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Block 1

Introductory provisions and types of support



- Article 1
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Article 2

CAP national recommendations and steering

1. *The Commission shall adopt **non-binding** 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)~~ **(d)(i), (ii), (iii) and (v)** 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:*
   - *a) contribution to fair and sufficient … the value chain;*
   - *b) improvement of attractiveness … **including living standards;***
   - *c) enhancing climate action, … improve animal welfare;*
   - *d) improving resilience, farmers' preparedness and ability to cope with crises and risks;*
   - *e) enhancing the access … a thriving agri-food sector.;*
   - ***ea) improving the attractiveness and quality of life in rural areas.***

   ***In exceptional circumstances and after consultation with the Member State concerned,** the CAP national recommendations may be updated by the Commission~~, as appropriate.~~*
2. *The Commission shall base the CAP national recommendations on an **evidence-based** analysis, **carried out in consultation with the Member State concerned,** 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.*
3. *In the CAP national recommendations, the Commission shall in particular identify key challenges ~~to be addressed by~~ **in** each Member State **to be addressed in that Member State´s** ~~in their~~ NRP Plan, on the basis of the CAP-relevant specific objectives set out in Article 3, point ~~(d)~~ **(d)(i), (ii), (iii) and (v),** of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP], **taking into account relevant national initiatives**.*

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Article 5

Types of intervention and financial support provisions

[Article 35(3) NRP Regulation added]

1. *The following **types of** CAP interventions are set out:*
   - a) *degressive area-based income support;*
   - b) *coupled income support;*
   - c) *~~crop specific~~ **crop-specific** payment for cotton;*
   - d) *payment for natural and other area specific constraints;*
   - e) *support for disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements;*
   - **f)** ***support for*** *agri-environmental and climate actions;*
   - g) *payment for small farmers;*
   - h) *support for risk management tools;*
   - i) *support for investments for farmers and forest holders;*
   - j) *support for setting-up of young farmers, new farmers, rural business ~~and~~ start-ups, **farm household income diversification and business** ~~and~~ development of small farms;*
   - k) *support for farm relief services;*
   - **l)** ***support for*** *LEADER;*

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Types of intervention and financial support provisions

[Article 35(3) NRP Regulation added]

m) support for knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas;

***n) support for** territorial **development** and local cooperation ~~initiatives~~;*

o) support for** interventions in outermost regions, **as referred to in Article X of Regulation (EU) .../... [NRP Regulation];

p) interventions in smaller Aegean islands;

***q) support for** EU school scheme referred to in ~~Title I~~, Part II, **Title I**, Chapter IIa, **Section 2** of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ;*

***r) support for** interventions in certain sectors referred to in ~~Title I~~, Part II, **Title I,** Chapter IIa, **Section 3** of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013;*

*s) crisis payments ~~for~~ **to** farmers **following natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events.***

***2. The** interventions referred to in paragraph 1, points (a) to (k), ~~and interventions in certain sectors referred to in Title I~~ **and (r)**, ~~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,~~ **(ii)** of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP].*

~~3. Production of hemp varieties with Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content exceeding 0,3% shall not be eligible for support under this Regulation.~~

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Block 2

Green architecture



- Article 3 + Annex I
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Article 3

Farm stewardship

1. *Farm stewardship shall comprise statutory management requirements listed in Annex I, Part A [Annex with SMRs],* ***and*** *protective practices defined by Member States in the NRP Plan in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article and Annex I, Part C, ~~and the social conditionality system which comprises the statutory management requirements listed in Annex I, Part B.~~*
2. *Payments under* ***the following*** *interventions ~~referred to in Article 5(1), points (a) to (f), and points (o) and (p), to the extent they concern support for local agricultural products,~~ shall be subject to compliance with ~~a system of statutory management requirements and protective practices collectively referred to as~~ 'farm stewardship'.**:***
   - ***i. the interventions referred to in Article 5(1), points (a) to (f), and***
   - ***ii. the interventions referred to in Article 5(1), points (o) and (p) that concern support for local agricultural products referred to in Article (the correspondence of art. 44 NRPP) of this Regulation and Article 48 of NRPP.***

   The list of statutory management requirements and the objectives of protective practices are set out in Annex I.

