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The proposed new common agricultural policy (CAP) ensures predictability for European farmers by proposing a minimum ring-fenced amount within the future national and regional partnership (NRP) plans for the period 2028-2034 as well as improving the current CAP toolbox. Fair distribution of support is central to the proposal, by proposing degressivity and capping of the future income support, with a focus towards those farmers most in need. In addition, the Commission would issue CAP national recommendations on all policy objectives with a view to guaranteeing a level-playing field.

As regards the environmental ambition, the Commission proposes a minimum spending target of at least 43% at the level of the overall NRP Plans, including the CAP. Furthermore, Member States would be obliged to address soil and water quality via a set of protective practices as basic requirements for farmers to receive income support. Also in this case, the recommendations would guide Member States in the implementation of these basic requirements as well as additional measures like agri-environment climate actions tailored to local circumstances to reach EU objectives.

The European Parliament, as co-legislator, will play a fundamental role in shaping the future NRP and CAP regulations. In November 2025, the President of the Commission suggested to the co-legislators to add a new annex on a new budgetary steering mechanism to the future interinstitutional agreement to specify the modalities of this mechanism, including in relation to the Parliament's role. Transparency in monitoring the implementation of the CAP is strengthened via the proposed performance regulation¹, including through a publicly accessible centralised website referred to as 'Single Gateway'.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/publications/budget-expenditure-tracking-and-performance-framework_en.