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on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission acknowledges the importance of digital education, advisory support and upskilling to ensure broad and inclusive access to digital technologies across the farming population. The Common Agricultural Policy¹ supports this objective through interventions linked to Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS), including advisory services, knowledge exchange (for example, training and advice), and EIP-AGRI Operational Groups². Horizon Europe also promotes digital skills in agriculture by involving farmers in the design of solutions tailored to their needs, notably through the multi-actor approach³. Thematic networks⁴ and advisory networks⁵ further support digital education and access to innovative digital tools by collecting and disseminating knowledge among practitioners. Several Horizon Europe projects provide farmers with learning material and recommendations on the selection and use of digital tools. Additional support is available through cohesion-policy funds - notably ESF+⁶ for skills - and national recovery and resilience plans⁷.

2. The Commission's proposals for the 2028–2034 multiannual financial framework prioritise digital transformation, with the EU farming sector set to benefit through several instruments, including the national and regional partnership plans⁸ (NRPPs), the European Competitiveness Fund⁹ and Horizon Europe¹⁰. The NRPPs aligns with the Digital Decade¹¹ objectives - including digital skills - while leveraging tools and cross-policy synergies to drive a data-driven transition in agriculture.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2115/oj/eng>.

² EIP-AGRI: European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability.

³ https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/multi-actor-projects-research-and-practice-co-creating-solutions_en.

⁴ https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/thematic-networks-compiling-knowledge-and-solutions-ready-practice_en.

⁵ https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/advisory-networks-connecting-advisors-across-eu_en.

⁶ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1057/2025-09-20>.

⁷ https://reforms-investments.ec.europa.eu/technical-support-instrument-0/recovery-and-resilience-plans_en.

⁸ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0565>.

⁹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52025PC0555>.

¹⁰ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2025%3A543%3AFIN&qid=1752739335598>.

¹¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/2481/oj>.