   ~~However, the conditions of farm stewardship listed in Annex I, Parts A and C, shall not apply to farmers receiving support under Article 5(1), point (g).~~

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3. *Support subject to the farm stewardship conditions* ***listed in Annex I, Parts A and C, and payments under the intervention referred to in Article 5 (1) point (g) of this Regulation*** *shall be deemed to comply with the principle of 'do no significant harm' in accordance with Article 33(2), point (d), of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509.*
For the purposes of this Article, … any other requirement in the same act.
The legal acts listed in Annex I concerning the statutory management requirements shall apply in the version that is applicable and, in the case of Directives, as implemented by the Member States. ~~*Acts implementing directives may however not have the purpose or effect of an exemption of farmers or other beneficiaries from the statutory management requirements listed in Annex I, Parts A and B.*~~

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,* ***where relevant,*** *other beneficiaries receiving the support referred to in paragraph 2, to achieve the following* ***general*** *objectives:*
   a) *protection of* ~~*carbon-rich*~~ ***carbon rich*** *soils,* ~~*landscape features and permanent grasslands on agricultural area*~~ ***and biodiversity sensitive areas;***
   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*~~ ***health and resilience;***
   c) *protection of water courses* ~~*and ground water*~~ *against pollution and runoff.*

In defining their protective practices, Member States may decide to set them in a way consistent with mandatory requirements established by national law and do not go beyond them, provided that those existing national mandatory requirements comply with the specific objectives listed in Annex I to this Regulation.

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5. *Member States shall include in the NRP Plan a description of the protective practices defined for each of the general 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, **where relevant,** the protective practices to different land management systems ~~and~~, different environmental and climatic conditions **and other specificities** in their territory.*

6. *Farmers whose ~~entire~~ holding is certified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council shall be deemed to comply with protective practices ~~set out in the NRP Plans in respect to objectives set out in paragraph 4, points (b) and (c)~~* ***listed in Annex I, Part C to this Regulation in relation to their organic production units, as defined in Article 3, point (10), of Regulation (EU) 2018/848, and their in-conversion production units, as defined in Article 3, point (11), of that Regulation.***

Member States may, taking into consideration the administrative burden of checks, decide that only farmers certified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 whose entire holding consists of organic production units, as defined in Article 3, point (10), of Regulation (EU) 2018/848, or of in-conversion production units, as defined in Article 3, point (11), of that Regulation, or of both such production units, are deemed to comply with protective practices listed in Annex I, Part C to this Regulation.

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7. *In setting the protective practices referred to in paragraph 4, … 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* ***significantly*** *the objectives set out in paragraph 4 or distort competition.*
8. *Member States may grant temporary derogations from protective practices, where weather conditions,* ***plant diseases or pest infestations*** *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 based on objective and non-discriminatory criteria and that they do not hamper* ***significantly*** *the objectives set out in paragraph 4 or distort competition.*
9. *Member States may recognise the management practices … with the relevant protective practice.*

Recital (8a)

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Considering that the agricultural areas managed by small farmers who benefit from payments for small farmers are limited and the annual payment under those interventions is limited to EUR 3000 for each small farmer, the payments under those interventions should be deemed compliant with the "do no significant harm" principle laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council in line with the principle of proportionality, in particular in view of the small amounts of payments concerned and the administrative burden for farmers and public administrations. The impact on the environment related to such small amounts of payments and the limited area concerned is negligible, notably in view of the existing Union and national environmental legislation which continues to ensure protection of those areas.

