. To the extent necessary, the integrated system shall also be used for the management of farm stewardship referred to in Article 3 of this Regulation, and in all appropriate cases to the measures referred to in Title VI [provisions on support for outermost regions] of the NRP Regulation.

3. The integrated system shall comprise the following elements:

(a) an agriculture monitoring system (AMS). The AMS is a procedure of regular and systematic observation, tracking and assessment of agricultural activities and practices by technological

means, including Copernicus Sentinels satellite data;

(b) a geo-spatial and animal-based application system (GSA). The GSA is a digital application tool for the beneficiary to declare agricultural activities and practices of the holding;

(c) a land parcel identification system (LPIS);

(d) a system for the identification and registration of animals;

(e) a system for the identification of beneficiaries of the interventions listed in paragraphs 1 and 2;

(f) a control and penalty system. Member States shall annually carry out administrative checks on the aid application and payment claims to verify legality and regularity. Those checks shall be supplemented by on-the-spot checks, which may be executed remotely with the use of technology. However, Member States may choose not to carry out on the spot checks where all or part of the eligibility conditions of measures are monitored under the agriculture monitoring system referred to in point (a) of this Article.

4. Member States shall annually assess the quality of the elements of the integrated system referred to in paragraph 3, points (a), (b) and (c), in accordance with the methodology set up at Union level.

Where the assessment reveals deficiencies in the elements of the integrated system, Member States shall adopt appropriate remedial actions or, failing which, the Commission shall request that they set up a roadmap detailing the timeline for implementing the outstanding remedial actions.

An assessment report and, where appropriate, the remedial actions and the timetable for their implementation shall

be submitted to the Commission by 15 March following the calendar year concerned.

5. The Commission shall supply the satellite data, required for the agriculture monitoring system, free of charge to the authorities competent for the agriculture monitoring system or to suppliers of services authorised by those authorities to represent them. For the purpose of the quality assessment of the integrated system referred to in paragraph 4, the Commission shall provide them, free of charge, with the necessary 'very high resolution' imagery. The Commission shall remain the owner of the satellite data and imagery.

6. The European land monitoring system shall include at least the data related to the elements of the integrated system referred to in paragraph 3 and, where applicable, data shared by farmers with public authorities in accordance with Article 21 of this Regulation. The Member States may provide additional services to enhance the European land monitoring system with other sources of information to the benefit of the farmers.

7. Where necessary to ensure that the integrated system provided for in this Chapter is implemented in an efficient, coherent and non-discriminatory way which protects the financial interests of the Union, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23, to supplement this Regulation with:

(a) rules on the methodology set up at Union level for the annual quality assessment of the elements of the integrated system, referred to in paragraph (3), points (a), (b) and (c); and

(b) rules on the LPIS, referred to in paragraph 3, point (c).

8. The Commission may adopt implementing acts laying down rules on:

(a) the form and content of, and arrangements for transmitting or making available to the Commission of:

(i) the assessment report referred to in paragraph (4);

(ii) the remedial actions provided by Member States;

(b) basic features of, and rules on:

(i) AMS;

(ii) GSA;

(iii) LPIS;

(iv) the European land monitoring system.

9. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 25(3).

Or. en

Justification

(former NRP Art. 70) and amended; amendment (3f) "all or part of" added; amendment (4): "15 March" instead of "15 February"; deletion of original (6): 6. Without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Member States for the implementation and application of the integrated system Member States shall establish the European land monitoring system. It shall provide information to farmers to support sustainable management of their holdings. Furthermore, it shall provide data for CAP policy development and monitoring, and promote sharing of farm sustainability data; linguistic correction added)

Amendment 131

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 21a

Rules applying to undertakings

Where support is granted through CAP interventions referred to in Article 35(1) of NRP Regulation to forms of cooperation between undertakings, it may be granted only to such forms of

cooperation which comply with the competition rules provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Or. en

Justification

(former Article 40 of the NRP Regulation)

Amendment 132

**Proposal for a regulation
ANNEX I – Part A: Rules on farm stewardship**

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>			
Areas	Main issue	Statutory	Management Requirements
Climate and environment	Water	SMR 1	Directive 2000/60/EC: Article 11(3), point (e) and (h), as regards mandatory requirements to control diffuse sources of pollution by phosphates
<i>Climate and environment</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>SMR 2</i>	<i>Council Directive 91/676/EEC¹: Articles 4 and 5</i>
<i>Climate and environment</i>	<i>Biodiversity and landscape (protection and quality)</i>	<i>SMR 3</i>	<i>Directive 2009/147/EC: Article 3(1), Article 3(2), point (b), and Article 4(1), (2) and (4)</i>
<i>Climate and environment</i>	<i>Biodiversity and landscape (protection and quality)</i>	<i>SMR 4</i>	<i>Directive 92/43/EEC: Article 6(1) and (2)</i>
Public health, and plant health	Food safety	SMR 5	Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council ² Articles 14 and 15, Article 17(1) ³ and Articles 18, 19 and 20

