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for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

on the 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
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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The principle of equality between women and men should be better reflected in the provisions of the CAP, with a view to improving the participation of women in the socio-economic development of rural areas and ensuring that the work that women do is more visible and better appreciated.

The EU's rural areas are facing structural problems, so in order to foster the greater inclusion of women in the rural economy, we need new rural value chains, including, in particular, new opportunities linked to the development of 'smart villages' across Europe.

Female entrepreneurship is a sustainable development pillar in rural areas and should be promoted and supported by Member States in their strategic plans. Member States should have the possibility, if they consider it necessary, to set additional criteria for the use of reserves for payment entitlements in order to direct them to a greater degree towards female holders of agricultural holdings.

Particular attention should be paid to increasing employment opportunities for women. This calls for the development of digital infrastructure and care services (for children and the elderly) linked to the development of work-life balance policies.

Through strategic plans, Member States may set more favourable conditions for women in rural areas and thus improve their access to financial instruments, farmland and credit.

Thematic subprogrammes should be designed to empower women in rural areas.

Strategic plans may also provide for additional criteria for certain types of interventions, and support may be provided for the establishment and implementation of thematic subprogrammes for the empowerment of rural women.

The Managing Authority of the CAP Strategic Plan shall define the selection criteria for the interventions to ensure equal treatment of all applicants. Member States may decide to use a certain proportion of the EAFRD allocations with a view to assisting young women farmers and women in rural areas.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(9 a) Equality between women and men is a core principle of the European Union and the gender mainstreaming is an important tool in the integration of this principle to the CAP. In this view a particular focus on promoting the participation of women in the socio-economic development of rural areas, including their access to education, vocational and professional trainings, employment and social protection. The size of female-operated farms tends to be smaller and the work performed by women, as farms' spouse, is not always recognised and visible, which impacts their economic independence and consequently results with gender pay and pension gaps, lack of social protection. This Regulation should help to ensure that the work that women do is more visible, better appreciated and taken into account within the specific objectives to be proposed by the Member States in their strategic plans. Gender equality as well as non-discrimination principles should be integral part of preparation, implementation and evaluation of CAP interventions, whereas the strategic plans developed, implemented, monitored and evaluated in a gender-sensitive manner. In this respect, Member States shall ensure equal access for women and men farmers to farm advisory services and encourage women to take part in the CAP Monitoring Committee. Member States shall also strengthen their capacity in gender mainstreaming and in collection of sex-disaggregated data.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(9a) In order to ensure consistency between the direct payments types of interventions and rural development types of interventions when addressing the objective of attracting women farmers, a framework definition for 'women farmer' with the essential elements should be set out at Union level.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(15) In the context of greater market-orientation of the CAP, as outlined by the Communication on 'The Future of Food and Farming', market exposure, climate change and associated frequency and severity of extreme weather events, as well as sanitary and phytosanitary crises, may lead to risks of price volatility and increasing pressures on incomes. Thus, although farmers are ultimately responsible for designing their on-farm strategies, a robust framework should be set up to ensure appropriate risk management. To this aim, Member States and farmers may be able to draw on a Union-level platform on risk management for capacity-building in order to provide farmers with adequate financial instruments for investments and access to working capital, training, knowledge transfer and advice.	(15) In the context of greater market-orientation of the CAP, as outlined by the Communication on 'The Future of Food and Farming', market exposure, climate change and associated frequency and severity of extreme weather events, as well as sanitary and phytosanitary crises, may lead to risks of price volatility and increasing pressures on incomes. Thus, although farmers are ultimately responsible for designing their on-farm strategies, a robust framework should be set up to ensure appropriate risk management. To this aim, Member States and farmers may be able to draw on a Union-level platform on risk management for capacity-building in order to provide farmers with adequate financial instruments for investments and access to working capital, training, knowledge transfer and advice. ***Taking into account the existing gender gaps, including digital gender gap, a gender-perspective must be incorporated and Member States may develop sub-programmes in the Strategic Plan for supporting women farmers to utilise financial instruments and to upgrade their knowledge and skills.***