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Article 4

Environment and climate priority areas

1. *Member States shall provide support to farmers and, **where relevant,** other beneficiaries at least in each of the following ~~environmental~~ **environment** and climate priority areas:*
   - *a) climate change adaptation and water resilience;*
   - *b) climate change mitigation **such as** ~~including~~ carbon removals and on-farm renewable energy production, including biogas production;*
   - *c) soil health;*
   - *d) preservation of biodiversity, such as conservation of habitats or species, landscape features, reduction of **the negative impact from the** use of pesticides;*
   - ***e) support for and** development of organic farming;*
   - *f) animal health and welfare.**;***
   - ***(fa) protection of water quality and sustainable use of water resources.***

   *Member States with areas affected by water pollution due to nitrate surplus shall provide support to farmers**, such as support** for extensification of livestock systems ~~or for~~, diversification to other agricultural activities **or other actions that contribute to mitigating the causes of pollution or restore the water bodies**.*
2. *For each of the priority areas referred to in paragraph 1 support shall be provided under the conditions laid down in Articles 9, 10 ~~and~~ **or** 13.*

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Article 8

Payment for natural or other area-specific constraints

1. *Member States shall provide support to compensate farmers for natural or other area-specific constraints.*
2. *The payment for areas with natural ~~and~~ **or** other specific constraints ~~may~~ **shall** be provided in respect of **at least one of the following categories of** areas that:*
   a) *were designated pursuant to Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ;*
   b) *are newly designated **by Member States** in view of specific constraints ~~defined by Member States~~ **in accordance with paragraph 2a** and have been included in the NRP Plan.*

   ~~Member States may carry out a fine-tuning with the purpose of excluding areas within the areas designated in accordance the first subparagraph, points (a) and (b), under the conditions laid down in Article 32(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013.~~

   *The surface of the areas **newly** designated pursuant to the first subparagraph, point (b), shall not exceed 2 % of the utilised agricultural area of the Member State concerned.*

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Article 8

Payment for natural or other area-specific constraints

2a. Member States may designate new areas referred to in paragraph 2, point (b) that are affected by specific constraints defined by Member States in their NRP Plans, and if it is necessary for land management practices to be continued on those areas in order to conserve or improve the environment, to maintain the countryside, to preserve the tourist potential of the areas, or to protect the coastline.

2b. Member States may carry out a fine-tuning with the purpose of excluding areas within the areas designated in accordance with paragraph 2, points (a) or (b). The fine-tuning shall be based on objective criteria and shall exclude areas where significant natural or specific constraints have been documented but have been overcome by investments, or by economic activity, or by evidence of normal land productivity, or in which production methods or farming systems have offset the income loss or added costs.

3. *The payments per eligible hectare shall be* ~~*limited to*~~ ***annual and granted to compensate farmers for all or part of*** *the additional costs* ~~*or loss of*~~ ***and*** *income* ***foregone*** *related to undertaking agricultural production in the designated areas compared to production in non-designated areas.*

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Article 9

Payment for disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements

1. *Member States may provide **annual** area-based support in agricultural and forest areas for disadvantages resulting from the implementation of:*
   a) *Council Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ;*
   b) *Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council . I*

   In addition to the areas referred to in the first subparagraph, point (a), Member States may decide to support other delimited nature protection areas with environmental restrictions applicable to farming or forestry which contribute to the implementation of Article 10 of Directive 92/43/EEC, provided that those areas do not exceed 5% of the designated Natura 2000 areas covered by the NRP Plan.
2. *Payments under this Article may be granted to farmers, forest holders and ~~their~~ **forest holder** associations **as well as to other beneficiaries**.*
3. *Member States may only grant payments under this Article in order to compensate beneficiaries for all or part of the additional costs and income foregone related to the compliance with mandatory requirements resulting from the implementation of the Union acts and provisions listed in paragraph 1, ~~first subparagraph~~, including transaction costs.*

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Article 10

Agri-environmental and climate actions

[Article 36(2) NRP Regulation added in paragraph 4]

1. *Member States shall provide incentives for the following actions beneficial for the climate, environment, animal health and welfare,* ***or*** ~~*and*~~ *sustainable forestry,* ***contributing to the environment and climate priority areas referred to in Article 4:***
   a) *voluntary management commitments taken* ~~*up*~~ ***on*** *by farmers and other beneficiaries,* ~~*including*~~ ***such as*** *commitments to* ~~*maintain*~~ ***support*** *organic farming* ~~*and extensification of*~~ ***or extensive*** *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*~~ ***such as*** *conversion to organic farming* ~~*and*~~ ***or*** *extensification of livestock production systems,* ~~*established and implemented in accordance with paragraph 4*~~*.*

