Question for written answer E-003448/2018 to the Commission Rule 130 Michel Dantin (PPE)

Subject: Development of strategic plans relevant to the CAP

Within the framework of its proposal to reform the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) (COM(2018) 392), the Commission has set out a new planning system for the first and second pillars, by means of strategic agricultural plans.

If these proposals were to be adopted in their current form by the co-legislators, planning of this kind would mean a substantial administrative burden for the administrations in the Member States, both central and/or regional.

Moreover, Article 106 of the proposal stipulates that the Commission's approval of strategic plans must take place within eight months of the Member State submitting the plan, and that the Member State must submit its strategic plan no later than 1 January 2020.

Given that the stated objective of the Commission is to reach an institutional agreement between the Council and the Parliament before the European Elections in May 2019, can the Commission confirm that the development of strategic plans by Member States does not require more than six months preparation and that no transition period is necessary?

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