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## **AGENDA**

### **MEETING OF THE CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON THE CAP STRATEGIC PLANS AND HORIZONTAL MATTERS**

**in Brussels, Rue de la Loi 130  
Meeting Room: 11.A**

**on Monday 24 March 2025 from 14:00 to 18:00**

Simplification and reducing administrative burden are among the Commission's key priorities, as outlined in the 2024-2029 Political Guidelines by President von der Leyen, and the Commission's Communication 'Competitiveness Compass'.

The Communication on implementation and simplification 'A simpler and faster Europe' highlights how the Commission will integrate the simplification in a horizontal way in all the future actions and pursue the targets to reduce administrative burden by at least 25% for all companies and 35% for SMEs by the end of the mandate.

The 'Vision for Agriculture and Food' adopted on 19 February 2025 states that *'farmers should be entrepreneurs and providers, not carrying unnecessary bureaucratic or regulatory burdens'*. The Vision outlines the conditions necessary for the sector to thrive and continue serving the society now and into 2040, with cross-cutting drivers of simplification, research, innovation and digitalisation.

The 2025 Commission work programme has a stronger focus on simplification than ever before. It schedules a comprehensive Simplification Package of the current CAP legislative framework for the second quarter of 2025 to enhance resilience and competitiveness and decrease reporting burden.

With this initiative, the Commission aims for targeted adjustments of the underlying CAP legislation to address weaknesses and inefficiencies in the implementation of CAP Plans that could be put in place as early as possible. At the same time, they should maintain the stability of the CAP for both beneficiaries and national administrations and its role in supporting the transition of European agriculture to sustainable farming. As outlined in the Vision, more far-reaching adjustments of the policy, are reserved for the discussions in the context of the forthcoming CAP post-2027.

As also announced in the Vision, the Commission will work in 2025 on delivering a cross-cutting legislative simplification package of measures that deliver meaningful simplification in other policy areas than the CAP that affect farmers, the food and feed businesses and the related administrations.

With the view to the planned initiative on the current CAP, stakeholders are invited to discuss possible simplification measures, including as regards reporting obligations, for beneficiaries that can be delivered in the following areas (indicative timeline on page 3):

- (iv) On-farm simplification and streamlining of requirements that better recognise various situations and farming practices (such as organic farming);
- (iv) Streamlining support for smaller and medium-sized farms by greater use of simplified payments;
- (iv) Boosting competitiveness through improved and simplified planning and access to financial instruments available under the current MFF;
- (iv) Giving greater flexibility to the Member States for the management of strategic plans.

## Indicative timeline

<b>Monday, 24 March</b>
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14:00 – 14:30	Registration and welcome coffee
14:30 – 15:00	Context and objectives of the 2025 simplification of the current CAP legislative framework
15:00 – 17:45	<p>Exchange of views on simplification and reduction of the administrative burden for CAP beneficiaries that can be delivered with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(iv) On-farm simplification and streamlining of requirements that better recognise various situations and farming practices (such as organic farming);</li><li>(iv) Streamlining support for smaller and medium-sized farms by greater use of simplified payments;</li><li>(iv) Boosting competitiveness through improved and simplified planning and access to financial instruments available under the current MFF;</li><li>(iv) Giving greater flexibility to the Member States for the management of Strategic Plans.</li></ul>
17:45	Conclusions
18:00	End of the session.