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on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission's legislative proposals for a Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034 promote an integrated approach to the development of rural areas. Moreover, the Commission suggested setting a 'rural target' of at least 10% of the resources of each National and Regional Partnership (NRP) Plan on top of amounts earmarked for the Common Agricultural Policy to support rural development, including the provision of social services which benefit women. As announced in the Vision for Agriculture and Food, the Commission will soon launch a platform for Women in Farming to attract more women to the sector.
2. Article 7 of the NRP¹ Plan proposal defines the applicable horizontal principles, such as the principle of non-discrimination and gender equality. Article 56 of the proposal requires the monitoring committee, inter alia, to ensure the application of the principle of gender equality. The proposal for a Budget tracking and Performance Regulation² introduces the single expenditure tracking and performance framework to measure the budget's contribution to gender equality more accurately. This is expected to contribute to fostering gender equality including in farming and in rural areas.
3. The obligation for more targeted support for women under the proposal establishing the conditions for the implementation of the Union support to the Common Agriculture Policy for the period from 2028 to 2034³, set out in Article 6, together with the provisions on farm relief services in Article 17, and complemented by the NRP Plan proposal, provide a strong framework for advancing gender equality including in farming and rural areas and steering Member States in taking tailored actions.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0565&qid=1770404542141>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:bb24b1ec-62fc-11f0-bf4e-01aa75ed71a1.0001.02/DOC_4&format=PDF.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0560>.