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on behalf of the European Commission
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Under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), in its 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan (CSP), Portugal has programmed support for the restoration of agricultural and forestry potential following natural disasters, adverse climatic events or catastrophic events amounting to EUR 23.6 million of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) available for farmers and forest owners. In addition, following the recent omnibus simplification¹, Member States can mobilise CSP funding for crisis payments that compensate for production losses due to such events. The Portuguese authorities can use this option.

To provide support to Portugal, the Commission proposed to allocate EUR 30 million from the agricultural crisis reserve, which was endorsed by the Member States. Portugal shall compensate the most affected farmers for their economic losses. Furthermore, Portugal may grant additional national support up to maximum of 200% of the EU emergency financial contribution. The Commission will now adopt its proposal, and it will enter into force the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. This will allow farmers to receive support as soon as possible.

Regarding the impact on the availability of supply and prices to consumers, the EU internal market for agricultural products ensures the free movement of agri-food goods across borders. The CAP integrates the agricultural sector into the broader single market to ensure fair competition, food security, a level playing field for farmers and reasonable prices for consumers.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202502649.