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Symbolic march of European farming on the EU budget and the future CAP
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We are marching today to oppose the historic misstep taken by the European Commission on two key pillars of European agricultural policy: The future budget framework and the CAP. While harvests are in full swing and many of us are busy at work in the fields, the Commission has considered that it was the right time to dismantle the 'Common' nature of the CAP through concealed budget cuts under the guise of a so-called 'Single Fund', alongside a complete renationalisation which is justified by the alleged virtue of administrative simplification.

We have been mobilising for several months, warning against a purely accounting-driven approach and the political inconsistency that would result from dissolving the CAP into a 'Single Fund'. At a time when Europe faces overlapping challenges, from geopolitical instability and economic/legal uncertainty to climate change and shifting global trade — one thing is clear: Food security is security. **The EU cannot achieve true strategic autonomy without securing its agricultural sector and the cornerstone of that security is a strong, common, and well-funded agricultural policy.**

While the Commission was publicly speaking about stakeholder engagement, inclusive dialogue, and listening to farming communities, we now have clear evidence that President von der Leyen had, in fact, been preparing behind the scenes for months a radical and unilateral approach to EU agriculture and its budget. Likewise, the votes and positions of the European Parliament and the European Council have been entirely disregarded in the proposal presented today! The result is an approach unacceptable to European farming organisations.

More than the details of the proposals, **it is the message sent by the top of the European executive that is proving truly damaging.** Beneath the euphemisms, accounting debates, and polished talking points lies a more unsettling truth: **The very foundation of European agricultural policy is being undermined on what could go down as a Black Wednesday in Brussels.**

Budget cuts, the dissolution of the two pillars, loss of the element of commonality and the Commission's disengagement from its historic agricultural policy. **Can these be interpreted as anything else than a message of abandonment, indifference, and lack of strategic priority for agriculture and rural communities?**

Regardless of budgetary breakdowns, we know exactly who will be hit hardest: Family farms, the cornerstone of our agricultural model. These farms have withstood crisis after crisis. They provide diversity, quality, and resilience in our food systems and territories. These are the farmers we applauded during the pandemic and who will lead the green transition demanded by the Commission. And yet, with this budget signal, just as a new legislative cycle begins, and with the EU-Mercosur deal looming: **How can the Commission expect to still be heard and trusted by the agricultural community in the years ahead?**

The Commission would do well to heed the more than 6,000 organisations that have signed our petition in just a few weeks. Their message is clear. It is one of deep and growing concern—and yes, rising anger—at the sense of being ignored while being the backbone of European (food) security!

To those who feel shocked, dismayed, or stunned by the Commission's approach, we say this is only the beginning of a long process. We call on the European co-legislators to take up urgently these two dossiers and turn words of support for agriculture into concrete action. **Will the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers support what is already shaping up to be the worst reform of the CAP? The coming months will prove decisive.**