Amendment 1096

Report
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Common agricultural policy - support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States and financed by the EAGF and by the EAFRD (COM(2018)0392 – C8-0248/2018 – 2018/0216(COD))

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

2 a. The Commission shall collect information on all subsidies received from [CAP first and second pillar] and aggregate the total amount that a natural person receives either directly through direct payments or indirectly as beneficial owner of legal persons that are beneficiaries of CAP payments [direct payments and payments from rural development]. The Commission shall keep track in real time and stop payments exceeding an aggregated total of:

(a) EUR 500 000 in the first pillar for direct payments;
(b) EUR 1 000 000 for investments under the second pillar; the Commission shall be notified if the cap is exceeded. The Commission evaluates on a case by case basis whether in duly justified cases an exception can be granted. The Commission shall develop clearly defined, objective criteria, which shall be published in the form of guidelines to the Member States’ authorities without undue delay;

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Payments to projects benefitting the broad population, which are implemented by regional and local authorities, municipalities or cities, should be excluded from these caps.

The Commission shall establish a real-time information and monitoring system through an adaptation and extension of the ARACHNE system or other suitable IT tools; Member States shall be obliged to enter all relevant data (such as the project, payments, legal person, natural person, beneficial owners, etc.) into this system in real-time as a condition for receiving funds from this regulation; the Commission shall use this real-time information and monitoring system to allow a precise overview of the distribution and fair allocation of the EU funds and to have the possibility to track and aggregate the distributed financial means.

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