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The Commission's proposal for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)¹ under the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) (2028-2034) does not propose specific Union-level financial allocations for individual agricultural sectors. This is in part to support the intentions of increased flexibility and simplification under the next MFF, allowing Member States to determine allocations, depending on their specific needs and challenges.

However, apiculture is recognised as important in contributing to achieving the CAP objectives, and therefore support for the sector s remains mandatory². Thus, all Member States must reserve a specific Union budget for apiculture interventions in their National and Regional Partnership (NRP) plans³. This amount will be doubled through national funds, since the minimum national contribution should at least equal the Union financial assistance⁴.

Although the proposal does not introduce an annual subsidy for pollination, Member States could also support the sector through other CAP interventions. These can include annual payments for agri-environment and climate actions for beekeepers who voluntarily undertake commitments benefiting the environment and/or biodiversity. In addition, coupled income support for farmers could in future be extended to apiculture products in case the sector is identified by the Member States as facing difficulties⁵.

The proposals are currently being negotiated by the European Parliament and the Council under the ordinary legislative procedure and are subject to the outcomes of the negotiations.

Greece would also be required to implement apiculture interventions, which can include support for actions aimed at mitigating and/or adapting to climate change⁶.

¹ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the conditions for the implementation of the Union support to the Common Agriculture Policy for the period from 2028 to 2034, COM(2025) 560 final.

² Article 30(3) of Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards the school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme ('EU school scheme'), sectoral interventions, the creation of a protein sector, requirements for hemp, the possibility for marketing standards for cheese, protein crops and meat, application of additional import duties, rules on the availability of supplies in time of emergencies and severe crisis and securities, COM(2025) 553 final.

³ A part of their NRP budget allocation will have to be allocated to apiculture sectoral support, which may come from the CAP ringfenced amounts.

⁴ Article 35(8) of Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security for the period 2028-2034 and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/250, COM(2025) 565 final.

⁵ Article 11(1) of COM(2025) 560 final.

⁶ Under Article 31(f) of COM(2025) 553 final.