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The Commission proposal on the architecture and modalities of the next EU long-term budget will be adopted in 2025. As set out in the Political Guidelines for the next Commission 2024-2029¹ as well as in the mission letters to the Commissioners², a new approach for a modern and reinforced budget is envisaged. The objective is to have a budget that is more focussed on the EU's priorities, that is simpler and more impactful.

Regarding the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the Commission will ensure that it is targeted, finds the right balance between incentives, investments and regulation, and is delivered without excessive bureaucracy for farmers. The report on the Strategic Dialogue on the future of EU agriculture provides a very strong basis to move this work forward.

The priority will be to strengthen the competitiveness, resilience and sustainability of the agricultural sector. It is also vital that farmers have a fair and sufficient income and are rewarded for working with nature, preserving biodiversity and natural ecosystems.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf

² https://commission.europa.eu/about/organisation/college-commissioners_en