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In line with the Communication of 11 February 2025 on ‘The road to the next multiannual financial framework’¹ (MFF), the Commission will ensure that the upcoming MFF is simpler, more focused and aligned with EU priorities. Food security and nature protection are recognised as vital for Europe's quality of life and the Communication emphasises, in line with the ‘Vision on Agriculture and Food’² the need for a fit-for-purpose Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) that provides support to farmers who need it most, enhance environmental and social outcomes and foster thriving rural areas. In doing so, it should become simpler, targeted and find the right balance between incentives, investment and regulation while ensuring that farmers have a fair and sufficient income.

As per the political guidelines 2024-2029 of the Commission³ and the mentioned Communication, at the core of this modernised budget there would be a plan for each country with key reforms and investments, focusing on EU joint priorities, including promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion, and designed and implemented in partnership with national, regional and local authorities. The next MFF will continue to support Cohesion policy and CAP to deliver on their respective objectives in the most effective way.

The European Parliament will have an important role in shaping the next MFF. Its consent is required for the Council to adopt the MFF Regulation at unanimity. As a co-legislator and as per the Interinstitutional agreement on cooperation in budgetary matters⁴, the European Parliament will also be able to influence the future instruments during the negotiation of the sectoral basic acts, in the same way as it did for the current MFF.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0046>.

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

³ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en.

⁴ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020Q1222\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020Q1222(01)).