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### **WORKING DOCUMENT**

From:	Presidency
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council - Comparative table of EP and Council positions taken in the trilogue discussions on targeting of support

With a view to the SCA on 10 May 2021, delegations will find attached a comparative table of the EP and Council positions taken in the trilogue discussions on the abovementioned proposal with regard to targeting of support.

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## Comparative table of EP and Council positions on targeting of support<sup>1</sup>

	EP	Council
Capping/degressivity/redistributive payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6% mandatory redistributive payments together with mandatory capping and degressivity</li> <li>• if redistributive payments exceed 12%, no need to apply capping and degressivity anymore (= implicit obligation to redistribute further 6% via redistributive payment or capping/degressivity, as long as the same redistributive effect is reached)</li> <li>• payments for eco-schemes and young farmers excluded from the scope of capping and degressivity</li> <li>• deductibility of 50% of salaries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no-backsliding (at least as much redistribution than in 2014-2020)</li> <li>• free choice for Member States between capping, degressivity and redistributive payments</li> <li>• scope of capping and degressivity limited to BISS</li> <li>• deductibility of 100% of salaries including the labour cost part of contracting costs</li> </ul>
Active farmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mandatory definition</li> <li>• pluri-active farmers to be covered</li> <li>• negative list</li> <li>• minimum level of agricultural activity</li> <li>• reference to public goods in article</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mandatory definition provided it is simple, flexible and easy to apply</li> <li>• pluri-active farmers ok</li> <li>• voluntary negative list ok</li> <li>• minimum level of agricultural activity ok</li> <li>• reference to public goods in recital</li> </ul>
Small farmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• voluntary accepted</li> <li>• maximum threshold of 1 250€</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• voluntary</li> <li>• against maximum threshold</li> </ul>
Young farmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• payments under pillar I and II (installation aid and investments by young farmers) to be counted against minimum share for young farmers</li> <li>• minimum share <u>above</u> 3%</li> <li>• definition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- maximum age tranche of 35-40 years</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• payments under pillar I and II (installation aid and investments by young farmers) to be counted against minimum share for young farmers</li> <li>• minimum share <u>of</u> 3%</li> <li>• definition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- maximum age tranche of 35-40 years</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> EP and Council positions are to be understood as being those at the current stage of negotiations and as resulting from respective statements in trilogues.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- conditions for being head of the holding</li> <li>- appropriate training or skills as determined by Member States</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- conditions for being head of the holding</li> <li>- appropriate training or skills as determined by Member States</li> </ul>
New farmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• addition of a definition in Art. 4 without adding new types of interventions (limited to Art. 22(4)(b) and 69(2)(b), as in the Council General Approach)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• addition of a definition in Art. 4 without adding new types of interventions (limited to Art. 22(4)(b) and 69(2)(b), as in the Council General Approach)</li> </ul>
Internal convergence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• full convergence by claim year 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 85% convergence by claim year 2026</li> </ul>
Coupled support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• derogation for protein crops (Art. 29(2))</li> <li>• exclude cattle from coupled support whose final destination is bullfighting</li> <li>• eligible sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- against what EP considers an addition (e.g. potatoes, table olives) which in the Council's (and Commission's) view is preserving the status quo</li> <li>- open to add mixes between legumes and grasses</li> <li>- against non-food crops</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• derogation for protein crops acceptable if EP withdraws its amendment on bullfighting</li> <li>• eligible sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for keeping products eligible that were eligible up to now</li> <li>- for mixes between legumes and grasses</li> <li>- for non-food crops</li> </ul> </li> </ul>