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Statement by Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia

STATEMENT BY BULGARIA, ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, POLAND, ROMANIA, AND SLOVAKIA on the need to achieve full external convergence in direct payments among Member States

Delegations of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia highlight the persisting differences among Member States of the level of CAP direct payments, which is leading to unequal market conditions.

The accession conditions of the new Member States to the EU have negatively influenced the level of their CAP direct support. Today, potential advantages (i.e., lower production costs etc.) of those Member States are no longer in place, while high standards and requirements under the CAP are the same for all farmers in the EU. However, even in 2027, farmers of these Member States will still receive only around 80% of the EU average level of direct payments.

We are convinced that there is no ground to treat farmers differently in the internal market of the EU. In this regard Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia underline the need for full external convergence of direct payments.

We call on the Commission to finally accomplish the external convergence that started with the CAP reform in 2013 but has still not been finalized. We therefore request the Commission to reflect this need within the next CAP budget and to conclude the external convergence of the CAP direct support at the beginning of the next Multiannual Financial Framework in 2028.

Statement from Cyprus and Greece

Δήλωση Κύπρου και Ελλάδας επί των Συμπερασμάτων για την μετά το 2027 Κοινή Γεωργική Πολιτική με επίκεντρο τους αγρότες

Συμβούλιο Υπουργών Γεωργίας και Αλιείας, Βρυξέλλες, 09-10 Δεκεμβρίου 2024

Λαμβάνοντας υπόψη τις διατάξεις που αναφέρονται στο σημείο 13 των Συμπερασμάτων για την μετά το 2027 Κοινή Γεωργική Πολιτική με επίκεντρο τους αγρότες, η Κύπρος και η Ελλάδα θεωρούν ότι η “δίκαιη κατανομή της στήριξης μέσω ΚΓΠ” συνεπάγεται ότι η στήριξη των αγροτών της ΕΕ στο πλαίσιο της ΚΓΠ πρέπει να λαμβάνει υπόψη, μεταξύ άλλων παραγόντων, τις διαφορές μεταξύ των κρατών μελών όσον αφορά:

- α) την αξία της γης, το κόστος μεταφοράς και το κόστος παραγωγής
- β) το εισόδημα του γεωργικού τομέα σε σχέση με τα εισοδήματα άλλων τομέων της οικονομίας σε κάθε κράτος μέλος
- γ) την αγοραστική δύναμη
- δ) τη διάρθρωση των γεωργικών τομέων και
- ε) την ανάγκη στήριξης των μικρών γεωργικών εκμεταλλεύσεων λόγω της περιορισμένης ικανότητάς τους να αξιοποιούν τα πλεονεκτήματα ως προς το κόστος, συμπεριλαμβανομένων εκείνων που προκύπτουν από τις τεχνολογικές εξελίξεις, τα οποία είναι διαθέσιμα σε οικονομίες κλίμακας.

Υπογραμμίζουμε επίσης ότι τα δημοσιονομικά θέματα που σχετίζονται με το ΠΔΠ εμπίπτουν στην αρμοδιότητα του Ευρωπαϊκού Συμβουλίου και ότι οι σχετικές αποφάσεις θα πρέπει να εξεταστούν από τους αρχηγούς κρατών και κυβερνήσεων.

Statement from Denmark and the Netherlands

Statement from Denmark and the Netherlands on the Conclusions on a farmer-focused post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy

Agriculture and Fisheries Council (Brussels, 9-10 December 2024)

Denmark and the Netherlands would like to emphasize that “fair distribution of CAP support” implies that CAP support has to be defined taking into account the differences between the various challenges and goals in relation to i.a. climate and environment that face agriculture in each Member State as well as differences in production costs.

Further, by principle, the conclusions cannot pre-empt the future European multiannual financial framework (MFF), which is an issue for the European Council, and must be dealt with taking horizontal perspectives into consideration.

Statement from Germany

Ratsprotokollerklärung der deutschen Delegation zu den Schlussfolgerungen des Rates zur Zukunft der GAP

Deutschland dankt der Ungarischen Ratspräsidentschaft für die Erarbeitung von Ratsschlussfolgerungen zur Zukunft der GAP.

