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The EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) needs to adapt to the challenges and opportunities faced by EU agriculture but does not warrant a complete revision. The Commission's proposals under the proposed multiannual financial framework (MFF) 2028-2034¹ aim for an evolution and maintain a robust CAP. Within the proposed structure, the CAP would continue to rely on its comprehensive set of instruments, ensuring that common objectives and basic policy requirements are set at EU level while providing greater flexibility in funding, thus enabling more effective support for beneficiaries. The future long-term EU budget and revenue system will shortly be discussed in the Council.

A dedicated budget of at least EUR 293.7 billion is allocated to farmers' income support, providing predictable aid to ensure fair income, supporting environmental sustainability, on-farm investment and interventions in certain sectors, including wine. To address possible market disturbances, additional EUR 6.3 billion is reserved under the Unity Safety Net, doubling the current agricultural reserve. Farmers will also benefit from the European Competitiveness Fund and the Horizon Programme, where around EUR 40 billion will be available, including to foster innovation in health, agriculture, bioeconomy and biotech.

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

Outside the CAP, in the context of international cooperation, Team Europe² invested around EUR 13.6 billion in 2021-2023 in partner countries to increase food security and the sustainability of local and global food systems.

¹ tabled on 16 July 2025.

² In this context, Team Europe refers to the joint mobilisation of resources from the EU Institutions, specifically, DG ENEST, and DG ECHO, together with those of EU Member States, as part of the EU's overall commitment of EUR 18 billion until 2024 to address global food insecurity - https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/eu-actions-enhance-global-food-security_en#:~:text=The%20European%20Union%20is%20taking%20steps%20to%20ensure,aid%20and%20support%20to%20the%20most%20affected%20farmers.