



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear Chair,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy {COM(2018) 393 final} presented by the Commission on 1 June 2018.*

*The Commission is pleased that the Assembleia da República shares the view that the allocation of responsibilities between the European Union and the Member States envisaged in the proposal complies with the principles of subsidiarity and will help to achieve the objectives of the Common Agricultural Policy more efficiently.*

*For the period from 2021 to 2027, the Commission is proposing an ambitious budget of EUR 365 billion for the Common Agricultural Policy. This means that the policy will account for nearly one-third of the total budget of the European Union, highlighting its continued importance.*

*The experience from the implementation of the current Common Agricultural Policy confirmed that a one-size-fits-all approach did not provide the expected results. In the proposal, a shift is made towards far more subsidiarity. In the new model, the European Union will provide for the necessary safeguards to ensure both ambition and a level-playing field. In this new framework, based on a switch from compliance to performance-orientation, measurable targets will be needed.*

*The Commission shares the Assembleia da República's views on the importance of stimulating agronomic research and innovation, as well as the transfer of knowledge to farmers. As a result, it is proposed that EUR 10 billion of additional funding be made available under the Union's research programme Horizon Europe to support specific research and innovation actions in the areas of food, agriculture, rural development and the bio-economy. Horizon Europe will play a key role in the joint creation of the knowledge needed for the modernisation of the agricultural sector. The creation of synergies between Horizon Europe and the Common Agricultural Policy will help build a system of knowledge and innovation in the agricultural sector, making it possible to speed up the use of innovative practices by all actors in rural areas.*

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*Discussions between the Commission and the co-legislators, the European Parliament and the Council, concerning the proposal are now underway and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached in the near future.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Assembleia da República and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Frans Timmermans  
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