Public health, and plant health	Food safety	SMR 6	Council Directive 96/22/EC ⁴ : Article 3, points (a), (b), (d) and (e), and Articles 4, 5 and 7
Public health, and plant health	Plant protection products	SMR 7	Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁵ : Article 55, first and second sentence
Public health, and plant health	Plant protection products	SMR 8	Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁶ : Article 5(2) and Article 8(1) to (5), Article 12 with regard to restrictions on the use of pesticides in protected areas defined on the basis of Directive 2000/60/EC and Natura 2000 legislation Article 13(1) and (3) on handling and storage of pesticides and disposal of remnants
Animal welfare	Animal welfare	SMR 9	Council Directive 2008/119/EC ⁷ : Articles 3 and 4
Animal welfare	Animal welfare	SMR 10	Council Directive 2008/120/EC ⁸ : Articles 3 and 4
Animal welfare	Animal welfare	SMR 11	Council Directive 98/58/EC ⁹ : Article 4
¹ <i>Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12 December 1991 concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (OJ L 375, 31.12.1991, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1991/676/oj).</i>			
² Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1, ELI			
³ As implemented in particular by: — Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 and the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 37/2010, — Regulation (EC) No 852/2004: Article 4(1) and Annex I part A (II 4 (g, h, j), 5 (f, h), 6; III 8 (a, b, d, e), 9 (a, c)), — Regulation (EC) No 853/2004: Article 3(1), Annex III Section IX Chapter 1 (I-1 b, c, d, e; I-2 a (i, ii, iii), b (i, ii), c; I-3; I-4; I-5; II-A 1, 2, 3, 4; II-B 1(a, d), 2, 4 (a, b)), Annex III Section X Chapter 1(1), — Regulation (EC) No 183/2005: Article 5(1), (5) and (6), Annex I, part A (I-4 e, g; II-2 a, b, e), and Annex III (under the heading ‘FEEDING’, point 1 entitled ‘Storage’, first and last sentences, and point 2 entitled ‘Distribution’, third sentence), and — Regulation (EC) No 396/2005: Article 18.			
⁴ Council Directive 96/22/EC of 29 April 1996 concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of β -agonists,			

and repealing Directives 81/602/EEC, 88/146/EEC and 88/299/EEC (OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 3, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1996/22/oj>).

⁵ Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/1107/oj>).

⁶ Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 71, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/128/oj>).

⁷ Council Directive 2008/119/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves (OJ L 10, 15.1.2009, p. 7, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2008/119/oj>).

⁸ Council Directive 2008/120/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of peaks (OJ L 47, 18.2.2009, p. 5, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2008/120/oj>).

⁹ Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes (OJ L 221, 8.8.1998, p. 23, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1998/58/oj>).

Amendment

Areas	Main issue	Statutory	Management Requirements
Climate and environment	Water	SMR 1	Directive 2000/60/EC: Article 11(3), point (e) and (h), as regards mandatory requirements to control diffuse sources of pollution by phosphates
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Public health, and plant health	Food safety	SMR 5	Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council ² Articles 14 and 15, Article 17(1) ³ and Articles 18, 19 and 20
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Public health, and plant health	Plant protection products	SMR 7	Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁵ : Article 55, first and second sentence
Public health,	Plant protection	SMR 8	Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the

and plant health	products		Council ⁶ : Article 5(2) and Article 8(1) to (5), Article 12 with regard to restrictions on the use of pesticides in protected areas defined on the basis of Directive 2000/60/EC and Natura 2000 legislation Article 13(1) and (3) on handling and storage of pesticides and disposal of remnants
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Animal welfare	Animal welfare	SMR 11	Council Directive 98/58/EC ⁹ : Article 4
¹ <i>deleted</i>			
² Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1, ELI			
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⁴ Council Directive 96/22/EC of 29 April 1996 concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of β -agonists, and repealing Directives 81/602/EEC, 88/146/EEC and 88/299/EEC (OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1996/22/oj).			
⁵ Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/1107/oj).			
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⁷ Council Directive 2008/119/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves (OJ L 10, 15.1.2009, p. 7, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2008/119/oj).			

