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In financial year 2024 (the latest available information), the average level of direct payments in Romania was about EUR 191/hectare (ha) compared to EUR 266/ha for the EU as a whole, as reported by Member States for calendar year 2023. This payment level results from the direct payments allocations based on the external convergence mechanism of the current Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and the strategic choices made by Romania in their Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) strategic plan 2023-2027.

The Commission's proposal for the National and Regional Partnership (NRP) Plans takes into account the needs for addressing external convergence. It is factored into the formula determining the overall financial envelope for each Member State in Annex I of the NRP Regulation¹. The allocation available for each Member States takes into account where payment per hectare is projected at a level below 90% of the EU average in 2027.

Additionally, the proposed degressive area-based income support, which replaces several current direct payments interventions, requires all Member States to apply an average aid per hectare between EUR 130 and EUR 240, thus proposing further harmonizing of payment levels at EU level.

Moreover, the proposed 2028-2034 CAP framework introduces significantly greater flexibility for Member States, empowering them to make strategic decisions regarding allocation and payment levels. This enhanced flexibility enables Member States to tailor interventions that best suit their unique agricultural contexts, ensuring a tailored approach to achieving further convergence and addressing the diverse needs of their rural sectors.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:0d5ded06-639d-11f0-bf4e-01aa75ed71a1.0001.02/DOC_2&format=PDF