

**Question for written answer E-002923/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Agriphotovoltaic systems

It is our shared responsibility to ensure food security and a fair income for farmers while also addressing climate change challenges and maintaining green environmental functions. One way to achieve these combined policy objectives is to roll out agriphotovoltaic systems (also known as 'agrivoltaic' or 'agrisolar' systems). These systems would help to make farmers energy-independent and to bolster their incomes.

The Commission needs to remove any obstacles to the future development and adoption of agriphotovoltaic systems when evaluating the CAP National Strategic Plans for 2023-2027. These potential obstacles include the possibility of farmers receiving CAP funding for the total surface area of their land when they are using this both for agricultural and for energy purposes.

1. How can farmers receive CAP funding for putting their land to dual use with agriphotovoltaic systems?
2. In what way can the Commission promote agriphotovoltaic systems over and above Horizon Europe's call for research proposals on 'New agriphotovoltaic systems'?
3. Does the Commission plan to develop additional or alternative funding schemes to support the purchase of solar panels for these green business models and to achieve the 2030 target of 45% energy from renewable resources?