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As part of its 2017 **Work Programme**, the Commission committed to take forward work and consult widely on simplification and modernisation of the CAP to maximise its contribution to the Commission's ten priorities and to the Sustainable Development Goals. The process would focus on specific policy priorities for the future, take account of the REFIT Platform, and be without prejudice to the financial allocations for the CAP in the next Multiannual Financial Framework. It would also include a broad consultation exercise and an impact assessment.

To that end, an online **public consultation** was launched on 2 February 2017 and closed on 2 May 2017. It was open to all interested citizens and organisations and organised through a questionnaire available in all 23 official EU languages.

The Commission received a total of 322 912 **contributions**. These came from all EU Member States and from both individuals and organisations (private and public bodies, NGOs, professional associations, national and regional authorities, etc.).

After analysing the contributions received, the Commission communicated its outcome to the **conference** held on 7th July 2017. A summary of the results of the consultation has been made available online: <https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/consultations/cap-modernising/2017>. The Commission will also publish on its website the contributions for which the respondents have agreed to publication.

The outcome of this consultation, together with other consultation activities, will be taken into account in the forthcoming **Communication on "Modernising and Simplifying the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)"** and will feed into the **impact assessment** leading to the adoption of **legislative proposals** on the future CAP in 2018.

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