~~2. *Each Member State shall provide support for organic farming certified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council and extensive livestock production systems under both forms of action referred to in paragraph 1.*~~

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Agri-environmental and climate actions

[Article 36(2) NRP Regulation added in paragraph 4]

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3. *The ~~management commitments~~ **support** referred to in paragraph 1, point (a), may be **provided in particular for** annual or multiannual ~~and may have in particular the following objectives~~ **management commitments related to**:*
   - *a) **actions on** protection of water quality and reduction of pressure on water resources, protection of soil, nutrient management, **protection of air quality,** biodiversity conservation **and restoration**, including landscape features and reduction of **negative impact from** the use of pesticides;*
   - *b) **actions on** climate change mitigation, including reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and **the protection of carbon stocks in soils and biomass and increasing** carbon sequestration, climate change adaptation, including animal and plant diversity for resilient ecosystems;*
   - *c) **actions on** animal health and welfare, including combating ~~of~~ antimicrobial resistance;*
   - *d) **conservation**, sustainable use and development of genetic resources; or*
   - *e) forest environmental services and forest conservation.*

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Article 10

Agri-environmental and climate actions

[Article 36(2) NRP Regulation added in paragraph 4]

4. *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* ***resilient*** *production systems that they deem beneficial for the climate and environment.*
Member States shall determine the amount of support for transition actions referred to in paragraph 1, point (b) based on cost estimates of those transition actions. Member States shall grant support in the form of lump sums that shall be limited to EUR [200 000] per farmer per programming period of the NRP Plan. [Article 36(2) NRP].
Member States shall pay the support to farmers in ***one or more*** *instalments over the period of implementation of the transition action plan. The payment of the last instalment 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.*~~
5. *Member States shall only grant support … contributing to compliance with those requirements.*

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Block 3

Targeting of support / direct payments / investments



- Article 6
- Article 7
- Article 11
- Article 12
- Article 13

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Article 6

Degressive area-based income support

[Article 35(3), second subparagraph, NRP Regulation added as paragraph 7a]

1. *Member States shall provide **annual** area-based income support for eligible hectares to farmers to address income needs.*
2. *~~The payment per~~ **Member States shall provide for a higher area-based income support for** eligible ~~hectare shall be differentiated by groups of~~ **hectares to young** farmers ~~or geographical areas, on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria. The groups of farmers or geographical areas that are basis for the differentiation of payments shall be established based on farmers' income from agricultural activity in a representative reference period.~~*

   *~~When differentiating the payments~~, Member States ~~shall target~~ **may also provide for higher area-based income support for eligible hectares to other groups of farmers that have additional income needs**. **In that case** the support ~~at farmers who are the most in need, in particular young and new farmers, women, family or small farmers, farmers combining the production of crops and livestock or farmers in areas with natural or other area-specific constraints~~ **level shall be based on agricultural income over a representative reference period** determined ~~in accordance with Article 8~~ **by the Member State.***

   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. ~~Members States shall increase the support per eligible hectare granted to young farmers.~~

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Article 6

Degressive area-based income support

[Article 35(3), second subparagraph, NRP Regulation added as paragraph 7a]

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 … between EUR 20 000 and EUR 50 000;*
   b) *Member States shall reduce … more than EUR 50 000 and not more than EUR 75 000;*
   c) *Member States shall reduce … granted to a farmer exceeds EUR 75 000.****]***
4. ***[*** *The total amount of area-based income support shall… under the control of one legal or natural person.* ***]***
5. ~~*The 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. Small farmers, whose principal activity is not agriculture, but who are engaged in at least a minimum level of agricultural activity, as set out by Member States, shall be considered farmers as well.*~~

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Article 6

Degressive area-based income support

[Article 35(3), second subparagraph, NRP Regulation added as paragraph 7a]

6. *Member States* ~~*shall ensure that at the latest by 2032 the*~~ ***may decide that*** *applicants who reach the retirement age, determined by national law, and who receive a retirement pension,* ***are*** *no longer* ***to*** *receive support under this Article.* ***Member States that make use of this possibility shall ensure compliance with the principles of equal treatment and non-discrimination and shall justify it under the objectives of better targeting of the income support or generational renewal.***

Member States shall provide in their NRP Plans for voluntary measures aiming at farm succession as referred to in Article 16(1a), point (bb), of this Regulation and in accordance with Article 74 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP] for farmers who have reached the retirement age determined by national law and receive a retirement pension. ...

