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The Commission's proposal for the next multiannual financial framework will ensure a simpler, more focused and impactful budget aligned with EU priorities. Recognising the importance of food security and nature protection for Europe's quality of life, the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) will aim to support farmers in a more targeted way, enhance environmental and social outcomes, and foster thriving rural areas in a simpler, more targeted manner, with the right balance between incentives, investment and regulation.

The Commission is aware of the challenges in Romania's livestock sector. Several measures already exist and can be used to support the sector. Current solutions for this sector under the CAP framework such as coupled income support, sectoral interventions, and investments allow for targeted strategies without causing disproportionate trade distortion. Romania and other Member States also offer transitional national aid. Supporting breeding animal purchases is not in line with the current CAP rules.

Fishing capacity ceilings are vital to prevent overfishing. The Commission recognises the challenges they may pose for fleet modernisation. Under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), Member States can already address additional capacity needs, as many have a margin between capacity ceilings and actual fishing capacity. An evaluation of the CFP Regulation is ongoing, with results expected in early 2026, to assess its suitability in today's context and emerging challenges.