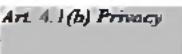


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RE: Copa and Cogeca views for the next trilogue meeting on the Horizontal regulation

Dear Commissioner,

Copa and Cogeca take note of the progress made on the Horizontal regulation and wish you all success for a timely conclusion of the CAP negotiations.

In particular, we take note of the provisional agreement on the essential elements of the new delivery model. The New Delivery Model based on performance needs to deliver on simplification for both farmers and administrations and make possible the design of measures and the setting-up of targets adapted to the national needs and circumstances based on common EU objectives. Performance incentives which are properly designed can help meet these objectives, allow for better outcomes and encourage farmers to be more efficient. Farmers would thus also be able to assess the sustainability of their practices.

In view of the next trilogue, Copa and Cogeca would like to share with you some of our views regarding the agricultural/crisis reserve.

The agricultural/crisis reserve which is meant to be used for market measures and exceptional support measures should be fit for purpose by providing sufficient assistance with its allocated funding. The current agricultural reserve of only 400 million EUR failed to provide sufficient assistance given the low allocated funding in the scope of the CAP budget and was thus impossible to use.

Crisis situations have been increasing in the past few years, all across the sectors, happening at the same time, with different origins and consequences. Therefore, we consider that the agricultural reserve should be a functioning flexible tool, a mechanism that would enable the Union to better respond to any EU-wide crisis, impacting any of the agricultural sectors, especially in economic terms. This should alleviate beneficiaries from the predicaments they are facing.

For this to happen, the reserve should work outside of the scope of the MFF with a substantially larger financial envelope and a clear activation mechanism.

Faithfully yours,

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