Recital (10)

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*Given the need to target the support to those most in need, Member States should pay the ~~area-based~~ **[**degressive**]** **area-based** income support only to those persons whose principal activity is ~~agriculture~~ **agricultural activity**, while ensuring that small and pluri-active farmers, who are engaged in at least a minimum level of agricultural activity, are not excluded.* ***Recognising the need to foster generational renewal in agriculture, and following the Commission Strategy for Generational Renewal in Agriculture , Member States should provide for a higher area-based income support for young farmers. Member States should also be able to provide higher area-based income support to other groups of farmers, or to farmers in specific geographical areas or regions, with additional income needs, determined on the basis of agricultural income criteria determined by Member States, using the data sources and methodologies they consider appropriate. In line with the objective of providing targeted income support to those farmers who need it most, Member States should have the possibility to provide targeted support to certain groups of farmers, whether of a particular size, in a particular geographical area, or on the basis of another objective and non-discriminatory criterion. Since the degressive area-based income support is an income support measure, it is appropriate that the support levels for these groups of farmers are determined taking into account the average farm income of the group concerned as determined by the Member States.***

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Article 7

Payment for small farmers

1. *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.*

   ~~The 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.~~

   The annual payment for each small farmer shall not exceed EUR 3 000.

2. *Member States may differentiate support granted under this Article for different groups of farmers ~~or geographical areas~~.*

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Article 11

Coupled income support

[Article 35(5) NRP Regulation added as paragraph 5]

1. *Member States shall provide coupled income support … apiculture products and silkworms sectors.*
2. *The support referred to in paragraph 1 shall, on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, address additional income needs* ***related to the difficulties of the targeted sector, product or specific type of farming****.* ***Member States shall not be required to demonstrate the difficulties encountered in relation to protein crops.***
3. *When planning the support referred to in paragraph 1, Member States shall minimise the potential impact of their support decisions on the internal market.*
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~~.*
5. ***The financial allocation to coupled income support …***

By way of derogation from the above sub-paragraph, Member States may choose to use up to EUR {X} million per year for financing coupled income support.

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Article 12

Support for participation in risk management tools

1. *Member States shall provide support … excluding the highest and lowest entry. By way of derogation from the first subparagraph, Member States that demonstrate in the ~~NPR~~ **NRP** Plan the existence of ~~national~~ **private or public** systems which provide risk ~~coverage~~ **management tools** for farmers **in the Member State concerned** shall be exempt from the obligation to include in their NRP Plan interventions for risk management tools under this Article.*
2. *Sectoral production risk management tools shall calculate … excluding the highest and lowest entry.*
3. *Member States may apply an appropriate alternative method for calculating the losses for young farmers and new farmers.*
4. *Member States shall establish the methodology … private risk management schemes is avoided.*

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Article 13

Support for investments for farmers and forest holders

[Article 36(3) NRP Regulation added as paragraph 7]

1. *Member States shall grant support under this Article for productive and non-productive investments* ***in tangible and intangible assets,*** *making an appropriate overall contribution to* ***the competitiveness and*** *resilience of agriculture, ~~food systems~~* ***the agrifood sector****, 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.*

1a. ***Member States shall provide support under this Article to farmers, and may provide support to forest holders.***

....

4. *Member States shall establish a list of ineligible investments and categories of expenditure, including at least the following:*

...

(da) investments in afforestation contributing to other than environmental and climate-related specific objectives, in line with sustainable forest management principles.

