



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Director-General

Brussels, 23.05.2022

Subject: Observations on the proposal by Bulgaria for a CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 - CCI: 2023BG06AFSP001

Your Excellency,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the proposal for the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Bulgaria, submitted via SFC2021 on 25 February 2022.

An assessment by the Commission services of the proposed CAP Strategic Plan has identified a number of issues that require further clarification and adaptation. The enclosed annex sets out the relevant observations, which are communicated pursuant to Article 118(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

I invite Bulgaria to submit a revised proposal of the CAP Strategic Plan for approval, taking into account these observations.

In accordance with Article 121 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, the time limit of 6 months for the Commission decision to approve your CAP Strategic Plan does not include the period starting on the day following the sending of these observations and ending on the date on which Bulgaria responds to the Commission and provides a revised proposal.

The Commission is committed to a continued structured dialogue with national authorities in the further approval process of your CAP Strategic Plan. The Commission is open to receiving your written reaction on the key elements of the observations within 3 weeks and intends to publish them subsequently alongside our observations unless you would object to publication of your reaction. I invite your services in charge to engage in bilateral exchanges as soon as possible in order to discuss the observations set out in the Annex.

Yours faithfully,

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Annex: List of observations pursuant to Article 118(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115

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