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**Amendment 1127**

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**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 22 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(22a) In order to tackle the EU-wide biodiversity decline, it is essential to ensure a minimum level of non-productive areas and features under conditionality and eco-schemes in all Member States. In this context, Member States should aim, in their Strategic Plans, to provide an area of at least 10% of landscape elements beneficial for biodiversity. These should include, inter alia, buffer strips, rotational or non-rotational fallow land, hedges, non-productive trees, terrace walls, and ponds, all of which contribute to enhancing carbon sequestration, preventing soil erosion and depletion, filtering air and water, and supporting climate adaptation.***

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## Article 12

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Obligations of Member States relating to good agricultural and environmental condition

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1. Member States shall ensure that all agricultural areas including land which is no longer used for production purposes, **is** maintained in good agricultural and environmental condition. Member States shall define, at national or regional level, minimum standards for beneficiaries for good agricultural and environmental condition of land in line with the main objective of the standards as referred to in Annex III, taking into account the specific characteristics of the areas concerned, including soil and climatic condition, existing farming systems, land use, crop rotation, farming practices, and farm structures.

1. Member States shall ensure that all agricultural areas, including land which is no longer used for production purposes, **are** maintained in good agricultural and environmental condition. Member States shall define, **in consultation with all relevant stakeholders** at national or, **where appropriate, at** regional level, minimum standards for beneficiaries for good agricultural and environmental condition of land in line with the main objective of the standards as referred to in Annex III, taking into account the specific characteristics of the areas concerned, including soil and climatic condition, existing farming systems, land use, crop rotation, farming practices, and farm structures, **thus ensuring that the land contributes to the specific objectives set out in points(d), (e) and (f) of Article 6(1).**

2. In respect of the main objectives laid down in Annex III Member States **may**

2. **In order to protect the commonality of the CAP and to ensure a**

prescribe standards additional to those laid down in that Annex against those main objectives. **However**, Member States shall not define minimum standards for main objectives other than the main objectives laid down in Annex III.

***level playing field, and*** respect of the main objectives laid down in Annex III Member States ***shall not*** prescribe standards additional to those laid down in that Annex against those main objectives, ***within the system of conditionality. In addition***, Member States shall not define minimum standards for main objectives other than the main objectives laid down in Annex III.

***Member States shall provide the beneficiaries concerned, where appropriate by the use of electronic means, with the list of the requirements and standards to be applied at farm level, as well as clear and precise information thereon.***

***2a. Farmers satisfying the requirements laid down in Regulation (EU) No 2018/848 on organic agriculture shall, in doing so, be deemed to comply with rule 8 on standards for good agricultural and environmental condition of land (GAEC) as laid down in Annex III to this Regulation.***

***2b. The outermost regions of the Union, defined pursuant to Article 349 TFEU and the smaller Aegean islands as defined in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EU) No 229/2013, shall be exempt from the standards of good agricultural and environmental condition of lands requirements 1, 2, 8 and 9, as laid down in Annex III to this Regulation.***

***2c. Farmers participating in voluntary schemes for climate and environment under Article 28 with equivalent agricultural practices to GAECs 1, 8, 9(a)(d) or 10 are deemed to comply with corresponding standards for good agricultural and environmental condition of land (GAEC) as laid down in Annex III to this Regulation, provided that these schemes deliver higher level of benefit for the climate and environment in relation to GAECs 1, 8, 9(a)(d) or 10. Such practices shall be assessed in accordance with Title V of this Regulation.***

**3. Member States shall establish a system for providing the Farm Sustainability Tool for Nutrients referred to in Annex III, with the minimum content and functionalities defined therein, to beneficiaries, who shall use the Tool.**

***The Commission may support the Member States with the design of that Tool and with data storage and processing services requirements.***

4. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138 supplementing this Regulation with rules ***for good agricultural and environmental condition, including establishing the*** elements of the system of the ratio of permanent grassland, the year of reference and the rate of conversion under GAEC 1 as referred to in Annex III, ***the format and additional minimum elements and functionalities of the Farm Sustainability Tool for Nutrients.***

4. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138 supplementing this Regulation with rules ***in relation to further*** elements of the system of the ratio of permanent grassland, the year of reference and the rate of conversion under GAEC 1 as referred to in Annex III.