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Article 13

Support for investments for farmers and forest holders

[Article 36(3) NRP Regulation added as paragraph 7]

6. *Where Union law results … they become mandatory for the holding.*

~~*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.*~~

For young farmers setting up for the first time … in the business plan referred to in Article 14(3) are completed. ~~*Member States may only grant payments*~~ ***Only expenditure incurred to comply with new Union law requirements shall be eligible for support*** *under this paragraph* ~~*in order to compensate beneficiaries for all or part of the additional costs related to the compliance with those requirements*~~*.*

7. ***Where public support granted under this Article for an investment operation does not exceed EUR 100 000 and is not subject to rules on public procurement, that support shall take the form of standard scales of unit costs, lump sums or flat rates, except where this is not appropriate due to the nature of the intervention and duly justified by the Member State.***

Recital (12)

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~~The CAP~~ **CAP-relevant specific** objectives should also be pursued through support for investments implemented by farmers, **including cooperatives or other forms of collective farmer structures, by recognised producer organisations under interventions laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and, where relevant, by** ~~and~~ forest holders. Such investments may concern, inter alia, ~~infrastructures related to the~~ **infrastructure in agriculture and forestry**, development, modernisation or adaptation to climate change of in 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 **as well as processing, storage, marketing or other value-adding activities carried out by farmers**. It should also be possible to support investments in the restoration of agricultural or **where relevant** forestry production potential following natural disasters, adverse climatic events or catastrophic events, including fires, storms, floods, pests and diseases. **Investment support may also cover afforestation contributing to specific objectives other than environmental and climate-related objectives, provided that such investments are in line with sustainable forest management principles, as developed in Forest Europe's Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation**.

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Block 4

Generational renewal and young farmers / farm relief services



- Article 14
- Article 15
- Article 16
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Article 14

Setting-up of young farmers, *new farmers*, rural business ~~start-up and~~ *start-ups, farm household income diversification and business* development of small farms

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***, for the setting-up of young farmers who fulfil the conditions provided for by Member States in their NRP Plans in accordance with Article 2b(6)***.

~~2. Member States may only grant support under this Article to help:~~

~~a) the setting-up of young farmers who fulfil the conditions provided for by Member States in their NRP Plans in accordance with Article 4(22), point (d), of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP];~~

~~b) the start-up of rural businesses linked to agriculture or forestry including the setting up of new farmers, or farm household income diversification into non-agricultural activities;~~

2a. Member States may provide support, under the conditions laid down in this Article and as further specified in their NRP Plans, for:

~~(c)~~***(a)*** the ~~start-up of rural businesses~~ ***actions for farm household income diversification into non-agricultural activities***;

~~(d)~~***(b)*** the business development of small farms, as determined by Member States~~.~~***;***

(c) the setting-up of new farmers who fulfil the conditions provided for by Member States in their NRP Plans in accordance with Article 4(23), of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP].

(ac) rural business start-ups.

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Article 14

Setting-up of young farmers, *new farmers*, rural business ~~*start-up and start-ups,*~~ *farm household income diversification and business* development of small farms

3. *Member States shall set conditions for the submission and the content of a business plan which beneficiaries must provide in order to receive support under this Article.*
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* ***per project*** *and may be differentiated in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria.*

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Article 15

Strategy on Generational Renewal ~~strategy~~ in Agriculture

Member States shall establish in their NRP Plan a Strategy on Generational Renewal in Agriculture to enhance the effectiveness and coherence of interventions targeting young farmers under this Regulation, ***measures supported under the NRP Plan*** and national initiatives. The Strategy shall include:

a) an assessment of the current demographic situation in the agricultural sector ***and identification of entry barriers for young farmers*** ;

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

c) description of how the Starter pack for young farmers referred to in Article 16 will be ~~utilised~~ ***used*** in the national context***, of measures set out in the NRP Plan and national initiatives***;

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

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Article 16

Starter pack for young farmers

1. *The **Member States shall establish a** Starter pack for young farmers ~~shall include a set of the following measures~~, in line with the Strategy on Generational Renewal in Agriculture referred to in Article 15~~;~~**.***

1a. The Starter pack for young farmers shall include the following interventions:

*a) support for setting-up of young farmers in accordance with Article ~~14~~ **14(1)(a)**;*

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

*ba) ~~(d)~~ investment support with higher aid intensity for young farmers~~;~~ **in accordance with Article 13 of this Regulation and Article 35(4) second subparagraph of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP].***

