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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Vision for Agriculture and Food presented on 19 February 2025¹ contains an ambitious roadmap and the different work streams towards an agri-food system that is attractive, competitive, future-oriented and fair for current and future generations.

The Commission is of the opinion that working towards a more environmentally sustainable and competitive sector must and can go hand in hand. Going forward to achieve both objectives, the vision envisages a more inclusive approach, with a focus to build trust and dialogue across the entire agri-food system in the EU, to work towards solutions that are tailored to specific contexts in a pragmatic way.

Working towards a sustainable agri-food sector, the transition must integrate economic, environmental and implementation challenges, as well as the need for a just transition in social terms. It must also recognise specificities of farming: on the one hand, agriculture will always have a degree of impact on natural resources, with limitations in terms of mitigation compared to other sectors of the economy. On the other, it needs to cater for the resources it depends on. Also, situations across regions and territories differ greatly. This calls for well-tailored and targeted solutions. The future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for the period post-2027 will consider all these elements.

Meanwhile, the Commission continues its efforts to simplify the delivery of the current CAP in view of reducing the administrative burden and providing more flexibility to farmers and national administrations. The second simplification package of the current CAP is expected for the second quarter of 2025.

¹ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/vision-agriculture-food_en#:~:text=Shaping%20the%20future%20of%20farming%20and%20the%20agri-food,entire%20value%20chain%20within%20the%20EU%20and%20globally