(43) Young farmers and new entrants still face significant barriers regarding access to land, high prices and access to credit. Their businesses are more threatened by price volatility (for both inputs and produce) and their needs in terms of training in entrepreneurial and risk management skills are high. It is therefore essential to continue the support for the setting up of new businesses and new farms. Member States should provide for a strategic approach and identify a clear and coherent set of interventions for generational renewal under the specific objective dedicated to this issue. To this aim, Member States may set in their CAP Strategic Plans preferential conditions for financial instruments for young farmers and new entrants, and should include in their CAP Strategic Plan the ring-fencing of at least an amount corresponding to 2% of the annual direct payments' envelope. An increase of the maximum amount of aid for the installation of young farmers and rural business start-ups, up to EUR 100,000, which can be accessed also through or in combination with financial instrument form of support, should be established.
poses a serious threat to the future of European agriculture.
Amendment 1001
Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 47 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(47 a) Emphasises the fact that the European economy is based on a free market system, and that it should embrace capitalism; stresses, however, that since the CAP direct payments that are currently in place disproportionality favour the "old" Member States over the "new" Member States, the CAP direct payments should be adjusted to ensure full convergence, as European farmers all have to meet the same EU standards and requirements.
Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission
(48) Support for direct payments under the CAP Strategic Plans should be granted within national allocations to be fixed by this Regulation. These national allocations should reflect a continuation of the changes whereby the allocations to Member States with the lowest support level per hectare are gradually increased to close 50% of the gap towards 90% of the Union average. In order to take into account the reduction of payments' mechanism and the use of its product in the Member State, the total indicative financial allocations per year in the CAP Strategic Plan of a Member State should be allowed to exceed the national allocation.

Amendment
(48) Support for direct payments under the CAP Strategic Plans should be granted within national allocations to be fixed by this Regulation. The convergence process must be fully completed within the period covered by the 2021-2027 MFF, in order to respect the 2002 European Council decision and to ensure fair competition and equality among Member States. These national allocations should reflect a continuation of the changes whereby the allocations to Member States with the lowest support level per hectare are gradually increased. Full external convergence of direct payments should be achieved by the end of the programming period. In order to take into account the reduction of payments' mechanism and the use of its product in the Member State, the total indicative financial allocations per year in the CAP Strategic Plan of a Member State should be allowed to exceed the national allocation.

Or. en

Justification

The proposed levels of external convergence are insufficient, full convergence of payments shall be achieved by 2027. We call for a proportionate system of convergence based on redistribution of payments from above EU average to below EU average.
Amendment 1003  
Ivan David  
on behalf of the ID Group  

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Or. en  

Justification  

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Amendment 1004  
Gilles Lebreton 
on behalf of the ID Group

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Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 52

Text proposed by the Commission  
Amendment

(52) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Program will contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of 25% of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Actions under the CAP are expected to contribute 40% of the overall financial envelope of the CAP to climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Program's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Or. en
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on behalf of the ID Group

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall provide in their CAP Strategic Plan the definitions of agricultural activity, agricultural area, eligible hectare, genuine farmer and young farmer:

Amendment

1. Member States shall provide in their CAP Strategic Plan at least the definitions of agricultural activity, agricultural area, eligible hectare and young farmer on the following basis:

Or. en

Justification

It should be up to Member States to set up the definition of genuine farmer on a voluntary basis. The definition should take into account that farmers are taking care of the agricultural land, regardless of other economic activities. Previous experience with “active farmer” principle on EU level has resulted in unacceptable administrative burden and prove itself inefficient.
### Amendment 1006

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on behalf of the ID Group

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Peter Jahr

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**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b – introductory part**

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Or. en
Amendment 1007
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i

Text proposed by the Commission
(i) ‘arable land’ shall be land cultivated for crop production or areas available for crop production but lying fallow, and include areas set aside in accordance with Articles 22, 23 and 24 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/199928, with Article 39 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/200529, with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 or with Article 65 of this Regulation;

Amendment
(i) ‘arable land’ shall be land cultivated for crop production or areas available for crop production but lying fallow, and it agroforestry crops mixed with autochthonous trees and shrubs, and include areas set aside in accordance with, Articles 22, 23 and 24 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/199928, with Article 39 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/200529, with Article 28 of Regulation(EU) No 1305/2013 or with Article 65 of this Regulation


Amendment 1008
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

 Amendment

(iii a) ‘agroforestry systems’ means land
use systems in which trees and shrubs are
grown on the same land as where
agricultural practices are carried out;

Or. en
Amendment 1009
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

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