

Question for written answer E-003453/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: The new CAP budget – insufficient to cater for candidate countries

The budget proposed for the future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) 2028-2034 is EUR 300 billion, or 15 % less than the current budget. This raises questions in connection with food security and this as a strategic priority for the EU. Farmers and farming are the backbone of the EU, but go unseen. They typically receive between 7-10 % of the retail price of a food product, and rely on the subsidies expected from the CAP as a source of income.

Despite this situation, the reduction in CAP funding for the 2028-2034 period will feed into lower subsidies and, although an inflation adjustment clause has been provided for, there are no indications as to how this will impact on CAP subsidies for candidate countries to the EU when they join the Union.

1. What are the potential scenarios for European agriculture should one or more candidate countries join the EU, especially as regards direct payments under the CAP?
2. How does the Commission plan to protect European farmers, with a reduced budget, in the event of a future enlargement of the EU?
3. What is the strategy for supporting and successfully integrating farmers from future Member States into the CAP, and what funding will be allocated for this?

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