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### Amendment 1129

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### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13

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##### Farm advisory services

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1. Member States shall include in the CAP Strategic Plan a system providing ***quality and independent*** services for advising farmers and other beneficiaries of CAP support on land management and farm management ('farm advisory services') ***which, when appropriate, shall build upon any already existing systems at Member States level. Member States shall allocate an appropriate budget for the funding of those services and a brief description of those services shall be included in the national CAP Strategic Plans.***

***Member States shall allocate at least the minimum share of 30 % of allocation related to this article to advisory services and technical assistance contributing to the objectives referred to in points (d), (e), (f) of Article 6(1).***

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3. Member States shall ensure that the farm advice given is impartial and that advisors have no conflict of interest.

4. The farm advisory services shall cover at least the following:

(a) all requirements, conditions and management commitments applying to farmers and other beneficiaries set in the CAP Strategic Plan, including requirements and standards under conditionality and conditions for support schemes as well as information on financial instruments and business plans established under the CAP Strategic Plan;

(b) the requirements as defined by Member States for implementing Directive 2000/60/EC, Directive 92/43/EEC, Directive 2009/147/EC, Directive 2008/50/EC, Directive (EU) 2016/2284, Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, Regulation (EU) 2016/429, Article 55 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>30</sup> and Directive 2009/128/EC;

(c) farm practices preventing the

technological and scientific information developed by research and innovation, ***taking account of traditional farming practices and techniques***. They shall be integrated within the interrelated services of farm ***advisory networks***, advisors, researchers, farmer organisations, ***cooperatives*** and other relevant stakeholders that form the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS).

3. Member States shall ensure that the farm advice given is impartial, ***adapted to the whole range of means of production and farms*** and that advisors have no conflict of interest.

***3a. Member States shall ensure that farm advisory services are equipped to provide advice on both production and the provision of public goods***

4. The farm advisory services ***established by the Member State*** shall cover at least the following:

(a) all requirements, conditions and management commitments applying to farmers and other beneficiaries set in the CAP Strategic Plan, including requirements and standards under conditionality, ***eco-schemes, environmental, climate and other management commitments under Article 65*** and conditions for support schemes as well as information on financial instruments and business plans established under the CAP Strategic Plan;

(b) the requirements as defined by Member States for implementing Directive 2000/60/EC, Directive 92/43/EEC, Directive 2009/147/EC, Directive 2008/50/EC, Directive (EU) 2016/2284, Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, Regulation (EU) 2016/429, Article 55 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>30</sup> and Directive 2009/128/EC;

(c) farm practices preventing the

development of antimicrobial resistance as set out in the Communication "A European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance"<sup>31</sup>;

(d) risk management *as referred to in Article 70*;

(e) innovation support in particular for preparing and for implementing Operational Group projects of the European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability as referred to in Article 114;

(f) development of digital technologies in agriculture and rural areas as referred to in Article 102(b).

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(d) risk *prevention and* management;

(e) innovation support in particular for preparing and for implementing Operational Group projects of the European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability as referred to in Article 114;

(f) development of digital technologies in agriculture and rural areas as referred to in Article 102(b);

*(fa) techniques to optimise the economic performance of production systems, the improvement of competitiveness, market orientation, short supply chains and the promotion of entrepreneurship;*

*(fb) specific advice for farmers setting up for the first time;*

*(fc) safety standards and psycho-social care in farming communities;*

*(fd) the sustainable management of nutrients, including use of the Farm Sustainability Tool for Nutrients;*

*(fe) improvement of agro ecological and agroforestry practices and techniques on both agricultural and forest lands;*

