

**Question for written answer E-003890/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: CAP financial instruments

Regulation (EU) 2026/1768 amended Article 80 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 to clarify that working capital, including stand-alone working capital, may constitute eligible expenditure under common agricultural policy interventions. Article 68 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 provides that, in the case of financial instruments in the form of loans, eligible expenditure corresponds to payments to final recipients. There is a need to clarify whether, in cases where a financial instrument provides a loan to a farmer for the purpose of financing eligible working capital, the principal amount of that loan disbursed to the final recipient may itself be considered eligible expenditure for the purposes of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development contribution.

1. Does the Commission consider that the principal amount of a loan disbursed to a final recipient through a financial instrument may constitute eligible expenditure under Article 80 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, read in conjunction with Article 58 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, where the loan is used to finance eligible working capital, including stand-alone working capital?
2. Could the Commission clarify whether the loan principal actually disbursed to the farmer may be included as eligible expenditure for the purposes of the EU contribution to the financial instrument, irrespective of the subsequent repayment of that principal by the final recipient?

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