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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	AOB item for the meeting of the “Agriculture and Fisheries” Council on 30 March 2026: The financial ceilings for direct payments for claim year 2027 - <i>Information from Poland, supported by Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Malta, Portugal and Romania</i>

For the period 2023–2027, more than a dozen Member States have decided to make use of the possibility to transfer funds between the two pillars of the CAP¹.

As a result of this decision, the ceilings for direct payments (I pillar) and rural development (II pillar), as set out in the annexes to Regulation 2021/2115, have been amended accordingly.

The changes concerned direct payments for the calendar years 2023–2026 and did not include 2027.

Neither the current regulations nor the EC’s proposals for 2028–2034 provide for the possibility of changing the ceiling for direct payments for 2027. We believe this requires a change in order to allow the Member States concerned to continue with their strategies.

¹ Legal basis: Article 103 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Failure to make such a change could result in a significant, sudden reduction or increase (depending on the direction of the transfer made by the relevant Member State) in direct payment amounts for 2027.

We therefore call upon the European Commission to undertake legislative actions that would allow for the adjustment of direct payment financial envelopes for the campaign 2027.

Given that this would entail a change to the CAP Strategic Plans effective from 2027, we call upon the Commission to address this matter urgently.