*(ff) concentration on producer organisations and other farmer groups;*

*(fg) assistance to farmers who wish to change production, in particular due to changes in consumer demand, with advice concerning the new skills and equipment required;*

*(fh) land mobility and succession planning services;*

*(fi) all agricultural practices which make it possible to reduce the use of fertilisers and plant protection products by*

*promoting natural methods of soil fertility improvement and pest control;*

*(ff) improving resilience and adapting to climate change; and*

*(fk) improving animal welfare.*

*4a. Without prejudice to national law and other relevant provisions of Union law, persons and entities in charge of advisory services shall not disclose to any person other than the advised farmer or beneficiary any personal or business information or data relating to the farmer or beneficiary in question, which has been acquired in the course of their advisory assignment, with the exception of infringements subject to mandatory reporting to public authorities under national or Union law.*

*4b. Member States shall also ensure by means of appropriate public procedure that advisors working within the farm advisory system are suitably qualified and regularly trained.*

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<sup>30</sup>. Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1).

<sup>31</sup>. "A European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)" (COM(2017) 339 final).

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<sup>31</sup>. "A European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)" (COM(2017) 339 final).

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### Amendment 1130

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### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 28

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*Amendment*

#### Article 28

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Schemes for the climate **and the** environment

Schemes for the climate, environment **and animal welfare**

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1. Member States shall **establish and** provide support for voluntary schemes for the climate environment **and animal welfare** ('eco-schemes') under the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified in their CAP Strategic Plans. **Eco-schemes in one area of action shall be consistent with the objectives in another area of action.**

**Member States shall offer a broad variety of eco-schemes in order to ensure that farmers are able to participate and to reward different ambition levels. Member States shall arrange different schemes to provide co-benefits, promote synergies and emphasise an integrated approach. To facilitate coherence and effective rewarding Member States shall establish point or rating systems.**

2. Member States shall support under this type of intervention **genuine** farmers who make commitments to **observe, on**

2. Member States shall support under this type of intervention **active farmers or groups of** farmers who make commitments

*eligible hectares*, agricultural practices *beneficial* for the climate *and* the environment.

3. *Member States shall establish the list of agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment.*

4. *Those practices shall be designed to meet one or more of the specific environmental- and climate-related objectives laid down in points (d), (e) and (f) of Article 6(1).*

5. *Under this type of interventions, Member States shall only provide payments covering commitments which:*

(a) *go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements and standards of good agricultural and environmental condition established under Section 2 of Chapter I of this Title;*

(b) *go beyond the minimum requirements for the use of fertilisers and plant protection products, animal welfare, as well as other mandatory requirements established by national and Union law;*

(c) *go beyond the conditions established for the maintenance of the agricultural area in accordance with point (a) of Article 4(1);*

(d) *are different from commitments in respect of which payments are granted*

*to preserve and deliver beneficial practices and convert to agricultural practices and techniques and certified schemes that make a stronger contribution* for the climate, the environment *and animal welfare, which are established in accordance with Article 28a and included in the lists referred to in Article 28b and are tailored to address specific national or regional needs.*

3. *Support for eco-schemes shall take the form of an annual payment per eligible hectare and/or a per holding payment, and it shall be granted as incentive payments going beyond compensation of additional costs incurred and income foregone, which may consist of a lump sum. The level of payments shall vary according to the ambition level of each eco schemes, based on non-discriminatory criteria.*

*under Article 65.*

**6.      *Support for eco-schemes shall take the form of an annual payment per eligible hectare and it shall be granted as either:***

**(a)      *payments additional to the basic income support as set out in Subsection 2 of this Section; or***

**(b)      *payments compensating beneficiaries for all or part of the additional costs incurred and income foregone as a result of the commitments as set pursuant to Article 65.***

**7.      *Member States shall ensure that interventions under this Article are consistent with those granted under Article 65.***

**8.      *The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138 supplementing this Regulation with further rules on the eco-schemes.***