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
As many rural areas in the Union suffer from structural problems such as lack of attractive employment opportunities, skill shortages, underinvestment in connectivity, infrastructures and essential services, as well as youth drain, it is fundamental to strengthen the socio-economic fabric in those areas, in line with the Cork 2.0. Declaration, particularly through job creation and generational renewal, by bringing the Commission's jobs and growth to rural areas, promoting social inclusion, generational renewal and the development of 'Smart Villages' across the European countryside. As indicated in the Communication on 'The Future of Food and Farming', new rural value chains such as renewable energy, the emerging bio-economy, the circular economy, and ecotourism can offer good growth and job potential for rural areas. In this context, financial instruments and the use of the InvestEU guarantee can play a crucial role for ensuring access to financing and for bolstering the growth capacity of farms and enterprises. There is a potential for employment opportunities in rural areas for legally staying third country nationals, promoting their social and economic integration especially in the framework of Community-led Local Development strategies.	As many rural areas in the Union suffer from structural problems such as lack of attractive employment opportunities, skill shortages, underinvestment in connectivity, infrastructures and essential ***services, in particular childcare and long-term care*** services, as well as youth drain, it is fundamental to strengthen the socio-economic fabric in those areas, in line with the Cork 2.0. Declaration, particularly through job creation and generational renewal, by bringing the Commission's jobs and growth to rural areas, promoting social inclusion, generational renewal and the development of 'Smart Villages' across the European countryside. As indicated in the Communication on 'The Future of Food and Farming', new rural value chains such as renewable energy, the emerging bio-economy, the circular economy, and ecotourism can offer good growth and job potential for rural areas. In this context, financial instruments and the use of the InvestEU guarantee can play a crucial role for ensuring access to financing and for bolstering the growth capacity of farms and enterprises. There is a potential for employment opportunities in rural areas for legally staying third country nationals, promoting their social and economic integration especially in the framework of Community-led Local Development strategies. ***Member States shall ensure equal employment opportunities between women and men and that their fundamental rights are protected.***

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
As many rural areas in the Union suffer from structural problems such as lack of attractive employment opportunities, skill shortages, underinvestment in connectivity, infrastructures and essential services, as well as youth drain, it is fundamental to strengthen the socio-economic fabric in those areas, in line with the Cork 2.0. Declaration, particularly through job creation and generational renewal, by bringing the Commission's jobs and growth to rural areas, promoting social inclusion, generational renewal and the development of 'Smart Villages' across the European countryside. As indicated in the Communication on 'The Future of Food and Farming', new rural value chains such as renewable energy, the emerging bio-economy, the circular economy, and ecotourism can offer good growth and job potential for rural areas. In this context, financial instruments and the use of the InvestEU guarantee can play a crucial role for ensuring access to financing and for bolstering the growth capacity of farms and enterprises. There is a potential for employment opportunities in rural areas for legally staying third country nationals, promoting their social and economic integration especially in the framework of Community-led Local Development strategies.	As many rural areas in the Union suffer from structural problems such as lack of attractive employment opportunities, skill shortages, underinvestment in connectivity, infrastructures and essential services, as well as youth drain, it is fundamental to strengthen the socio-economic fabric in those areas, in line with the Cork 2.0. Declaration, particularly through job creation and generational renewal, by bringing the Commission's jobs and growth to rural areas, promoting social inclusion, generational renewal***, greater inclusion of women in the rural economy,*** and the development of 'Smart Villages' across the European countryside. As indicated in the Communication on 'The Future of Food and Farming', new rural value chains such as renewable energy, the emerging bio-economy, the circular economy, and ecotourism can offer good growth and job potential for rural areas. In this context, financial instruments and the use of the InvestEU guarantee can play a crucial role for ensuring access to financing and for bolstering the growth capacity of farms and enterprises. There is a potential for employment opportunities in rural areas for legally staying third country nationals, promoting their social and economic integration especially in the framework of Community-led Local Development strategies.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(16a) For the socio-economic sustainability of the rural areas, the European Commission shall check that the Member States ensure in the CAP Strategic Plan a coherence between the application of the Directive 2010/41/EU and the long term approach on the use of Rural Development funds.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(27) When providing decoupled direct support based on the system of payment entitlements, Member States should continue to manage a national reserve or reserves per group of territories. Such reserves should be used, as a matter of priority, for young farmers and farmers commencing their agricultural activity. Rules on the use and transfers of payment entitlements are also necessary in order to guarantee a smooth functioning of the system.	(27) When providing decoupled direct support based on the system of payment entitlements, Member States should continue to manage a national reserve or reserves per group of territories. Such reserves should be used, as a matter of priority, for young farmers***, women farmers*** and farmers commencing their agricultural activity. ***In order to improve women's involvement in agricultural sector, Member States may consider to support young women farmers in this respect.*** Rules on the use and transfers of payment entitlements are also necessary in order to guarantee a smooth functioning of the system.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 30 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(30a) Female entrepreneurship, in social, economic and environmental

terms, is an important sustainable development pillar in rural areas and should be promoted, encouraged and supported by Member States in their strategic plans. Member States should be allowed to establish an additional criterion for the use of the reserve for payment entitlements that would also cover female holders of agricultural holdings.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(41a) When investing in infrastructure, services and the acquisition of knowledge and skills, Member States should, as part of their strategic plans, consider building necessary infrastructure that forms part of a local development strategy and is also tailored to the needs of rural women. Such infrastructure should be aimed at providing the necessary assistance and support for the empowerment of women and the promotion of their employment. In order to reduce the gender employment gap and to increase female employment, it is necessary for Member States' Strategic Plans to promote the development of policies aimed at achieving a work-life balance. The development of care services and the building up of related infrastructure can contribute significantly to this. Support for this and similar measures may be funded under the subprogramme for women's empowerment in rural areas, and for this purpose the InvestEU and the ESF + programmes may be used in synergy.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(41a) Taking into account the on-going development of digitalisation in agricultural sector, Member States may develop sub-programme to upgrade digital skills in rural areas and may take further measures to minimize the digital gender gap by facilitating women's access to life-long learning, vocational and professional training in rural areas.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 42

