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In its Protein Action Plan adopted on 7 July 2026¹, the Commission recognises the importance of developing resilient plant-based protein value chains, including by strengthening links between production, processing and demand.

The Protein Action Plan identifies a range of existing and proposed instruments that Member States may use in this context. These include support under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), notably coupled income support and agri-environmental and climate actions, as well as support for investment, innovation, marketing, storage and processing. It also points to opportunities for value-chain synergy projects under the future national and regional partnership plans (NRPP), Horizon Europe 2028-2034 and the upcoming European Competitiveness Fund.

The choice and design of specific national support schemes remain the responsibility of Member States, in accordance with applicable EU legal and funding frameworks. The Protein Action Plan in fact refers to the Danish action plan for plant-based foods as an example of how Member States can combine tools at different levels of governance to support plant-based food value chains.

The Commission will continue supporting the exchange of best practices. Dedicated Protein Dialogues with Member States will provide a forum for exchanging best practices and discussing the Plan's implementation.

¹ Action Plan for resilience, strategic autonomy and sustainability of the EU protein system (COM/2026/355 final) - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52026DC0355>.