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**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 28 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 28b**

***Practices eligible for schemes for the climate, environment and animal welfare***

- 1. The agricultural practices covered by this type of intervention shall contribute to the achievement of one or more of the specific objectives set out in points (d), (e), (f) and (i) of Article 6(1), while maintaining and enhancing the economic performance of farmers in accordance with the specific objectives set out in points (a) and (b) of Article 6(1).***
- 2. The agricultural practices referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall cover at least two of the following areas of actions for the climate and the environment:***
  - (a) actions on climate change including reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture as well as maintenance and/ or enhancement of carbon sequestration;***
  - (b) actions to reduce emissions other than Greenhouse Gases;***

*(c) protection or improvement of water quality in agricultural areas and reduction of pressure on water resources;*

*(d) action to reduce soil erosion, improvement of soil fertility and improvement of nutrient management as well as maintaining and re-establishing soil biota;*

*(e) protection of biodiversity, conservation or restoration of habitats and species, pollinator protection and management of landscape features, including establishment of new landscape features;*

*(f) actions for a sustainable and reduced use of pesticides, particularly pesticides that present a risk to human health or biodiversity;*

*(g) allocation of areas to non-productive features or to zones where no pesticides and fertilisers are used;*

*(h) actions to enhance animal welfare and address antimicrobial resistance;*

*(i) actions to reduce inputs and improve sustainable management of natural resources, such as precision farming;*

*(j) actions to improve animal and plant diversity for stronger resistance to disease and in climate change.*

**3. The agricultural practices referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall:**

*(a) go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements and standards of good agricultural and environmental condition established under Section 2 of Chapter I of this Title;*

*(b) go beyond the minimum requirements for animal welfare and the use of fertilisers and plant protection products as well as other mandatory requirements established by Union law;*

*(c) go beyond the conditions established for the maintenance of the*

*agricultural area in accordance with point (a) of Article 4(1);*

*(d) be different from, or complementary to, commitments in respect of which payments are granted under Article 65.*

*4. The Commission shall, by ... [two months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138, supplementing this Regulation by establishing an indicative and non-exhaustive list of examples of types of practices complying with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article.*

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**Amendment 1132**

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**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 28 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 28c**

***National lists of practices eligible for schemes for the climate, environment and animal welfare***

***Member States shall establish, in cooperation with national, regional and local stakeholders, the national lists of practices eligible for the schemes for the climate, environment and animal welfare referred to in Article 28, with the possibility to draw from the examples in the indicative and non-exhaustive list referred to Article 28b or establishing further practices that comply with the conditions in Article 28b, and taking into account their specific national or regional needs in accordance with Article 96.***

***The national lists shall consist of multiple types of measures other than those covered under Article 65, or of measures of the same nature but with a different level of ambition in accordance with Article 28.***

***Member States shall, at least, include in those lists eco-schemes to set up the use of***

*a farm tool for the sustainable management of nutrients, and, where applicable, appropriate maintenance of wetland and peatland.*

*Areas designated pursuant to Directives 92/43/EEC or 2009/147/EC where equivalent actions are being carried out shall automatically be regarded as eligible for the scheme.*

*The national lists shall be approved by the Commission in accordance with the procedure set out in Articles 106 and 107.*

*The Commission shall provide the necessary guidance to the Member States when devising the national lists, in coordination with the European and national Common Agricultural Policy Networks provided for in Article 113, to facilitate the exchange of best practices and to improve the knowledge base and find solutions.*

*When assessing the national lists, the Commission shall in particular take into account the design, the likely effectiveness, uptake, existence of alternatives and contribution of the schemes to the specific objectives referred to in paragraph 28a.*

*The Commission shall assess the national lists every two years. The assessments shall be made publicly available and, in the event of inadequacy or negative assessments, the Member States shall propose amended national lists and schemes in accordance with the procedure set out in Articles 106 and 107.*

Or. en