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Current state of CAP, MFF and NRPP

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Summary on Commission proposals

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Commission proposal

New funding architecture under 3 key proposals (MFF, NRPP, CAP):

- Total budget ≈ €1.98 trillion
- €865 billion NRPP envelope combining several previous funds
- CAP integrated into NRPPs
- CAP ring-fenced at €300 billion
- End of traditional two-pillar CAP structure
- Greater flexibility for Member States



Forest-Relevant interventions remain available

Forest specific

- Art. 10 CAP proposal - Agri-Environmental-Climate Actions
- Art. 8 - Payment for Natural or Other Area-Specific Constraints (incl. Natura 2000)
- Art. 13 - Support for Investments in Agricultural and Forestry Holdings

Horizontal

- Art. 19 + 20 – Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems and Farm Advisory Services; Support for Knowledge Sharing and Innovation in Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Areas
- Art. 14 – Support for the Establishment of Young Farmers, New Farmers, Rural Businesses and Start-ups, and the Development of Small Farms (Max 300,000 EUR)
- Art. 12 – Support for participation in risk management tools
- Art. 18 + 19 – LEADER + EIP AGRI

BUT: Availability does not guarantee uptake under future NRPPs!

Timelines EP and Council

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Key political proceedings in EP and Council

European Parliament

- ComAGRI, ComREGI, ComBUDG [draft report](#) on NRPP (11 May)
co-rapporteurs Elsi Katainen (Renew, FI), Karlo Ressler (EPP, HR) and Andrey Novakov (EPP, BG)
MEPs had until 16 June to table amendments all amendments available [here](#))
- ComAGRI [draft report](#) on CAP (12 June) rapporteur Norbert Lins (EPP/DE)
MEPs have until 7 July to table [amendments](#)
- ComENVI opinion report on CAP (09 February) rapporteur Sean Kelly (EPP/IE)
MEPs had until 26 March to table amendments (all documents are available [here](#))

Council

- General Affairs Council meeting (16 June) [partial negotiation position](#) on NRPP agreed
- Cyprus' Council Presidency [Negotiation Box on MFF](#) (11 June)
- AgriFish Council meetings regularly discusses CAP (last time on 23 June)

Parliament

CAP

- June 2026 ComAGRI draft report
- July amendments
- Compromise report to be drawn up by rapporteur for vote in Committee
- December 2026 ComAGRI vote
- January 2027 plenary

NRPP

- May 2026 draft report
- June amendments (>6000)
- Compromise report to be drawn up by rapporteur for vote in Committee
- End 2026 committee vote
- No date announced for plenary vote

Council process

Technical level

- Council Working Parties
- Special Committee on Agriculture

- AGRIFISH Council
- Coreper I/II
- Council Presidency

→ Regular meetings on all levels

→ Council Presidency negotiation box usually towards the end of the mandate

→ General Approaches expected in late 2026 / early 2027

Trilogue negotiations → Likely throughout 2027

Positions in EP

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Emerging position in EP – ComAGRI draft NRPP report

ComAGRI rapporteurs draft report on NRPP proposes:

- Increase overall budget by 25% (see AM 90)
- Significant increase of CAP budget (see AM 93; 295bn EUR to 427bn EUR)
- Preserve two-pillar CAP structure (see also AM 93 – roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ of CAP budget for income support and roughly $\frac{1}{4}$ for rural development)
- Self-standing CAP / putting CAP-relevant Articles back to CAP Regulation (see AM 221 – 266)
- Introduction of stronger involvement of local authorities (see e.g. AM 64 – 69, 89)
- Increasing the decommitment period of NRPP budget from 1 to 3 years (see AM 122)

→ Pushback against CAP restructuring

Emerging position in EP - ComAGRI draft report on CAP (1)

The report suggest some positive aspects:

- **New/secured funding opportunities:**
 - Cooperatives added to intervention on support for investments for farmers and forest holders (AM 33)
→ To be confirmed if only applicable to agri cooperatives
 - MS “shall” not “may” provide support for area-based disadvantages (e.g. Natura 2000) (AM 58)
 - Envi-climate interventions incentive component that exceeds the amount of actual costs and income foregone (Payment for Ecosystem Services?) (AM 71)
 - New opportunity: risk management/crisis prevention support possible to producer groups or other cooperation (AM 81)
 - Development of cooperatives added to intervention for setting up your farmers, rural business, start ups (AM 93 + 95 + 96)
→ To be confirmed if only applicable to agri sector
- **Simplifications:**
 - MS shall establish regional one-stop shops to facilitate funding (AM 45)
 - Access to support for small investments (<20,000 EUR) shall be subject to simplified approval and disbursement... (AM 86) → but risk of contractt fragmentation
- **Secure timelines:**
 - Introduces deadline of 6 months ahead of MS submitting deadline for Commission recommendations on NRP Plans (AM 12)
 - AM 67: MS shall ensure timely and predictable payment of support (envi-clima interventions)

Emerging position in EP - ComAGRI draft report on CAP (2)

Questionmarks/possible concerns on report:

- 'Do no significant harm' principle shall apply to CAP interventions (AM 44). Process similar to the Next Gen funds.
- Percentage left open on how much to allocate to agri-environmental interventions (AM 62)
- At least 5% of CAP budget shall be spent on LEADER (AM 116)
- Cooperation and LEADER not ring-fenced

Emerging position in EP – ComENVI draft opinion report on CAP (2)

A proposed amendment from MEP Emma Wiesner (Renew/SE) is concerning:

Amendment 432 - Emma Wiesner Article 5 –

paragraph 1 – point i

“support for investments for farmers ~~and forest holders~~,”

Justification (by Wiesner)

According to national Swedish statistics, agricultural businesses in total owned 3,55 million hectares of forest in 2023. Ties between the agricultural founding and forest activities would risk draining the funds available for farming, in Sweden and several other countries. The CAP is first and foremost meant to support farming activities and food production, and even if owning forest is often an asset to agricultural businesses, the sectors should be kept separate in terms of access to financing for ongoing measures or crisis payments from the agricultural budget.

Other amendments relevant to forest e.g. for strengthening compensation for protected areas (habitats/bird directive or old growth forests)

Emerging positions in Council

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Emerging position in Council - General Affairs Council meeting (16 June)

Partial Negotiation Position = First formal Council negotiating position on parts of the NRPP Regulation

Key elements

- Supports a single integrated NRPP
- Maintains the Commission's proposed governance architecture
- Reinforces Member State flexibility in programming and implementation

→ CAP integration into NRPPs remains unchallenged

Emerging position in Council - Council Presidency Negotiation Box (11 June)

What is a negotiation box?

- Presidency suggested compromise document for MFF negotiations
- Sets out for first time possible budgetary numbers
- Forms the basis for future negotiations under the Irish Presidency (starts in July 2026)

Key elements

- Proposes approximately 2% reduction of the overall MFF
- Retains the proposed NRPP governance model
- Forest-relevant suggestion: keeps co-financing rates for investment interventions:
 - 75% standard support and 85% for young farmers
 - **New** possible 100% co-financing for certain non-productive green investments

→ Forest-relevant interventions remain untouched + Potentially improved support for some envi investments

→ Risk of reduced overall CAP resources

→ Also here: CAP integration into NRPPs remains unchallenged

Emerging position in Council – AgriFish Council meeting (23 June)

Main messages from Ministers

- Strong support for a well-funded CAP
- Broad support for simplification of EU funding rules
- Calls for greater subsidiarity and flexibility for Member States

→ On one hand: Strong political support for CAP budget and simplification from Agri ministers

→ On the other hand: Member States continue to favor greater national flexibility



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