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Subject: Multiannual financial framework and Common Agricultural Policy

The Commission is expected to present its draft multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2028-2034 in July 2025. This budget will have to address new defence and security challenges while maintaining intensive efforts to combat climate change. It must also become ‘more focused, simpler and more impactful’. At the same time, the mission letter from Commissioner Hansen stressed the need for the existing legal framework to be much simplified. Given all of these lines of thought on legislative reform, one wonders how the Commission will ensure that all relevant stakeholders – in particular regional governments, agricultural associations, industry representatives and actors from rural areas – will remain actively involved in the design and implementation of EU funding. These groups have in-depth knowledge of regional and sectoral conditions and make a significant contribution to the successful implementation of the relevant programmes. It is of utmost importance that they are involved at an early stage and throughout the process if we wish to ensure that funding is used in a targeted, practical and needs-based manner.

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that EU funding is provided in a simpler and more targeted and effective manner without neglecting the specific needs of EU agriculture, rural areas and the food production sector?

2. How does it intend to maintain a uniform legal framework for a unified and adequately funded common agricultural policy?

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