Deutschland begrüßt, dass die Ratsschlussfolgerungen die Rolle der GAP aufgreifen und die Chancen und Entwicklungsmöglichkeiten für eine nachhaltige und wettbewerbsfähige Ausrichtung dargestellt werden.

Im Rahmen der Abstimmungen zu den Ratsschlussfolgerungen konnten vielfach Kompromisse erzielt werden, um unterschiedliche Positionen zu vereinen. Dies erkennt Deutschland ausdrücklich an.

Im Kompromisswege kann Deutschland die Ratsschlussfolgerungen mittragen, möchte jedoch auf folgenden Aspekt hinweisen:

Es können aus deutscher Sicht zum jetzigen Zeitpunkt keine Vorfestlegungen zum künftigen Mehrjährigen Finanzrahmen getroffen werden. Ziffer 13 der Ratsschlussfolgerungen kann daher keine präjudizierende Wirkung auf den künftigen MFR entfalten. Vor diesem Hintergrund misst Deutschland der entsprechenden Klarstellung in Ziffer 3 („...these conclusions are without prejudice to the outcome of negotiations relating to [the next Multiannual Financial Framework] ...“) besondere Bedeutung bei.

Deutschland wird diese wichtigen Aspekte weiterhin in die Diskussion auf europäischer Ebene einbringen und künftige Abstimmungsprozesse aktiv und konstruktiv begleiten.

Statement from Italy

Dichiarazione dell'Italia sulle Conclusioni su una Politica Agricola Comune post-2027 incentrata sugli agricoltori

Consiglio Agricoltura e Pesca (Bruxelles, 9-10 dicembre 2024)

In relazione alle Conclusioni su una Politica Agricola Comune post-2027 incentrata sugli agricoltori, l'Italia:

- apprezza l'inclusione del principio della sovranità alimentare nel testo;
- ribadisce che le questioni di natura finanziaria sono di competenza dei Capi di Stato e di Governo e una decisione in merito va demandata in quella sede;
- per quanto riguarda la distribuzione delle risorse della PAC, questa deve fare riferimento agli agricoltori e alle aziende agricole e, a tal proposito, l'Italia ritiene che “una distribuzione equa del sostegno della PAC”, di cui al punto 13, implichi che il sostegno della PAC per gli agricoltori debba essere definito tenendo conto delle differenze tra il reddito dell'agricoltura rispetto al reddito del resto dei settori economici in ciascuno Stato membro, nonché del potere d'acquisto e dei costi di produzione in ciascuno Stato membro. Allo stesso tempo sono necessarie maggiori risorse per la PAC e meno burocrazia;
- La sostenibilità ambientale deve essere sempre coniugata con sostenibilità economica e sociale.

Statement from Portugal

Declaração de Portugal – Anexo ao texto de Conclusões do Conselho sobre uma PAC pós-2027 centrada nos agricultores

Portugal reitera a importância deste documento, para que o Conselho possa apresentar uma posição comum sobre a PAC pós-2027. É crucial que o Conselho tenha uma posição firme que permita alimentar a “Visão para a Agricultura e Alimentação” para a PAC pós-2027.

Por isso, manifestou apoio ao texto das Conclusões.

No entanto, Portugal considera que estas Conclusões deveriam afirmar claramente que o orçamento da PAC não pode ser reduzido, devendo manter, no mínimo, os mesmos montantes, a preços constantes, no I e II pilar.

Statement from Romania

”Statement of Romania on the Conclusions on a farmer-focused post 2027 Common Agricultural Policy

Agriculture and Fisheries Council (Brussels, 9-10 December 2024)

With a view of para. 13 of the Conclusions on a farmer-focused post 2027 Common Agricultural Policy Romania request that the “fair distribution of CAP support, in particular direct payments, among Member States” to be implemented in the future CAP EU legislation as the full external convergence of direct payments among the 27 Member States of the EU. We are convinced that the different farming conditions obtained at the time of our accessions to the EU are no longer exist, therefore Romanian farmers should be eligible for the same level of direct payments per hectare as the rest of their counterparts. Also we strongly request to consider as the reference year for the direct payments allocation, year 2024.”