⁸ Council Directive 2008/120/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of peaks (OJ L 47, 18.2.2009, p. 5, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2008/120/oj>).

⁹ Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes (OJ L 221, 8.8.1998, p. 23, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1998/58/oj>).

Or. en

Amendment 133

Proposal for a regulation

ANNEX I – Part C: Rules on protective practices

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	
General objectives set out in Article 3(4)	Specific objectives of the protective practices
(a) Protection of carbon-rich soils, landscape features and permanent grasslands on agricultural area	Protection of carbon-rich soils including protection of wetlands, peatlands and landscape features
(a) Protection of carbon-rich soils, landscape features and permanent grasslands on agricultural area	Protection of environmentally sensitive permanent grasslands on agricultural area in Natura 2000 areas
(b) Protection of soil against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter including soil rotation or diversification, and protection against burning of stubble on arable land	Protection of soil against erosion subject to site specific conditions
(b) Protection of soil against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter including soil rotation or diversification, and protection against burning of stubble on arable land	Preservation of the soil potential, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Protection of soils in periods that are most sensitive</i> - Crop rotation or diversification
(b) Protection of soil against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter including soil rotation or diversification, and protection against burning of stubble on arable land	Maintenance of soil organic matter through crop residue management, including ban on burning stubble on arable land
(c) Protection of water courses and ground water against pollution and runoff	Protection of water courses and ground water against pollution and runoff, <i>including through establishment of buffer strips along water courses</i>
<i>Amendments</i>	

General objectives set out in Article 3(4)	Specific objectives of the protective practices
(a) Protection of carbon-rich soils, landscape features and permanent grasslands on agricultural area	Protection of carbon-rich soils including protection of wetlands, peatlands and landscape features
(a) Protection of carbon-rich soils, landscape features and permanent grasslands on agricultural area	Protection of environmentally sensitive permanent grasslands on agricultural area in Natura 2000 areas
(b) Protection of soil against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter including soil rotation or diversification, and protection against burning of stubble on arable land	Protection of soil against erosion subject to site specific conditions
(b) Protection of soil against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter including soil rotation or diversification, and protection against burning of stubble on arable land	Preservation of the soil potential, including: - Crop diversification
(b) Protection of soil against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter including soil rotation or diversification, and protection against burning of stubble on arable land	Maintenance of soil organic matter through crop residue management, including ban on burning stubble on arable land
(c) Protection of water courses and ground water against pollution and runoff	Protection of water courses against pollution and runoff

Or. en

Amendment 134

Proposal for a regulation ANNEX II

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>		
<u>ANNEX II</u>		
<i>Rules concerning the calculation of animal equivalents for the purpose of Coupled income support referred to in Article 11</i>		
<i>Member States shall use the following coefficients to convert animals to animal equivalents for the purpose of the coupled income support interventions referred to in Article 11(1).</i>		
<i>Species</i>	<i>Age/category</i>	<i>Coefficient</i>

Bovine animals	<i>below six months</i>	<i>0,4</i>
	<i>from six months to two years</i>	<i>0,6</i>
	<i>over two years</i>	<i>1,0</i>
Equine animals	<i>over six months</i>	<i>1,0</i>
Sheep and goats		<i>0,15</i>
Pigs	<i>breeding sows > 50kg</i>	<i>0,5</i>
	<i>other pigs</i>	<i>0,3</i>
Poultry		
	<i>laying hens</i>	<i>0,014</i>
	<i>other poultry</i>	<i>0,03</i>
<i>Amendement</i>		
<i>deleted</i>		

Or. en

Amendment 135

ANNEX IIa (new)

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>
<i>Amendement</i>

WTO domestic support		
WTO domestic support pursuant to Article 20c (new) of this Regulation		
<i>Type of intervention</i>	<i>Reference in this Regulation</i>	<i>Paragraph of Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture ('Green Box')</i>
<i>Agri-environmental and climate actions</i>	<i>Article 10</i>	<i>5, 11, 12</i>
<i>Degressive area-based income support</i>	<i>Article 5a(new)</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Payment for small farmers</i>	<i>Article 7</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Payment for natural or other area-specific constraints</i>	<i>Article 8</i>	<i>13</i>

