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In the new multiannual financial framework agriculture and rural areas remain a priority, strengthening the EU's strategic autonomy, food security and sustainability. The proposal ensures that the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) fulfils its EU Treaty objectives and provides consistent support for farmers, even in the face of geopolitical instability.

The Commission proposed a ring-fenced budget of EUR 293.7 billion as a minimum to support farmers' income and additionally, a twofold increase of the funds to address possible market disturbances under the Unity Safety Net amounting to EUR 6.3 billion, providing predictability to farmers.

Member States will also be able to allocate additional funds to the CAP from the non-ring-fenced amount within their National and Regional Partnership Fund and identify synergy projects meeting more than one policy objective, thereby further safeguarding sustainability for the sector. To back generational renewal, young farmers will benefit from targeted support and from a wide range of tools including a 'starter pack' of measures tailored to their specific needs, supported by a broader set of actions and reforms needed in areas beyond the CAP that the upcoming Strategy for Generational Renewal will lay out. This comprehensive approach will help them address their challenges and promote a more vibrant and diverse agricultural sector.