



## CAP reform: Delegated acts improving but still long way to go, De Castro tells Ciolos

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**Following the debate on the CAP reform delegated acts with Commissioner Dacian Ciolos during the meeting of political group coordinators on Wednesday morning in Strasbourg, chairman of the EP Agriculture committee Paolo De Castro (S&D, IT) said:**

"We welcome the very recent assurances by Commissioner Ciolos to accommodate some crucial Parliament's demands in the new revised text of the CAP reform delegated acts. This is indeed a step into the right direction and as such has been appreciated by many MEPs this morning."

"However, even though the gap between the Commission and the Parliament is narrowing, there are still diverging views on issues of utmost importance. These include definitions of active and young farmer, weighting factor for nitrogen fixing crop on so-called Ecological Focus Areas and disproportional penalties with lack of tolerance for not applying greening measures properly."

"Therefore, it would be a great mistake to think that the work is done. On the contrary, we have encouraged Commissioner Ciolos not to rest on his laurels but to do the final improvements in the texts of the delegated acts as soon as possible to ensure their smooth and timely approval."

"But when revising them, Commission shall bear in mind that all delegated acts must be based on and strictly adhere to what was so hardly achieved during the CAP reform negotiations. In response to some worrying tendencies to this end, we told Commissioner Ciolos clearly that this Agriculture committee will not accept any delegated act which goes beyond the legislative texts as approved by the Parliament and the Council last year."

"We remain committed to the adoption of this final piece of CAP reform puzzle by the end of this legislature on condition that Commission does its job properly. The ball is in its court now."

### Delegated acts explained

Delegated acts are non-legislative acts of general application to supplement or amend certain non-essential elements of a legislative act (in this case, the CAP reform regulations). The power to adopt these non-legislative acts is delegated to the European Commission (hence delegated acts). However, an objection from either Parliament or Council would prevent the delegated act from entering into force.

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*Meeting of political group coordinators in the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development*

*In the chair: Paolo De Castro (S&D, IT)*

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