*(bb) **cooperation interventions facilitating intergenerational succession with a view to transferring the holding of farmers who have reached the retirement age determined by national law and receive a retirement pension to a young or new farmer, in accordance with Article 74 of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP].***

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Article 16

Starter pack for young farmers

1b. The Starter pack for young farmers may include the following interventions:

a) ~~(c)~~ support for small farmers in accordance with Article 7 ~~targeting young farmers~~ ***of this Regulation****;*

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

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

c) ~~(f)~~ support for rural business start ups ***in accordance with Article 14(1)(b) of this Regulation****;*

(ca) actions for farm household income diversification into non-agricultural activities in accordance with Article 14(2a)(a) of this Regulation;

d) ~~(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];

e) ~~(h)~~ cooperation interventions facilitating intergenerational cooperation ~~including farm succession~~ in accordance with Article 74 of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP];

f) ~~(i)~~ support for farm relief services in accordance with Article 17 ***of this Regulation****;*

~~g) (j)~~ access to advisory services and training programs ~~tailored to young farmers' needs~~, in accordance with Article 20 ***of this Regulation****. …*

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Block 5

LEADER, knowledge and innovation and data governance

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Article 18

Payment for natural or other area-specific constraints

1. Member States shall provide support ~~for~~ ***under*** LEADER to prepare and implement LEADER local development strategies under the conditions laid down in Article 76 ***and 77*** of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP] and as further specified in their NRP Plans.
2. Member States shall support LEADER ~~at least~~ in ***rural areas with a focus on*** rural areas with specific disadvantages ~~defined~~ ***as determined*** by the Member States in ~~the NPR~~ ***their NRP*** Plans.
3. Member States shall provide support ~~through~~ ***under*** LEADER for projects ~~implemented by local action groups involving startups, value added capacity in transformation~~ ***such as rural business start-ups, on farm processing***, diversification of farm activities, including agrotourism, direct sale of agricultural products ~~and~~***,*** innovation ***and digitalisation***.
4. Support provided ~~from~~ ***under*** LEADER shall be focused on ~~rural development fields~~ ***projects*** with added value for ***rural communities,*** farmers and forest holders, such as social, environmental, digital and economic ~~transformation~~ ***transition*** of rural areas, ***promotion of gender equality and social inclusion,*** improvement of well-being of rural citizens~~,~~ ***and*** strengthening social capital.

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Article 19

Support for knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural

1. Member States shall provide support for knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture***, and where relevant***, forestry and rural areas under the conditions laid down in this Article. Member States shall provide support:
   a) to ~~prepare and~~ implement the projects of the EIP-AGRI operational groups ~~as well as actions to ensure broader uptake of projects' results~~;
   b) for ***knowledge sharing actions such as advice, training, skills development,*** actions to promote innovation~~, training and advice, skills development, advisory services and~~ ***or*** other forms of knowledge sharing and dissemination of information~~.~~

(1a) ***Member States may provide support for:***
   a) EIP-AGRI operational groups for the preparation of projects or actions to ensure broader uptake of their results;
   b) the setting up of farm advisory services referred to in Article 20(3);
   c) capacity building of advisors within farm advisory services referred to in Article 20(3).

Support for ***farm*** advisory services ***referred to in points (b) and (c)*** shall only be granted for those advisory services that comply with Article ~~20(3)~~***20(4)***.

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Article 20

Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation ~~systems~~ System and farm advisory services

1. *Each Member State shall ensure that farmers and **where relevant** forest holders **or other rural actors** have access to innovation and ~~that~~ new knowledge ~~reaches them in a timely and effective manner~~, enabling them to deploy innovative and sustainable solutions effectively and profit from up-to-date knowledge in the agricultural sector.*
2. *To meet the requirement laid down in paragraph 1, each Member State shall ~~establish~~ **describe** in the NRP Plan how innovations and up-to-date knowledge reach farmers **and where relevant forest holders or other rural actors**, in particular through the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (the AKIS). The AKIS **description** shall include:*
   a) *arrangements to ensure effective knowledge flows and synergies between advisors, researchers, practitioners, national CAP networks and other relevant stakeholders;*
   b) *actions to improve access for farmers and forest holders to impartial **advice** and qualified ~~advice~~ **advisors, in accordance with paragraph 4**;*
   c) *support for innovation …*
   d) *a plan to improve dissemination …*
   e) *interventions set out in the NRP Plan …*
   f) a system for provision of ~~farm advisory services~~ ***advice***, established in accordance with paragraph 3.

