

# TCTF post March EUCO

## Introduction

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The European Council underlined in its conclusions on 22 March 2024 the importance of a resilient and sustainable agricultural sector for food security and the Union's strategic autonomy and the value of vibrant rural communities. In particular, the European Council reverted to the current challenges in the agricultural sector and concerns raised by farmers. Against this backdrop, the European Council invited the Commission to take work forward on easing the farmers' financial strain by designing means of additional support, such as for example extending the temporary framework on State aid, and to report back to the next European Council.

It is in this specific context that the Commission seeks the views of all Member States on the existence of a serious disturbance in the economy of a Member State and on the current role of the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework ("TCTF") in remedying such a disturbance, as well as the potential need for continued support especially for the agricultural sector.

## Contact details

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Please specify your Member State

- AT - Austria
- BE - Belgium
- BG - Bulgaria
- HR - Croatia
- CY - Cyprus
- CZ - Czechia
- DK - Denmark
- ESA - EFTA Surveillance Authority
- EE - Estonia
- FI - Finland
- FR - France
- DE - Germany
- EL - Greece
- HU - Hungary
- IC - Iceland
- IE - Ireland
- IT - Italy
- LV - Latvia
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## Questions

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Do your authorities believe that the consequences of the Russian aggression against Ukraine continue to cause a serious disturbance in the economy of your Member State with specific perturbations in certain sectors, namely the primary production of agricultural products?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

If your authorities believe that the consequences of the Russian war against Ukraine are still negatively affecting the primary production of agricultural products in your Member State, does this affect the sector overall or just specific sub-sectors?

- Russia's war has no longer any serious effect on the primary production of agricultural products in our Member State.
- The consequences of Russia's war continue to negatively affect all parts of the primary production of agricultural products in our Member State.
- The consequences of Russia's war continue to negatively affect the primary production of agricultural products, albeit limited to specific sub-sectors.

Do your authorities consider that there are other recent events or elements that have amplified the consequences of the Russian aggression against Ukraine in the agricultural sector in your Member State?

No.

The Commission recalls that the period of application of any section of the TCTF establishes the deadline for the formal granting of the aid, i.e. the establishment of the legal act, such as a State aid scheme, giving

rise to a beneficiary's legal entitlement to aid. Payments of aid that has been granted within the deadline, may extend further in time.

In the opinion of your authorities, would a limited prolongation of Section 2.1. TCTF be justified to remedy the remaining serious disturbance in the economy and in particular the remaining challenges faced by the agricultural sector?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

In the case that your Member State has notified aid schemes under Section 2.1 TCTF for the agriculture sector and if the Commission were to prolong Section 2.1. of the TCTF, would your authorities consider the prolongation of those schemes?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe / I do not know

If your Member State has a scheme under Section 2.1 TCTF currently in force that is open to undertakings in the primary production of agricultural products, do your authorities know, even based on preliminary data, whether eligible undertakings active in that sector are already close to the maximum aid amount allowed?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

Based on your best estimates, what is the average aid amount granted so far to undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products in your Member State under existing schemes pursuant to Section 2.1 TCTF?

This information is not yet available.

Based on the data available to you, can you quantify specific financial needs for undertakings active within the primary production of agricultural products based on identified problems of, for example, their specific area of activity (for instance, crop, or specific crops, vs. livestock) or size of the undertaking? If yes, please provide the data available (even if preliminary, or best estimates).

The Dutch authorities currently have only one aid measure in the agricultural sector based on the TCTF (section 2.1). This concerns SA.112447 (2024/N) – Netherlands TCTF: Scheme for subsidy additional financing for eco-activities. An (short) extension of section 2.1 TCTF, without an increase of the maximum aid amount of this section, is considered desirable to execute approved aid measures. The Dutch authorities consider an increase of the maximum aid amount not justified due to the current economic outlook. According to the Dutch authorities, if more possibilities for State aid are needed in the agricultural sector, the regular agricultural State aid frameworks should be amended to provide for structural solutions.

## Contact

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