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Subject: Transparency regarding the final beneficiaries of CAP aid and foreign investment in European agricultural land

A recent journalistic investigation has revealed that companies linked to sovereign wealth funds and the ruling family of the United Arab Emirates have received tens of millions of euro in EU common agricultural policy (CAP) subsidies through very large agricultural holdings located in several EU Member States.

This situation raises questions about transparency regarding the final beneficiaries of EU aid, land concentration and the monitoring of foreign investments in strategic agricultural assets.

While the Commission has launched a pilot project for a European Land Observatory, it is asked to answer the following questions:

1. Does the Commission plan to make it mandatory to identify the final beneficiaries of farms receiving CAP subsidies, including when these are held through subsidiaries or transnational arrangements?
2. Will the future European Land Observatory be tasked with monitoring foreign investments in large-scale purchases of agricultural land within the EU?
3. Does the Commission consider that current CAP rules effectively prevent land concentration and the capture of subsidies by very large farms or financial actors?

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