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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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In 2022 and 2023, the Commission's Joint Research Centre provided technical information to assist Member States with the mapping of peatland and wetland as part of a project entitled 'Satellite based mapping and monitoring of European peatland and wetland for LULUCF¹ and agriculture' (SEPLA). This notwithstanding, defining the territorial scope of the Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition Standard for the protection of wetland and peatland (GAEC 2) within the context of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Strategic Plans lies primarily with the Member States. The Commission services assess whether the scope proposed by the Member States aligns with the standard's core objective, as set out in Article 109(2)(a)(i) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115². It is for the Member States to carry out the relevant mapping and to decide to publish the scientific data, methodology and potential resulting restrictions imposed on farming activity underpinning its chosen approach.

¹ Land use, land-use change and forestry Regulation - https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/land-use-sector_en.

² <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2115/oj>.