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(42) In the light of the need to fill the investment gap in the Union agricultural sector and improve access to financial instruments for priority groups, notably young farmers and new entrants with higher risk profiles, use of the InvestEU guarantee and combination of grants and financial instruments should be encouraged. Since the use of financial instruments across Member States varies considerably as a result of differences in terms of access to finance, banking sector development, presence of risk capital, familiarity of public administrations and potential range of beneficiaries, Member States should establish in the CAP Strategic Plan appropriate targets, beneficiaries and preferential conditions, and other possible eligibility rules.	(42) In the light of the need to fill the investment gap in the Union agricultural sector and improve access to financial instruments for priority groups, notably ***women farmers,*** young farmers and new entrants with higher risk profiles, use of the InvestEU guarantee and combination of grants and financial instruments should be encouraged. Since the use of financial instruments across Member States varies considerably as a result of differences in terms of access to finance, banking sector development, presence of risk capital, familiarity of public administrations and potential range of beneficiaries, Member States should establish in the CAP Strategic Plan appropriate targets, beneficiaries and preferential conditions, and other possible eligibility rules.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(43) Young farmers and new entrants still face significant barriers regarding access to land, high prices and access to credit. Their businesses are more threatened by price volatility (for both inputs and produce) and their needs in terms of training in entrepreneurial and risk management skills are high. It is therefore essential to continue the support for the setting up of new businesses and new farms. Member States should provide for a strategic approach and identify a clear and coherent set of interventions for generational renewal under the specific objective dedicated to this issue. To this aim, Member States may set in their CAP Strategic Plans preferential conditions for financial instruments for young farmers and new entrants, and should include in their CAP Strategic Plan the ring-fencing of at least an amount corresponding to 2% of the annual direct payments' envelope. An increase of the maximum amount of aid for the installation of young farmers and rural business start-ups, up to EUR 100.000, which can be accessed also through or in combination with financial instrument form of support, should be established.	(43) Young farmers***, women farmers,*** and new entrants still face significant barriers regarding access to land, high prices and access to credit. Their businesses are more threatened by price volatility (for both inputs and produce) and their needs in terms of training in entrepreneurial and risk management skills are high. It is therefore essential to continue the support for the setting up of new businesses and new farms. Member States should provide for a strategic approach and identify a clear and coherent set of interventions for generational renewal under the specific objective dedicated to this issue. To this aim, Member States may set in their CAP Strategic Plans preferential conditions for financial instruments for young farmers***, women farmers*** and new entrants, and should include in their CAP Strategic Plan the ring-fencing of at least an amount corresponding to 2% of the annual direct payments' envelope. An increase of the maximum amount of aid for the installation of young farmers and rural business start-ups, up to EUR 100.000, which can be accessed also through or in combination with financial instrument form of support, should be established.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 43 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(43a) Recognising the importance of lifelong education and training for farmers, including education and training for women in rural areas, and taking into account the continually changing nature

of the labour market, appropriate education, training and retraining programmes should be provided in order to help reduce female unemployment in rural areas and to eliminate income and pension disparities between women and men.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 43 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(43b) In order to promote the principle of equality between women and men, Member States may, in their CAP Strategic Plans, set out specific conditions for financial instruments related to improving the situation of rural women and their business opportunities. They should therefore consider prioritising women, where necessary, in their CAP Strategic Plans, in order, inter alia, to ensure better access to farmland and credit, and to encourage female entrepreneurship, thus contributing to a greater representation of rural women among farm holders and entrepreneurs.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 73

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(73) Each CAP Strategic Plan should be subject to regular monitoring of the implementation and of progress towards the established targets. Such a performance, monitoring and evaluation framework of the CAP should be set up with the purpose of demonstrating the progress and assessing the impact and	(73) Each CAP Strategic Plan should be subject to regular monitoring of the implementation and of progress towards the established targets. Such a performance, monitoring and evaluation framework of the CAP should be set up with the purpose of demonstrating the progress and assessing the impact and

efficiency of policy implementation.	efficiency of policy implementation***, as well as its impact on fundamental rights***.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 74

