The Commission is closely following the impact of the war in Ukraine on the agri-food sector. Considering the significant price surge on commodity markets and challenges for the supply balance of certain products, the Commission adopted in March 2022 a Communication\(^1\) and presented a package of short and medium-term actions in order to enhance global food security and support EU farmers. These actions include a EUR 500 million support package for most affected farmers, which can be supplemented by matching Member State contributions of up to 200%. In addition, while costs are increasing, prices for many agricultural products are also at very high levels mitigating the situation. EU food supply is not at risk.

The new common agricultural policy (CAP) provides a strong and stable system of support for farmers until 2027, a key step to ensure the supply of safe and affordable food. The interventions in the CAP Strategic Plans are designed and planned by the Member States based on a thorough analysis and wide consultation of stakeholders in order to respond to the needs of their agricultural sectors and rural areas in the most effective way to achieve the CAP objectives.

Member States should review their draft CAP Strategic Plans to exploit all opportunities available to them to strengthen the EU’s agricultural sector resilience; reduce their dependence on synthetic fertilisers and scale up the production of renewable energy without undermining food production; and to transform their production capacity in line with more sustainable production methods. It is in Member States’ interest to choose the best mix of interventions under their CAP plan in order to best respond to their specific needs.

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\(^1\) COM (2022) 133 final - “Safeguarding food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems”