The future CAP\textsuperscript{1} Strategic Plans (CSPs) for the period 2023-2027 have to contribute to achieving the environmental and climate-related objectives of the EU, further detailed in the specific objectives for the future CAP. This can be achieved by various instruments, among others agri-environment-climate commitments, supported under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD): Member States should grant payments to farmers and other land managers who undertake, on a voluntary basis, management commitments that contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to the protection and improvement of the environment and natural resources. This instrument is not limited to farmers but can be enlarged to other groups of land managers when compatible with the environmental and climate-related objectives pursued. It is to the discretion of the Member States, when designing their CSPs, to define for each of the respective agri-environment-climate commitments the eligible beneficiaries and specific eligibility criteria.

While the right and the responsibility to grant access to calls of proposals to relevant entities lies with the national authorities, the future CAP encourages the involvement of collective approaches and local actors, with clear environmental remit. When implementing such approaches, a number of farmers/land managers agree to implement management commitments in a predefined area and thereby guarantee an enhancement of the quality of the environment at a larger, often landscape or habitat, scale.

\textsuperscript{1} Common Agricultural Policy