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(74) The result-orientation triggered by the delivery model requires a strong performance framework, particularly since CAP Strategic Plans would contribute to broad general objectives for other shared managed policies. A performance-based policy implies annual and multi-annual assessment on the basis of selected outputs, result and impact indicators, as defined in the performance monitoring and evaluation framework. To this end, a limited and targeted set of indicators should be selected in a way which reflects as closely as possible whether the supported intervention contributes to achieving the envisaged objectives. Result and output indicators relating to climate- and environment-related objectives may include interventions set out in national environmental and climate-planning instruments emanating from Union legislation.	(74) The result-orientation triggered by the delivery model requires a strong performance framework, particularly since CAP Strategic Plans would contribute to broad general objectives for other shared managed policies. A performance-based policy implies annual and multi-annual assessment on the basis of selected outputs, result and impact indicators, as defined in the performance monitoring and evaluation framework. To this end, a limited and targeted set of indicators should be selected in a way which reflects as closely as possible whether the supported intervention contributes to achieving the envisaged objectives. ***These assessments, indicators and the performance monitoring and evaluation framework shall be developed in a gender-sensitive manner.*** Result and output indicators relating to climate- and environment-related objectives may include interventions set out in national environmental and climate-planning instruments emanating from Union legislation.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Member States shall provide in their CAP Strategic Plan the definitions of agricultural activity, agricultural area,	1. Member States shall provide in their CAP Strategic Plan the definitions of agricultural activity, agricultural area,

eligible hectare, genuine farmer and young farmer:	eligible hectare, genuine farmer***, women farmer*** and young farmer:

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(da) 'women farmer' shall be defined in a way that it includes:
	(i) being a woman;
	(ii) the conditions for being 'head of the holding';
	(iii) the appropriate training and/or skills required.

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(c) to strengthen the socio-economic fabric of rural areas.	(c) to strengthen the socio-economic fabric of rural areas***, gender equality and empower women in rural areas.***

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(h) promote employment, growth, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including bio-economy and sustainable forestry;	(h) promote employment, ***including special attention to women, advance equality between women and men and improve participation of women in economic activities, promote sustainable*** growth, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including bio-economy and sustainable forestry;

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Member States will be able to add gender-sensitive indicators by breaking down the common output, result and impact indicators, which are set out in Annex I into details in their Strategic Plan.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
Member States shall design the interventions of their CAP Strategic Plans in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the general principles of Union law.	Member States shall design the interventions of their CAP Strategic Plans in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the general principles of Union law***, with due regard to the principles of gender equality and non-discrimination, ensuring their full integration throughout the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the interventions***.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	3a. Member States shall be able to develop sub-programmes in the Strategic Plan to promote young farmers' and women farmers' access to the farm advisory services.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 4 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(b a) In the cases referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b), Member States may consider, when possible, granting priority to women, in particular women farmers who have set up a holding for the first time, in order to achieve the objective referred to in point (h) of Article 6(1).

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation
Article 64 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(e a) thematic sub-programme for women in rural areas;

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation
Article 64 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Member States may, in their Strategic Plans, provide for additional criteria for the types of intervention referred to paragraph 1 of this Article and consider developing gender-sensitive indicators to monitor and evaluate these interventions with a view to strengthening the position of women in rural areas in order to achieve the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1).

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation
Article 68 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) investments in basic services in rural areas;	(b) investments in basic services in rural areas***, including childcare and long-term care services and infrastructure***;

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation
Article 68 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 68b
	Installation of women farmers
	1. Member States shall grant support for the installation of women farmers under the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified in their CAP Strategic Plans with the view of contributing to the achievement of the specific objectives set out in Article 6.
	2. Member States may only grant support under this type of interventions to help the installation of women farmers who fulfil the conditions included in the definition set out in point (d a) of Article 4(1);
	3. Member States shall set conditions for the submission and the content of a business plan.
	4. Member States shall grant support in the form of lump sums. Support shall be limited to the maximum amount of EUR 100 000 and may be combined with financial instruments.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation
Article 69 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. Member States shall set conditions for the submission and the content of a business plan.	3. Member States shall set conditions for the submission and the content of a business plan. ***Programmes with a particular focus on female entrepreneurship shall be encouraged.***

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation
Article 69 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 69 a
	Thematic sub-programmes for women in rural areas
	1. Member States may grant support for the establishment and implementation of thematic sub-programmes for women in rural areas and to facilitate installation of women farmers encouraging female entrepreneurship in accordance with the terms of this Article and in accordance with their CAP Strategic Plans, this way contributing to the achievement of the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1).
	Such thematic sub-programmes may aim at improving women farmers' access to land, credit and financial instruments, promoting their performance and upgrading their knowledge and skills through education and training, promoting women's employment in rural areas, increasing their participation in local action groups and the development of local partnerships under the Leader programme, promoting their use of advisory services, this way addressing gender pay and pension gaps, improving work-life balance and further preventing women in rural areas from social

exclusion.