<i>Support for disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements</i>	<i>Article 9</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Setting up of young and new farmers</i>	<i>Article 14</i>	<i>2, 5, 11</i>
<i>Support for investments for farmers and forest holders</i>	<i>Article 13</i>	<i>8, 11</i>
<i>Farm relief services</i>	<i>Article 17</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>School scheme</i>	<i>CMO Articles 27, 28</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Support for interventions in certain sectors</i>	<i>CMO Articles 32 – point (b), (c), (d), (e), (h), (i), (m)</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>CMO Article 32 point (a)</i>	<i>2, 11</i>
	<i>CMO Article 32, point (f), (g), (s)</i>	<i>2, 11, 12</i>
	<i>CMO Article 32, point (n)</i>	<i>8, 11, 12</i>
<i>Support for outermost regions</i>	<i>with the exception of support for banana (Blue Box – not to be referred to in table)</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Support for Smaller Aegean Islands</i>	<i>Articles 20c(new), 20f(new), 20g(new), 20h(new)</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Crisis payments to farmers following natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events</i>	<i>Article 20b(new)</i>	<i>8</i>

Or. en

Justification

(former Article 40 of the NRP Regulation)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A strong Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) remains essential for ensuring food security, safeguarding the competitiveness of European agriculture, and maintaining the economic and social vitality of rural areas across Europe.

By incorporating key provisions of the National and Regional Partnership Plan (NRPP) Regulation into this Regulation, the European Parliament has already laid an important foundation for preserving the CAP as a distinct European policy. This ensures that decisions affecting agriculture and farmers continue to be taken within the CAP framework, thereby providing the basis for coherent policies that support agriculture, family farms and rural communities.

The rapporteur's proposal for the CAP Regulation seeks to introduce a fundamental shift in policy to ensure that the CAP is fit for the future. Its priorities are to further simplify the policy, provide greater predictability for agricultural holdings, target European funding more effectively towards active farmers and family farms, and strengthen rural areas. At the same time, it aims to reinforce agriculture as an attractive and sustainable profession.

The rapporteur considers redistributive income support, with targeted assistance for the first hectares, to remain a key instrument for supporting small and medium-sized farms. By contrast, a finely graduated degressivity mechanism would mainly create additional administrative burdens without delivering commensurate benefits for agricultural holdings.

Strengthening rural areas must remain a central pillar of the CAP and should be reflected both in the allocation of resources and in the design of policy instruments. Rural development programmes therefore require long-term planning certainty and a stable financial framework. Allocating 75% of the CAP budget to income support and 25% to rural development provides the right balance between ensuring economic stability and promoting targeted territorial development.

The long-term viability of rural areas also depends on attracting young people to farming. The rapporteur therefore considers it essential to reinforce support for young farmers through a dedicated minimum budget. Alongside targeted financial support and incentives, reducing administrative burdens is necessary to make farming more attractive for young successors and new entrants to the sector.

Europe needs resilient rural areas and a competitive, future-oriented agricultural sector. This Regulation provides a reliable framework to achieve these objectives.

ANNEX: DECLARATION OF INPUT

Pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure, the rapporteur declares that he included in his report input on matters pertaining to the subject of the file that he received, in the preparation of the draft report, from the following interest representatives falling within the scope of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register⁴, or from the following representatives of public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies:

1. Interest representatives falling within the scope of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register
European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions (EFFAT)
Copamac
ProRurE e.V.
Deutscher Bauernverband e.V. (DBV)
Federation of Swedish Farmers
European Coordination Via Campesina (ECVC)
Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher Tierzüchter (ADT)
Copa-Cogeca
Deutscher Raiffeisenverband e.V. (DRV)
Czech Agrarian Chamber (AKCR)
Agricultural Association of the Czech Republic (ZSCR)
Young Agrarians' Society of the Czech Republic (YAS CR)
Slovak Agriculture and Food Chamber (SPPK)
European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA)
Deutscher Imkerverband e.V.
Irish Farmers Associations
pureVeg
BirdLife
WWF
Verband Deutscher Hopfenpflanzer e.V.
Finnish Agriculture, Forestry and Cooperatives
Lombardy Region
NABU
Familienbetriebe Land und Forst
Land&Forst Betriebe Österreich
Compassion in World Farming
Yara
European Alliance for Regenerative Agriculture (EARA)
FACE
Eurogroup for Animals
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⁴ Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register (OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2021/611/oj).

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Bayerischer Bauernverband
BEUC- The European Consumer Organisation
Agéa- agent généraal d'assurance
European Industrial Hemp Association
Nestle
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