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**Question for written answer E-002954/26
to the Commission
Barbara Bonte (Pfe)
(15 July 2026)**

Subject: Impact of NRPPs and the reduction in cohesion and agricultural funding on net-contributing regions

The 2028-2034 MFF proposal brings together cohesion policy and the CAP within National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs), with a reduction in the cohesion budget from EUR 392 billion to EUR 218 billion (-44%) and in the CAP budget from EUR 391 billion to EUR 300 billion (-23%).

Can the Commission guarantee that this centralisation and these cuts will not result in a net outflow of funds from innovative and productive net-contributing Member States to other EU priorities, and on the basis of which impact assessment has this estimate been made?

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**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
(2 October 2026)**

For the next 2028-2034 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) ⁽¹⁾, support under the National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs) will bring together support for cohesion policy, the common agricultural policy, common fisheries policy and home affairs to enable synergies and a better alignment among those funding priorities as well to deliver on simplification.

The new delivery model will ensure that regional and local authorities continue to play a key role in the design and implementation of supported measures under the NRPPs.

This will enable addressing regional and local needs and challenges, respecting the institutional and constitutional set-up of each Member State.

The figures referred to by the Honourable Member are minimum figures and therefore do not represent the total amounts available for cohesion policy and common agricultural policy under the NRPPs.

The Commission is proposing a minimum of EUR 218 billion for less developed regions, and a guaranteed budget of at least EUR 293.7 billion has been ring-fenced for farm income support to protect farmers' income and provide them with a clear, stable and predictable framework.

In addition, Member States will have access to an amount of EUR 453 billion in current prices which is not allocated in advance. That amount can for example be used to provide additional support for farmers and rural communities, taking into account Member States' specific needs and challenges.

In parallel to the amounts available within the NRPPs, the Commission proposed the Unity Safety Net with a budget of EUR 6.3 billion, doubling the current agricultural reserve. In addition, EUR 10.3 billion would be available for Interreg ⁽²⁾.

The overall budget available under the NRPP is maintained at least at the level of 2021-2027 MFF in nominal terms. The Commission has sought to strike a balance between the need for a modernised budget, fit for addressing today's challenges in the field of competitiveness, security and defence and the need to preserve adequate funding for long-standing policies which remain a corner stone of the EU investment strategy.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0570>.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1153/oj/eng>.