In addition, Member States may specifically cover the costs of measures facilitating the exchange of good practices regarding formalisation of the invisible work done by women in rural areas, this way ensuring their social security coverage and practical implementation of the Directive 2010/41/EU.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation
Article 73 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The Managing Authority of the CAP Strategic Plan or other designated intermediate bodies shall define selection criteria for interventions relating to the following types of interventions: investments, installation of young farmers and rural business start-up, cooperation, knowledge exchange and information, after consultation of the Monitoring Committee referred to in Article 111. Selection criteria shall aim to ensure equal treatment of applicants, better use of financial resources and targeting of the support in accordance with the purpose of the interventions.	The Managing Authority of the CAP Strategic Plan or other designated intermediate bodies shall define selection criteria for interventions relating to the following types of interventions: investments, installation of young farmers and rural business start-up, ***thematic sub-programme for women in rural areas,*** cooperation, knowledge exchange and information, after consultation of the Monitoring Committee referred to in Article 111. Selection criteria shall aim to ensure equal treatment of applicants ***without any form of discrimination***, better use of financial resources and targeting of the support in accordance with the purpose of the interventions.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation
Article 86 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. For each Member State the minimum amount set out in Annex X shall be reserved for contributing to the specific objective 'attract young farmers and	4. For each Member State the minimum amount set out in Annex X shall be reserved for contributing to the specific objective 'attract young farmers and

facilitate business development' set out in point (g) of Article 6(1). On the basis of the analysis of the situation in terms of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats ('the SWOT analysis') and the identification of the needs that are to be addressed, the amount shall be used for the following types of interventions:	facilitate business development' set out in point (g) of Article 6(1). On the basis of the analysis of the situation in terms of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats ('the SWOT analysis'), ***with due regard to the principle of equality between women and men*** and the identification of the needs that are to be addressed, the amount shall be used for the following types of interventions:

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation
Article 86 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
7. Member States may decide in their CAP Strategic Plan to use a certain share of the EAFRD allocation to leverage support and upscale integrated Strategic Nature Projects as defined under the [LIFE Regulation] and to finance actions in respect of transnational learning mobility of people in the field agricultural and rural development with a focus on young farmers, in accordance with the [Erasmus Regulation].	7. Member States may decide in their CAP Strategic Plan to use a certain share of the EAFRD allocation to leverage support and upscale integrated Strategic Nature Projects as defined under the [LIFE Regulation] and to finance actions in respect of transnational learning mobility of people in the field agricultural and rural development with a focus on young farmers, in accordance with the [Erasmus Regulation], ***and women in rural areas***.

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation
Article 86 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	3a. For each Member State the minimum amount set out in Annex Xa shall be reserved for contributing to the objective 'attract women farmers'. On the basis of the gender impact assessment, the analysis of the situation in terms of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats ('the SWOT analysis') and the

	identification of the needs that are to be addressed, the amount shall be used for the following type of intervention:
	the installation of women farmers referred to in Article 68b.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation
Article 86 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. For each Member State the minimum amount set out in Annex X shall be reserved for contributing to the specific objective 'attract young farmers and facilitate business development' set out in point (g) of Article 6(1). On the basis of the analysis of the situation in terms of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats ('the SWOT analysis') and the identification of the needs that are to be addressed, the amount shall be used for the following types of interventions:	4. For each Member State the minimum amount set out in Annex X shall be reserved for contributing to the specific objective 'attract young farmers and facilitate business development' set out in point (g) of Article 6(1). On the basis of ***the gender impact assessment,*** the analysis of the situation in terms of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats ('the SWOT analysis') and the identification of the needs that are to be addressed, the amount shall be used for the following types of interventions:

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation
Article 95 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(aa) Annex Ia on the gender impact assessment;

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation
Article 96 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) summary of the SWOT analysis as referred to in Article 103(2);	(a) summary of the SWOT analysis as referred to in Article 103(2)***, a gender perspective shall be incorporated into the analysis***;

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation
Article 96 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
Member States shall use the most recent and most reliable data for this assessment.	Member States shall use the most recent and most reliable data for this assessment. ***Member States shall make use of sex-disaggregated data when necessary.***

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation
Article 97 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ea) An explanation as to which interventions will contribute to achieving greater gender equality and to promote women's development in rural areas;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation
Article 103 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	For the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1), the SWOT analysis shall be developed in a gender-responsive manner

when necessary.

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation
Article 106 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. The Commission shall assess the proposed CAP Strategic Plans on the basis of the completeness of the plans, the consistency and coherence with the general principles of Union law, with this Regulation and the provisions adopted pursuant to it and with the Horizontal Regulation, their effective contribution to the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1), the impact on the proper functioning of the internal market and distortion of competition, the level of administrative burden on beneficiaries and administration. The assessment shall address, in particular, the adequacy of the strategy of the CAP Strategic Plan, the corresponding specific objectives, targets, interventions and the allocation of budgetary resources to meet the specific CAP Strategic Plan objectives through the proposed set of interventions on the basis of the SWOT analysis and the ex-ante evaluation.	2. The Commission shall assess the proposed CAP Strategic Plans on the basis of the completeness of the plans, the consistency and coherence with the general principles of Union law, with this Regulation and the provisions adopted pursuant to it and with the Horizontal Regulation, their effective contribution to the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1), the impact on the proper functioning of the internal market and distortion of competition, the level of administrative burden on beneficiaries and administration. The assessment shall address, in particular, the adequacy of the strategy of the CAP Strategic Plan, the corresponding specific objectives, targets, interventions and the allocation of budgetary resources to meet the specific CAP Strategic Plan objectives through the proposed set of interventions on the basis of the ***gender impact assessment, the*** SWOT analysis and the ex-ante evaluation.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation
Article 110 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(aa) ensure the implementation of gender mainstreaming throughout the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the interventions of the CAP Strategic Plans;