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Article 20

Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation ~~systems~~ System and farm advisory services

3. As part of the AKIS, Member States shall describe in the NRP Plans, and implement, a system for provision of ***advice*** ***('the*** farm advisory services ~~to be established~~***'),*** to support access to knowledge and wider deployment and use of innovations. The farm advisory services shall cover ~~all~~ the following elements:
   a) advice to farmers and ***where relevant*** forest holders ***or other rural actors, in particular*** on sustainable and resilient management of land, farms and forests tailored to farm types and different production systems, as well as on the requirements for support set out in the NRP Plans, including farm stewardship, setting-up and transfers of holdings and start-ups; business management, access to social support, raising awareness about mental health issues and availability of the relevant services; and the use of innovations, data-driven solutions and digital tools;
   b) targeted advice for young ***farmers and new*** farmers, in particular as regards business management, access to finance, access to public support, access to knowledge and innovation.
4. Member States shall ensure that farmers and ~~forester~~ ***where relevant forest*** holders ***or other rural actors*** have direct access to advisers, such as by providing public databases of advisors. Member States shall ensure that the advice provided ~~to farmers and forest holders~~ is impartial, and that advisors are suitably qualified and free from conflict of interest.

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Article 21

Authority in charge of data governance under the CAP

1. Each Member State shall designate one authority responsible for taking or coordinating actions to ***gradually*** achieve and maintain national and***, where appropriate,*** cross-border interoperability between information systems ~~used~~ ***identified by the Member States to be relevant*** for the implementation, administration, monitoring and evaluation of the CAP for the benefit of farmers and other CAP beneficiaries. For the purposes of this Article, interoperability means the ability of information systems to interact with each other by sharing data by means of electronic communication.
2. The designated authority shall have in particular the following tasks:
   a) drawing up and submitting to the Commission a Roadmap at the level of the Member State to achieve and maintain interoperability (hereinafter the 'Roadmap') and ~~follow up of~~ ***interacting with the*** Commission ~~observations~~ on ***the content of*** the Roadmap;
   b) coordination of the implementation, or, as decided by the Member State, implementation of the Roadmap in an efficient, effective and timely way~~.~~***;***

   (ba) consider, where relevant, Union-level standards for cyber security, data protection and interoperability.

   The Member States shall notify the Commission of the designation of the authority at the latest ~~by~~ ***on*** [OPOCE: ~~[within~~ three months from the entry into force of this Regulation].

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Authority in charge of data governance under the CAP

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4. ***Member States shall submit the Roadmaps to the Commission by 16 December 2028. Thereafter,*** the Member States shall submit to the Commission by 16 December ~~of each calendar year an annual~~***2031 a first*** report ***and a final one by 16 December 2034*** on the implementation of the Roadmap, assessing the progress of the implementation of the steps and measures and the timeframe set out in the Roadmap.
   Where necessary, Member States shall submit to the Commission amendments of the ~~Roadmaps~~ ***Roadmap*** together with the ~~annual reports~~***report***.
   ~~Member States shall submit the first annual report to the Commission by 16 December 2029.~~
5. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23, ~~which~~ ***to supplement paragraph 2 and paragraph 3 of this Article with rules that*** are necessary to ensure that interoperability and seamless data exchange between information systems used for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the CAP are implemented in an efficient, coherent, effective and timely manner~~, supplementing this Article with rules where the implementation of the Roadmap referred to in paragraph 2 so requires as well as rules on interoperability measures referred to in paragraph 3, point (b).~~***.***
6. The Commission may adopt implementing acts laying down rules on:
   a) form ~~and content~~ of the Roadmap and ~~annual~~ ***the*** report;
   b) arrangements for transmitting or making available to the Commission the ~~Roadmaps and annual reports.~~ ***Roadmap and report.***

These implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 24.

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Implementing acts, delegated acts and final provisions

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