

**Priority question for written answer P-001840/2025  
to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** Establishment of a task force on targeting support for farmers in response to the strategic dialogue recommendations

The strategic dialogue report submitted to the Commission President in September 2024 was lauded across the board for its content and for the collaborative process used to draft it.

One of the report's key messages is that common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments need to be shifted away from per-hectare aid towards more targeted forms of support. It is stated in the report that 'Today basic income support remains the most funded CAP measure however it is mostly unrelated to socio-economic needs. Therefore, this income support clearly needs to be better targeted at the active farmers who need it most, not only for reasons of sound public budgeting, but also to avoid negative corollaries, such as impacts on land prices and leases that make agricultural production more expensive and hinder generational renewal and reduction of administrative burden.'

It is also stated in the report that 'An independent task force composed of social policy, economic and agronomic experts should be mandated by the European Commission to evaluate the most appropriate mechanisms and criteria to better target income payments.'

1. Has this task force been set up?
2. When are its findings expected?

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