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation
Article 111 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The Member State shall decide the composition of the Monitoring Committee and shall ensure a balanced representation of the relevant public authorities and intermediate bodies and of representatives of the partners referred to in Article 94(3).	The Member State shall decide the composition of the Monitoring Committee and shall ensure a balanced representation of the relevant public authorities and intermediate bodies and of representatives of the partners referred to in Article 94(3)***, including at least one representative of a relevant body responsible for promoting gender equality***. ***Member States shall ensure equal access of women and men to CAP Monitoring Committee and encourage it to include female members.***

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation
Article 111 – paragraph 3 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(d a) the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of CAP Strategic Plan with the use of gender mainstreaming approach.

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation
Article 113 – paragraph 3 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(c a) exchange best practices on women's empowerment in rural areas;

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation
Article 113 – paragraph 3 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(e a) contribution to capacity building for Member States administrations in gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting of CAP Strategic Plan, the collection and use of sex-disaggregated data and creation of a platform for stakeholders to exchange the best practices on women's empowerment in rural areas at different levels linked with the specific objectives set out in Article 6 (1);

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation
Article 115 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(c) data collection, storage and transmission;	(c) data collection, storage and transmission***, including collection of sex-disaggregated data***;

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation
Article 115 – paragraph 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(f) the ex-ante, interim, and ex post evaluations and all other evaluation activities linked to the CAP Strategic Plan;	(f) the ex-ante, interim, and ex post evaluations and all other evaluation activities linked to the CAP Strategic Plan***, which should also address women's needs in rural areas***;

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation
Article 116 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) assess the impact, effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and Union added value of the CAP;	(a) assess the impact, effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and Union added value of the CAP***, including its impact on fundamental rights***;

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation
Article 116 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) assess the impact, effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and coherence of the interventions of the CAP Strategic Plans;	(d) assess the impact, effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and coherence of the interventions of the CAP Strategic Plans***, including its impact on fundamental rights***;

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation
Article 121 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Data and indicators shall be, where relevant, defined and collected disaggregated by gender.

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation
Article 125 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Member States shall carry out ex-ante evaluations to improve the quality of	1. Member States shall carry out ***gender responsive*** ex-ante evaluations to improve the quality of the design of their

the design of their CAP Strategic Plans.	CAP Strategic Plans.

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation
Article 125 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. Member States shall ensure that that the interventions proposed in the CAP Strategic Plans enhance gender equality through systematic analysis of their impact on women's empowerment in rural areas;

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation
Article 125 – paragraph 3 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(g) the suitability of the procedures for monitoring the CAP Strategic Plan and for collecting the data necessary to carry out evaluations;	(g) the suitability of the procedures for monitoring the CAP Strategic Plan and for collecting the data, ***including sex-dissagregated data,*** necessary to carry out evaluations;

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation
Article 126 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Member States shall carry out evaluations of the CAP Strategic Plans shall be carried out by the to improve the quality of the design and implementation of the plans, as well as to assess their effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence, Union added value and impact	1. Member States shall carry out evaluations of the CAP Strategic Plans shall be carried out by the to improve the quality of the design and implementation of the plans, as well as to assess their effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence, Union added value and impact

in relation to their contribution to the CAP general and specific objectives set out in Articles 5 and 6(1).	in relation to their contribution to the CAP general and specific objectives set out in Articles 5 and 6(1). ***Such evaluations shall be carried out in a gender-sensitive manner.***

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation
Article 127 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. The Commission shall carry out an interim evaluation to examine the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and Union added value of the EAGF and the EAFRD by the end of the third year following the start of implementation of the CAP Strategic Plans taking into account the indicators set out in Annex I. The Commission may make use of all relevant information already available in accordance with Article [128] of the [New Financial Regulation].	2. The Commission shall carry out an interim evaluation***, using sex-dissagregated data, when possible,*** to examine the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and Union added value of the EAGF and the EAFRD by the end of the third year following the start of implementation of the CAP Strategic Plans taking into account the indicators set out in Annex I. The Commission may make use of all relevant information already available in accordance with Article [128] of the [New Financial Regulation].

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation
Article 127 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	3 a. A gender mainstreaming approach shall be used in the interim evaluation and ex post evaluation, with sex-disaggregated data, to evaluate the impacts and added value of CAP in promoting women's development in rural areas.

