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Subject: Implications of CAP transition period for the Recovery Fund

The Commission Recovery Fund proposal presented on 27 May effectively increases the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), earmarking a specific amount for farming. A Council decision is still being awaited regarding the increase proposed by the Commission. Under the proposal, however, funding is only to be made available in 2022 and not in 2021. The delay is arising from the need to incorporate the projected measure into the new national CAP strategies.

Given that the CAP transition period is to be two years - one year longer than the Commission's initial proposal - it is expected that the EAFRD increase in response to the 2020 crisis will, under the current recovery fund proposal, only be available from 2023.

In view of this:

1. Will the Commission rethink its decision to disallow provision of support during the CAP transition period?
2. In line with the new green architecture approach, will it offer additional forms of aid to this sector in response to the crisis during the transition period?