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Subject: The new EU strategy for the Sahel

The preparation of the new strategy for the Sahel is under way. The current food and nutrition crisis is the result of the challenges faced by the region (conflict, poverty, climate change, forced displacement, lack of access to basic social services, poor governance, inequality and an inappropriate agricultural model). The resilience of small farmers and pastoralists is also continuing to deteriorate. However, the Sahel continues to be approached predominantly from a security or migration perspective. The 'security and development' approach carries numerous risks and undervalues the importance of governance and access to basic social services.

2020 also marks the end of two flagship programmes encompassing the Western and Central Sahel (AGIR) and the East African Sahel (SHARE). These two programmes focusing on the resilience of pastoral communities were financed by the 11th EDF.

1. What are the next steps as regards the follow-up of these programmes? Will they be incorporated into the new strategy for the Sahel? Will the new strategy be based on the resilience of pastoral communities?
2. Will the new strategy for the Sahel make access to basic social services a priority and will it address the root causes of the crisis by including civil society?
3. Will this strategy for the Sahel – like the EU-Africa strategy – also go through the European Parliament?