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation
Article 127 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. Based on evidence provided in evaluations on the CAP, including evaluations on CAP Strategic Plans, as well as other relevant information sources, the Commission shall present an initial report on the implementation of this Article, including first results on the performance of the CAP, to the European Parliament and the Council, after the completion of the interim evaluation. A second report including an assessment of the performance of the CAP shall be presented by 31 December 2031.	4. Based on evidence provided in evaluations on the CAP, including evaluations on CAP Strategic Plans, as well as other relevant information sources, the Commission shall present an initial report on the implementation of this Article, including first results on the performance of the CAP, ***with due regard to the principle of gender equality as set in general objectives in Article 5 and specific objectives set in Article 6(1),*** to the European Parliament and the Council, after the completion of the interim evaluation. A second report including an assessment of the performance of the CAP shall be presented by 31 December 2031.

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation
Article 128 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
In compliance with its reporting requirement pursuant to Article [38(3)(e)(i)] of the [New Financial Regulation], the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and the Council the performance information referred to in that Article measured by the core set of indicators set out in Annex XII.	In compliance with its reporting requirement pursuant to Article [38(3)(e)(i)] of the [New Financial Regulation], the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and the Council the performance information referred to in that Article measured by the core set of indicators set out in Annex XII. ***Such indicators set out in Annex XII may be sex-disaggregated with an aim to achieving gender equality in the rural areas;***

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation
Article 129 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. Data needed for the context and impact indicators shall primarily come from established data sources, such as the Farm Accountancy Data Network and Eurostat. Where data for these indicators are not available or not complete, the gaps shall be addressed in the context of the European Statistical Program established under Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council[40] , the legal framework governing the Farm Accountancy Data Network or through formal agreements with other data providers such as the Joint Research Centre and the European Environment Agency.	2. Data needed for the context and impact indicators shall primarily come from established data sources, such as the Farm Accountancy Data Network***, EIGE*** and Eurostat. Where data for these indicators are not available or not complete, the gaps shall be addressed in the context of the European Statistical Program established under Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council[40] , the legal framework governing the Farm Accountancy Data Network or through formal agreements with other data providers such as the Joint Research Centre and the European Environment Agency.
[40] Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programs of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).	[40] Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programs of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation

ANNEX I

IMPACT, RESULT AND OUTPUT INDICATORS PURUSANT TO ARTICLE 7

Text proposed by the Commission

EU Specific objectives	**Impact indicators**	**Result indicators** (only based on interventions supported by the CAP)

EU Specific objectives	Impact indicators	Result indicators (only based on interventions supported by the CAP)
Promote employment, growth, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including bio-economy and sustainable forestry	**I.22 Contributing to jobs in rural areas**: Evolution of the employment rate in predominantly rural areas **I.23 Contributing to growth in rural areas**: Evolution of GDP per head in predominantly rural areas **1.24 A fairer CAP**: Improve the distribution of CAP support **I.25 Promoting rural inclusion**: Evolution of poverty index in rural areas	**R.31 Growth and jobs in rural areas:** New jobs in supported projects **R.32 Developing the rural bioeconomy**: Number of bio-economy businesses developed with support **R.33 Digitising the rural economy**: Rural population covered by a supported Smart Villages strategy **R.34 Connecting rural Europe:** Share of rural population benefitting from improved access to services and infrastructure through CAP support **R.35 Promoting social inclusion:** Number of people from minority and/or vulnerable groups benefitting from supported social inclusion projects

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EU Specific objectives	Impact indicators	Result indicators (only based on interventions supported by the CAP)
Promote employment, ***including special attention to women, advance equality between women and men and improve participation of women in economic activities, promote*** growth, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including bio-economy and sustainable forestry;	**I.21a *Contributing to empower women in rural areas: Evolution of the women's rate in receiving CAP support*** **I.22 Contributing to jobs in rural areas**: Evolution of the employment rate in predominantly rural areas ***I.22a.Contributing to increase women's employment rate and female entrepreneurship in rural areas: Evolution of women's employment rate in predominantly rural areas*** **I.23 Contributing to growth in rural areas**: Evolution of GDP per head in predominantly rural areas **1.24 A fairer CAP**: Improve the distribution of CAP support **I.25 Promoting rural inclusion**: Evolution of poverty index in rural areas, ***disaggregated by sex***	***R.30 a. Women in agricultural activities: Increasing the proportion of women who receive support under the CAP, including support from all types of CAP Payment; number of women farmers setting up a farm with support from the CAP*** ***R30 b. Young women in rural areas. Increasing the proportion of young women who receive support for the establishment of agricultural holdings or businesses under the CAP*** **R.31 Growth and jobs in rural areas:** New jobs in supported projects ***R.31.a Increasing female employment in rural areas. The proportion of jobs for women and female entrepreneurship in projects receiving CAP funding*** **R.32 Developing the rural bioeconomy**: Number of bio-economy businesses developed with support **R.33 Digitising the rural economy**: Rural population covered by a supported Smart Villages strategy **R.34 Connecting rural Europe:** Share of rural population benefitting from improved access to services and infrastructure through CAP support***, may include the share of women in rural areas receiving vocational and professional training, farm advisory services through CAP support, and the share of women participating in local action groups and local partnerships under the Leader programme.*** ***R.35 Promoting social inclusion: Number of people from minority and/or vulnerable groups benefitting from supported social inclusion projects, disaggregated by sex.***

