

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000971/24
to the Commission
Bronis Ropė (Verts/ALE)
(2 April 2024)**

Subject: Monitoring of CAP implementation

In response to the Commission's response to the findings of the Lithuanian National Audit Office regarding possible irregularities in Lithuania's preparation of the CAP Strategic Plan, I would like to ask the Commission:

1. Does the Commission not have an obligation to ensure that the provisions of Regulation 2021/2115 are properly implemented?
2. If such an obligation exists, would the Commission not deem it appropriate to formally request the findings of the National Audit Office in order to have complete information on whether the Ministry of Agriculture has properly implemented the provisions of Regulation 2021/2115?

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**Answer given by Mr Wojciechowski on behalf of the European Commission
(15 May 2024)**

The Commission is responsible for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 ⁽¹⁾ within the limits of its competence attributed by the co-legislators in particular in Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 ⁽²⁾, as well as by the Treaties.

As per the principle of shared management, Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 also attribute competence to the Member States in the application of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

As pointed out in the previous reply by the Commission E-491/2024, formally requesting the findings of the National Audit Office is not obligatory.

This is of course without prejudice to the assessment of the CAP strategic plans (including their Annex III on consultation of the partners) carried out by the Commission and without prejudice to the powers of the Commission to perform checks in Member States as per Article 49 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2115/oj>

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R2116&qid=1713248356185>