



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Director-General

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Subject: European Commission's online survey to farmers on simplification – request to Member State authorities for support in dissemination among farmers

Dear Sir, / Dear Madam,

The Commission has launched today an online survey to directly gather the views of EU farmers about the burden of procedures and rules linked to financial support under the common agricultural policy (CAP) as well as other rules for food and agriculture in the EU.

A survey questionnaire, composed of a series of short closed and open questions, is available in all EU languages at the following link:

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Public_Consultation_EU_Simplification_2024rs_point_of_view_2024

These questions aim to collect farmers' hands-on feedback and views about the way the CAP and associated policies are implemented. The survey is open from 7 March until 8 April 2024.

In a second step, in the course of May/June 2024, replies to the questionnaire will be explored through in-depth phone interviews with a limited number of farmers who have given their consent to do so in the survey.

Findings of the survey and interviews will be used for a more detailed analysis of the complexities faced by farmers. The results are expected in autumn 2024.

To ensure a good representativeness of farmers' views, the Commission aims to obtain as wide a participation of farmers in the survey as possible. I trust I can count on your support to disseminate the information about its launch among the farmers receiving CAP related payments. We have also asked European farm organisations to disseminate this survey among their membership.

Should you have any questions about this survey, please contact the European Commission at AGRI-A1@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

In absence of the Director General
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