

**Question for written answer E-000303/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures to solve the problems farmers are facing and ways of supporting the agricultural sector

Recently, the agricultural world has been facing serious problems and has begun mobilising on a large scale. Farmers are coming under pressure due to high operating costs, high prices, the low retail price of products and uncertainty regarding the future. Extreme, fluctuating weather conditions have an adverse effect on agricultural production, increasing the risk of losses and affecting sustainability. The CAP 2023-27 supports new production models that are based on boosting competitiveness and are designed to deal with the challenges of climate change, for example competitiveness-boosting investment plans, which include a variety of initiatives for the use of sophisticated new technologies, such as precision farming, remote-controlled processes, automation and digitalisation of agricultural holdings/farms.

Crop management is based on dynamic processes and requires careful and precise planning on a daily basis, as well as the management of farming activities on a strategic, tactical and operational level. The adoption of a step-by-step, structured decision-making process can help farmers/ agronomists/crop managers to take better informed and more considered decisions, organising relevant information and coming up with alternative solutions.

In view of this:

1. How does the Commission intend to help with the above through the new CAP, so that everyone benefits from smart farming?
2. What steps does it plan to take to tackle existing problems and support farmers in promoting sustainable practices in agriculture?

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