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The 6 % proposed in the Strategy for Generational Renewal in Agriculture is an aspirational benchmark intended to double the current level of dedicated support for generational renewal. Its purpose is to urge Member States in prioritising young farmers support planned in the National and Regional Partnership (NRP) plans within their budgetary envelope and to promote coordinated action across policies and competences.

The benchmark covers all Common Agricultural Policy expenditure contributing to generational renewal, including ring-fenced measures and other interventions that have a clear and demonstrable link to this objective, for example advisory schemes, knowledge-transfer actions or initiatives supporting succession. Member States will identify these measures in their NRP Plans. This requirement provides transparency on what each Member State counts towards the 6 % and ensures that budgetary choices can be assessed against the ambition to double current efforts. The Commission will oversee and guide the implementation of this target through the future steering mechanism, in particular common agricultural policy recommendations and approval process of NRP plans.

This approach ensures that, even if aspirational, the benchmark acts as a concrete reference for national spending decisions and increases the likelihood that additional funding is effectively directed to young farmers.