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Overview

The CAP remains one of the European Union's principal common policies, supporting viable farm incomes, food security, environmental sustainability and the long-term vitality of rural communities. The post-2027 CAP will establish the framework through which these objectives will continue to be delivered over the next programming period. Timely progress on the legislative proposals is therefore essential in order to provide certainty for farmers and Member States, to facilitate implementation planning and to support an effective transition to the post-2027 CAP framework.

Background information

Following the publication of the Commission's legislative proposals for the CAP post-2027 on 16 July 2025, discussions have progressed from an initial technical examination of the proposals to a detailed article-by-article examination of the draft Regulation. Member States have submitted drafting suggestions on successive Presidency compromise texts, helping to identify areas of convergence and outstanding issues.

In parallel, CAP-specific provisions initially contained in the proposed National and Regional Partnership Plan Regulation have now been transferred to the CAP Regulation and are being examined alongside the original proposed CAP regulation. This has enabled discussions on the future CAP framework to become more coherent and comprehensive.

The latest Presidency compromise text seeks to respond to Member States' requests for greater flexibility and subsidiarity in the design and implementation of CAP interventions, while preserving the common character of the policy. Work is also continuing on the definitions of "farmer", "active farmer" and "eligible hectare" - revised drafting on these provisions is currently being prepared in light of written comments received from Member States in late July, and will be considered at the Working Party meeting in late September/early October, with a view to progressing these issues to SCA and Council.

Guiding Questions

The Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) will receive an update from the Presidency on the state of play of negotiations on the post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy proposals, and an indicative timeline towards achieving a Partial General Approach (PGA). The discussion will provide delegations with an opportunity to consider the latest Presidency compromise text on the CAP Regulation and to identify any outstanding issues, as well as to exchange views on the proposed PGA timeline.

The Presidency is seeking broad agreement from Member States to work with it towards achieving a Partial General Approach in October.

Further political guidance is needed to consolidate the Council's work. Delegations are invited to respond to the following questions:

- Has the Presidency achieved the right balance between commonality and flexibility in the latest compromise text?
- What are the key issues that are still outstanding within the CAP Regulations?

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