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation
Annex X a (new) – Table

Text proposed by the Commission

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ANNEX Xa
MINIMUM AMOUNTS RESERVED FOR THE OBJECTIVE "ATTRACT WOMEN FARMERS" AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 86(3a)

Calendar year	***2021***	***2022***	***2023***	***2024***	***2025***	***2026***	***2027 and the subsequent years***
Belgium	9 712 079	9 712 079	9 712 079	9 712 079	9 712 079	9 712 079	9 712 079
Bulgaria	15 475 439	15 644 780	15 814 121	15 983 462	16 152 803	16 322 144	16 322 144
Czech Republic	16 776 886	16 776 886	16 776 886	16 776 886	16 776 886	16 776 886	16 776 886
Denmark	16 922 490	16 922 490	16 922 490	16 922 490	16 922 490	16 922 490	16 922 490
Germany	96 462 159	96 462 159	96 462 159	96 462 159	96 462 159	96 462 159	96 462 159
Estonia	3 354 430	3 453 356	3 552 281	3 651 206	3 750 131	3 849 057	3 849 057
Ireland	23 278 766	23 278 766	23 278 766	23 278 766	23 278 766	23 278 766	23 278 766
Greece	37 120 578	37 120 578	37 120 578	37 120 578	37 120 578	37 120 578	37 120 578
Spain	94 203 434	94 346 677	94 489 919	94 633 162	94 776 404	94 919 647	94 919 647
France	142 955 739	142 955 739	142 955 739	142 955 739	142 955 739	142 955 739	142 955 739
Croatia	6 886 800	7 354 228	7 354 228	7 354 228	7 354 228	7 354 228	7 354 228
Italy	71 203 710	71 203 710	71 203 710	71 203 710	71 203 710	71 203 710	71 203 710

Cyprus	935 002	935 002	935 002	935 002	935 002	935 002	935 002
Latvia	5 992 672	6 165 893	6 339 113	6 512 334	6 685 555	6 858 775	6 858 775
Lithuania	10 216 405	10 494 645	10 772 885	11 051 125	11 329 365	11 607 604	11 607 604
Luxembourg	642 620	642 620	642 620	642 620	642 620	642 620	642 620
Hungary	24 395 393	24 395 393	24 395 393	24 395 393	24 395 393	24 395 393	24 395 393
Malta	90 150	90 150	90 150	90 150	90 150	90 150	90 150
Netherlands	14 077 407	14 077 407	14 077 407	14 077 407	14 077 407	14 077 407	14 077 407
Austria	13 296 391	13 296 391	13 296 391	13 296 391	13 296 391	13 296 391	13 296 391
Poland	59 459 556	60 071 486	60 683 415	61 295 345	61 907 274	62 519 203	62 519 203
Portugal	11 693 003	11 865 375	12 037 746	12 210 118	12 382 490	12 554 862	12 554 862
Romania	37 123 452	37 664 232	38 205 012	38 745 792	39 286 572	39 827 352	39 827 352
Slovenia	2 581 053	2 581 053	2 581 053	2 581 053	2 581 053	2 581 053	2 581 053
Slovakia	7 676 128	7 771 499	7 866 870	7 962 242	8 057 613	8 152 985	8 152 985
Finland	10 119 993	10 155 679	10 191 365	10 227 051	10 262 736	10 298 422	10 298 422
Sweden	13 455 218	13 459 695	13 464 172	13 468 649	13 473 126	13 477 604	13 477 604

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	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)
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Result of final vote	+: 26 –: 3 0: 4
Members present for the final vote	Daniela Aiuto, Maria Arena, Heinz K. Becker, Malin Björk, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Iratxe García Pérez, Arne Gericke, Anna Hedh, Mary Honeyball, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Angelika Mlinar, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, João Pimenta Lopes, Terry Reintke, Michaela Šojdrová, Ernest Urtasun, Anna Záborská
Substitutes present for the final vote	Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Urszula Krupa, Clare Moody, Branislav Škripek, Marc Tarabella, Mylène Troszczynski, Julie Ward
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Franc Bogovič, Norbert Erdős, Andrzej Grzyb, Rina Ronja Kari, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Sofia Ribeiro, Bronis Ropė

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

26	+
ALDE	Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz
EFDD	Daniela Aiuto
PPE	Heinz K. Becker, Franc Bogovič, Norbert Erdős, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Andrzej Grzyb, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Marijana Petir, Sofia Ribeiro, Michaela Šojdrová, Anna Záborská
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VERTS/ALE	Terry Reintke, Bronis Ropė, Ernest Urtasun

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ECR	Urszula Krupa, Branislav Škripek
ENF	Mylène Troszczynski

4	0
ECR	Arne Gericke
GUE/NGL	Malin Björk, Rina Ronja Kari, João Pimenta Lopes

Key to symbols:
+ : in favour
- : against
0 : abstention