The Commission is providing support to the agricultural sector to help face the current challenges through a range of measures.

These include those listed in the food security communication of 23 March 2022\(^1\), such as a support package of EUR 500 million, to help producers most affected by the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. In addition, the Commission adopted measures to increase EU agricultural production potential directly. Member States are allowed to derogate from certain requirements for greening payments, using land lying fallow for food and feed production in 2022. The Communication recalls the commitments of the Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy, and sets out medium-term actions to support the transition to a sustainable food system.

On the same date, the Commission adopted a self-standing Temporary Crisis Framework for State aid that allows for further financial support to the sector to be made available\(^2\).

The Commission has also established a European Food Security Crisis preparedness and response Mechanism (EFSCM), to stabilise markets and coordinate the work on food security in times of crises.

\(^1\) [https://europa.eu/1fc4VtC](https://europa.eu/1fc4VtC)

\(^2\) Communication from the Commission Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia, OJ 24.03.2022, C 131I, p. 1, [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.CI.2022.131.01.0001.01.ENG](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.CI.2022.131.01.0001.01.ENG)