The common agricultural policy (CAP) is implemented under shared management between the European Commission and Member States. This means that the national authorities are responsible for the implementation of the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and for ensuring that payments related to the CAP are granted correctly, within the framework defined by the applicable EU regulations and national laws.

EU law encourages timely payment of CAP subsidies by setting deadlines for payments to beneficiaries\(^1\), which, if not respected by national authorities, may result in a reduction of the reimbursement of expenditure by the Commission. However, the EU legislation applicable to the CAP does not provide for rules on appeals related to CAP payments or penalties, this matter being governed by national law.