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to the Commission
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Subject: New framework conditions for EU aid worry farmers

The EU 2007-2013 programming period ended on 31 December 2013. The Commission was late adopting the new framework conditions for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020. In spite of the 2014 transition year, the second pillar (Austrian Agri-Environmental Programme, investment aid, rural development etc.) was not decided on time. This has worried farmers in the Member States, who do not know how to manage aid from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020. Furthermore, it requires basic aid to be coupled to jobs on farm holdings.

In view of the numerous ambiguities, can the Commission say:

1. Why it was late addressing and adopting the framework conditions for the new programming period?
2. What its motivation was for coupling aid to jobs on farm holdings?