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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Funds freed up as a result of degressivity and capping remains at Member State level within the budget ring-fenced for certain agricultural interventions. According to the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) legislative proposal of July 2025¹, Member States have a large flexibility to re-allocate these funds. Accordingly, a Member State can decide that funds freed up as a result of degressivity and capping remain within the same area or region.
2. Because of the large flexibility regarding the geographical distribution, as referred above, the Commission proposal does not define 'region' in the context of degressive area based income support.
3. There are no criteria set at EU level for the targeting of funds freed up as a result of capping and degressivity. Member States may decide to reallocate such funds to income support interventions such as coupled income support, climate and agri-environment actions or investments, in line with their policy priorities as defined in national and regional partnership plans.

¹ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/media/news/next-chapter-cap-2025-07-17_en