

Executive Summary

Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

The Future of Food and Farming

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Taking this opportunity, the **Chamber of Deputies** underlines the necessity of funding of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) at least at the same level as now, taking into account the importance of maintaining direct payments without national co-financing for the support of the farmer's income, but also the necessity of flexibility in the implementation of the CAP at Member State level and the necessity to increase the importance of the local governance in the rural development.

The Chamber of Deputies reminds that a strong pillar of rural development will ensure a further modernization and the creation of new jobs, necessary for the vitality of these areas and considers that the capping of direct payments is not a viable solution because it would affect big and honest farms which highly contribute to the national economy.

The Chamber of Deputies considers that the Agricultural Policy evolves as a result of the technical and scientific progress, which means that in order to have more efficient reactions to the challenges and opportunities which occur at the Union level, at the national, regional, local as well as at the level of the farms, it requires the individualisation of the support at the farm's level, also in order to prepare the farmers to help themselves, as part of new measures which aim at enhancing the resilience of the rural communities.