

EN

E-001487/2024

Answer given by Mr Wojciechowski
on behalf of the European Commission
(10.9.2024)

1. One of the main priorities of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) 2021-2027 is to promote a more balanced distribution of income support to small and medium-sized holdings. To achieve this objective, Member States have at their disposal a varied set of tools defined in the CAP regulatory framework, as adopted by the co-legislators. This set includes, among others, capping and degressivity of the amount of the basic income support for sustainability (BISS), as well as interventions such as the complementary redistributive income support for sustainability (CRISS) and the payment for small farmers (PSF). Under the current CAP framework, Member States have also a greater flexibility as regards the choice of the mix of policy tools to achieve CAP objectives, including fairer distribution and more effective and efficient targeting of income support to those who need it most.

Within their CAP Strategic Plans, Member States must provide an overview of their redistribution needs and explanation of how the chosen mix of CAP tools will address those needs, while taking into account country-specific farm structures. This information is presented under Section 3.4 of the CAP Strategic Plans entitled 'Overview as regards the aim of fairer distribution and more effective and efficient targeting of income support'.

2. Member States' financial allocations for the CAP have been defined in the framework of the 2021-2027 EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and are reflected in the CAP regulatory framework. The financial allocation that Member States have defined under their respective CAP Strategic plans can be amended by Member States in line with the flexibility offered by the regulatory framework and subject to approval by the Commission.

The Commission will table its proposal for the MFF post-2027 in 2025, which will be followed by discussions between the Council and the European Parliament on the size and composition of the next MFF.