Amendment 1097

Report
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 134 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 134 a

Complaint mechanism for farmers and SMEs

1. The Commission shall establish a mechanism whereby farmers or SMEs can lodge a complaint directly with the Commission in cases of:
- land grabbing or severe threats thereof,
- severe misconduct of national authorities,
- irregular or partial treatment in tenders or the distribution of subsidies,
- pressure or intimidation from criminal structures, organised crime or oligarchy structures,
- severe infringement of their fundamental rights.

2. The Commission shall create a contact point in the Commission where these complaints can be addressed.

3. The Commission shall develop and make transparent the procedure for
lodging a complaint and the evaluation criteria.

4. The Commission shall guarantee adequate protection for persons or companies following the lodging of a complaint.

5. The Commission should determine whether to treat information received through this mechanism directly in their audits or to transmit it directly to the European Public Prosecutor or OLAF.