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**Priority question for written answer P-003465/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Are the promises of the agricultural vision in line with the proposed MFF allocations?

In the strategic dialogue on agriculture and the vision for agriculture, farming was highlighted as a critical element of security of supply and competitiveness, with an emphasis on food security. Now, a few months on, the situation has changed completely and the funding proposed is insufficient. President von der Leyen owes us an explanation.

The Commission is proposing a significant increase in the EU's multiannual financial framework (MFF), but direct payments for agriculture will remain as they are and rural development appropriations will be cut. In reality, under the Commission's proposal, cuts to the agricultural sector would amount to about 20%.

The Commission's proposed MFF and the cuts it is proposing to agriculture are therefore completely at odds with improving food security and the vision for agriculture, which was drawn up together with stakeholders and reflects the needs of farmers and the food sector as a whole.

1. How does the Commission see the food security situation after the proposed cuts?
2. Does the Commission see the contradiction between the two proposals?
3. Is the Commission planning to update the vision to reflect the new financial situation?

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**Answer given by Mr Hansen on behalf of the European Commission
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The vision for Food and Agriculture ⁽¹⁾ required a more targeted and a simpler Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The new architecture of the CAP simplifies and aligns rules, while preserving the toolbox for farmers, to guarantee food security, including a generational renewal pack and streamlined green architecture as well as a proposal for plans for food availability under the Common market organisation.

The multiannual financial framework (MFF) proposals underline the critical role of farmers in ensuring food security and sovereignty across the EU. The vision and the MFF-CAP proposal are fully aligned and there is no need to adapt the vision.

The Commission looks forward to constructive discussions with co-legislators to reach the objectives laid down in the MFF and CAP proposals.

The proposal sets a minimum of EUR 293.7 billion to be dedicated for income support interventions of the CAP. Member States will supplement this core amount by tapping into the EUR 865 billion National and Regional Partnership Fund, tailoring the CAP to the specific needs of their farmers and rural areas.

Additionally, farmers can benefit from the European Competitiveness Fund and the Horizon Programme for research and innovation.

Also, in case of market disturbances Member States can benefit from separate funding from the Unity Safety Net (total EUR 900 million per year, 6.3 billion for the period, replacing the current agricultural reserve of EUR 450 million per year).

⁽¹⁾ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/overview-vision-agriculture-food/vision-agriculture-and-food_en.