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**Question for written answer E-002592/25
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting the common agricultural policy (CAP) in the multiannual financial framework

Commission communication COM(2025) 46 final, entitled ‘The road to the next multiannual financial framework’, reveals the Commission’s intention to merge the common agricultural policy (CAP) into a single fund together with the cohesion policies. Such a serious move would irreversibly undermine the CAP’s historical, strategic and social function.

The CAP is not like the other sectoral funds: it ensures food sovereignty, territorial cohesion and agricultural sustainability. Diluting it into an indistinct financial logic means denying the role of agriculture as the backbone of the European project. The reactions of the farming community and the Member States are clear: this idea is unacceptable.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission prepared to formally declare the withdrawal of any proposal or idea about merging the CAP into a single fund, and will it commit to presenting a post-2027 multiannual financial framework that ensures there is a dedicated and strengthened agricultural budget?
2. Will it immediately set up a transparent, binding and participatory process involving agricultural representatives and local authorities, based on preliminary public impact assessments, for any future proposals concerning the CAP?

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Answer given by Mr Hansen on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission’s proposal for the multiannual financial framework (MFF) post-2027 maintains a robust Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

Anchored to the EU Treaty objectives, the CAP will retain a distinct role within the National and Regional Partnership Plans to provide a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, guarantee food security and affordability, and ensure market stability and rural community support, while contributing to environmental and climate objectives.

The CAP will maintain its comprehensive set of instruments, ensuring EU common objectives and basic policy requirements are established at EU level, while enhancing flexibility in funding and leverage, enabling more effective support for beneficiaries.

With the new Plans’ holistic approach and more integrated policy planning, agriculture and rural areas stand to gain from synergies with other policy areas, with access to additional funding such as for improved services, infrastructure, or energy.

The Commission proposed a ring-fenced budget of EUR 300 billion to support farmers’ income and a twofold increase of the funds to address possible market disturbances under the Unity Safety Net, providing the needed predictability to farmers.

An inflation-handling method is introduced for the whole MFF to avoid unexpected inflationary shocks impact the EU’s ability to deliver on its objectives, including support to farmers and rural areas.

A collaborative approach has been central to shaping the future CAP through extensive dialogues, consultations, workshops, and engagements with stakeholders including the farming community.

This process will continue, reinforcing the Commission’s commitment to stakeholder engagement in future CAP developments.
