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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions
Subject:	Non-paper on CAP expenditure under direct management

Delegations find attached a non-paper from the Commission Services concerning CAP expenditure under direct management, which the Commission will present at the AGRIFIN meeting of 10-11 October 2018.



NON-PAPER

Subject: CAP expenditure under direct management

The European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) finance primarily support implemented through shared management and also, to a far lesser extent, actions under direct management, including technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission. Examples of **existing** actions under direct management include:

- Acquisition of satellite images;
- Farm Accountancy Data Network;
- Farm structure surveys;
- Information and promotion of agricultural products (e.g. “multi programmes”);
- European Network for Rural Development;
- European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability;
- Studies and evaluations;
- IT networks, including corporate IT systems needed for the management of the CAP (e.g. AGREX, RDIS, SFC, CATS/COMBO, etc.);
- CAP information actions;
- EAGF and EAFRD contributions to corporate communication actions.

For 2021-2027, the intention is to continue to finance similar actions under direct management. Article 7 of the proposal for the Horizontal Regulation¹ lists the types of CAP expenditure, which, on the initiative of the Commission or on its behalf, may be directly financed by the EAGF and EAFRD. Articles 22, 23 and 44 set out more details as regards acquisition of satellite data, monitoring of agricultural resources and information measures.

It is necessary to distinguish actions implemented under direct management on the one hand and support for technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States on the other.

The legal basis for technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States is set by Article 112 of the proposal for the CAP Strategic Plan Regulation². Article 86(3) of that draft regulation provides that Member States can finance actions of technical assistance by using a maximum percentage of their EAFRD allocation. Member States can use this technical assistance to finance actions related to the administration and implementation of the entire CAP strategic plan.

¹ COM(2018)393

² COM(2018)392