Article 106 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115\(^1\) requires Member States to organise drawing up the Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan (CSP) in partnership with local/regional authorities and broad civil society and report on the results (Annex III of the CSP). The Commission has encouraged the Member States to follow the partnership principle in the preparation of the CSP and when it is revised after the Commission observation letter.

While the approval of the CSP by the Commission will not cover Annex III, in the CSP assessment the Commission takes account of Member States reporting in that Annex on the consultations carried out and on the partnerships established. The Commission has addressed, in some cases, observations on these aspects. In the observation letter of 31 March 2022 to Italy, the Commission invited the authorities to ensure the establishment of a well-functioning partnership and a continuous dialogue with all relevant stakeholders.

The Commission encourages partners and the general public to take an active role in the CSP process, and has to this effect published the observation letters and the Member State answers. The Commission will continue to inform the stakeholders, the general public and the institutional partners of the progress of the CSP process. For this purpose, the Commission has organised meetings of Civil Dialogue Groups, and plans to continue organising other meetings and sharing informative material.