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on behalf of the European Commission

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The Commission adopted on 11 February 2025 the Communication ‘The road to the next multiannual financial framework’¹ (MFF), outlining the key policy and budgetary challenges that will shape the next long-term budget of the EU and setting a clear direction: a more focused, simpler and more impactful budget.

For the next MFF, Europe needs to square the circle: there cannot be an EU budget fit for the Union’s ambitions, the reimbursement of NextGenerationEU debt, and, at the same time, stable national contributions without new own resources. Choices need to be made.

As regards the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), building on the Vision for Agriculture and Food², a CAP that is fit for purpose must provide targeted support to farmers who need it most, promote positive environmental and social outcomes through rewards and incentives for ecosystem services, support the right enabling conditions for thriving rural areas, find the right balance between incentives, investments and regulations, and ensure that farmers have a fair and sufficient income.

The Commission launched a public consultation inviting stakeholders and citizens to have their say on the future EU budget and the policies it should support³. The Commission invites for a broad dialogue to help prepare the proposal for the next MFF, which will be presented in July 2025.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/6d47acb4-9206-4d0f-8f9b-3b10cad7b1ed_en?filename=Communication%20on%20the%20road%20to%20the%20next%20MFF_en.pdf

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0075>

³ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/common-agricultural-policy/cap-overview/main-initiatives-strategic-dialogue-future-eu-agriculture_en