

**Opinion No. 37**

**of the Committee for European Union Affairs of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland  
on the subject:**

**"Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (COM(2018) 392 final)",**

**"Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 (COM(2018) 393 final)".**

**and the 'Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organization of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatized wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands (COM(2018) 394 final)".**

**adopted at the 230th meeting on 12 September 2018**

Committee for European Union Affairs of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland:

1. does not support the proposals for regulations signed COM(2018) 392, COM(2018) 393 and COM(2018) 394.;
2. positively evaluates the proposed position of the Republic of Poland in relation to the aforementioned proposals of the European Union regulations;
3. stresses that the Common Agricultural Policy requires adequate funds, as it is one of the foundations of the EU single market, has a treaty mandate, plays a key role in ensuring European food security and promoting rural development, as well as in achieving ambitious EU environmental and climate objectives, therefore it consistently and strongly opposes a decrease in the level of EU funding for the CAP after 2020;
4. states that equal conditions of competition for farmers must be ensured in the single European Union market, therefore full equalization of direct payments between Member States should be ensured;
5. criticizes the proposal of a fundamental reduction of the Common Agricultural Policy budget in Pillar II and an increase in the level of national co-financing; since, in the Commission's opinion, this will limit the possibilities of achieving objectives related to rural development, especially in the less prosperous EU Member States;

6. points out that real simplification of the Common Agricultural Policy after 2020 should be an absolute priority for further work on new solutions;
7. stresses that due to the importance of future challenges for food security, the environment and sustainable territorial development, the Common Agricultural Policy remains a policy of strategic importance for the European Union, making effective use of budgetary resources;
8. states that the adopted opinion will be forwarded, as part of the so-called political dialogue, to the Presidents of: the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Austrian Presidency.

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