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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Simplification of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) was delivered by the Commission in 2024¹ and 2025². The Commission's proposal for the National and Regional Partnership (NRP) Plans³ for 2028-2034, and the CAP proposal⁴ reflect and build on that simplification. The proposals offer Member States flexibility to implement a tailored approach to address the needs of EU farming and rural communities, while also maximising complementarities across various funding instruments. The single rule book would reduce the need to navigate across different rules for similar types of support measures.

Regarding the CAP, the proposed rules would translate into less burden for both farmers and Member States for example thanks to the abolishment of the entitlements' system, a wider use of simplified form of payments for smaller farmers and of lump-sum payments, and an alignment of mandatory rules under the 'Farm Stewardship' system. The system of Good agricultural and environmental conditions (GAECs) has been removed. On the other hand, the proposal builds on what works well, for example the basic elements of the current administration and control system would be kept but simplified and streamlined, easing also reporting.

Access to information and calls for proposals would be made easier through a single, user-friendly access portal ('Single Gateway'), which would centralise funding information and data on recipients and supported operations.

The Commission will closely work with Member States in the process of preparation and implementation of their national plans with the aim to maintain coherence of definitions and concepts and to minimise the administrative burden for farmers.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1468&qid=1739377050554>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32025R2649>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0565&qid=1753801752960>.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0560&qid=1753798247771>.