

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002569/26
to the Commission**

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Subject: Official communications on CAP funds and correct information on the origin of EU resources

According to press reports ⁽¹⁾, the head of Italy's agricultural payments agency (AGEA) sent a direct communication to Italian farmers outlining economic support measures and financial measures to support the agricultural sector. Such communications would appear to give the government credit in a generic manner for handing out these funds, without proper reference to the fact that a large proportion of the payments come from EU funds under the common agricultural policy (CAP).

In order to ensure transparency, institutional accountability and visibility of EU action, beneficiaries must be given accurate information on the source of public funds.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the facts described above, and does it believe that such communications are compatible with the information and publicity requirements laid down in EU legislation on CAP funds?
2. What monitoring mechanisms are available to ensure that national authorities and paying agencies clearly inform beneficiaries that the funds come from the EU?
3. Will it check that official communications from paying agencies are not misleading beneficiaries into believing that funding from the EU budget is based on decisions or initiatives adopted solely by the national governments?

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Answer given by Mr Hansen on behalf of the European Commission
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Ensuring beneficiaries receive correct information on the origin of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) support and that the Union's role is duly acknowledged is of the utmost importance.

Under the CAP legal framework, Member States and paying agencies are subject to information, publicity and visibility obligations concerning the European agricultural guarantee fund (EAGF) and the European agricultural fund for rural development (EAFRD) financing.

Communications which omit or obscure the origin of CAP funding need to be assessed against those obligations and the requirement to ensure transparency towards beneficiaries.

The Commission will continue to verify that official communications linked to CAP payments respect Union rules and inform about the origin of the financing.

Should the information provided by national authorities or paying agencies be potentially inaccurate or incomplete, the Commission may examine the matter with the Member State concerned in light of the applicable CAP rules on publicity, visibility, financial management and the responsibilities of paying agencies.

¹ <https://agronews.com/it/it/news/breaking-news/2026-06-18/96486>.

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