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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021, establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans), and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF), and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013, and (EU) No 1307/2013¹, and in particular Article 118(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 30 December 2021, Austria submitted to the Commission a proposal for its strategic plan under the common agricultural policy for Union support to be financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2027 ('2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan').
- (2) In accordance with Article 118(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, the Commission has assessed the proposed 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Austria and made observations, including on upscaling the production of sustainable biomethane, as provided for in paragraph 3, first subparagraph, of that Article on 31 March 2022². In accordance with paragraph 3, second subparagraph, of that Article, Austria provided to the Commission the additional information necessary to follow up the Commission's observations and submitted a revised version of its 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan on 10 August 2022.
- (3) The revised 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements on the content of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plans laid down in Articles 107 to 115 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and in Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2289³. It has been drawn up by Austria with the

¹ OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 1.

² The observations of the Commission were sent to the Member State on 31 March 2022. The observations have been published on https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/key-policies/common-agricultural-policy/cap-strategic-plans/observation-letters_en.

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2289 of 21 December 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the

involvement of the partners referred to in Article 106(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, and in cooperation with the Commission.

- (4) The revised 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan proposed by Austria complies with the requirements laid down in Article 118(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.
- (5) According to Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴, this Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 110(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵ in respect to the EAFRD. The elements required for the financing decision are contained in the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan, except the budget line, which is specified in this Decision. For reasons of transparency, the total EAFRD contribution for each type of intervention, the EAFRD contribution per year and the maximum EAFRD contribution, which are constituted by the adjusted allocations after the transfers set out in the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan in accordance with Article 103 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, are taken into account in the overview table of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan provided for in Article 112(2) of that Regulation: the overview table should also be included in the Annexes to this Decision. The additional national financing for interventions in rural development in accordance with Article 146 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, should also be included in the Annexes to this Decision.
- (6) For reasons of transparency and clarity, this Decision should also summarise all elements, other than the adjusted allocations for EAFRD, which are specified in the overview table laid out in Article 112(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, including the adjusted allocations for direct payments after the transfers, indicated in the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan in accordance with Articles 17(5), 88(5) and (6) and 103 of that Regulation, which constitute the maximum financial allocations for direct payments.
- (7) According to Articles 92(2), 93(3), 95(3), 95(4), 95(5), 97(10), 97(11) and 98(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, the respective financial ceilings for LEADER, interventions addressing environmental and climate-related specific objectives, young farmers, eco-schemes and for redistributive income support should be approved by the Commission in accordance with Article 118 of that Regulation as a financial ceiling established in Union law. Therefore, those reverse financial ceilings should be specified in this Decision.
- (8) This Decision should not cover information on the control systems and penalties set up by Austria, and the information included in Annexes I to IV of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan. It should also not cover State aid within the meaning of Articles 107, 108 and 109 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') falling outside the scope of Article 42 TFEU, which has not been approved by the Commission according to the relevant State aid procedures,

presentation of the content of the CAP Strategic Plans and on the electronic system for the secure exchange of information (OJ L 458, 22.12.2021, p. 463).

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 (OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 187).

⁵ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The final version of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Austria, submitted to the Commission on 10 August 2022 by means of the electronic system for the secure exchange of information called 'SFC2021' in accordance with Article 3(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2289, is approved.

The approval of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan shall not cover the information referred to in Article 113 point (c) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and in Annexes I to IV of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan, nor State aid within the meaning of Articles 107, 108 and 109 TFEU falling outside the scope of Article 42 TFEU.

Article 2

The overview table of allocations, including the adjusted allocations, as referred to in Article 112(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and set out in the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan, is set out in Annex I to this Decision.

The total EAFRD contribution for each EAFRD type of intervention is set out in Annex II to this Decision.

The financial ceilings calculated in accordance with Articles 92(2), 93(3), 95(3), 95(4), 95(5), 97(10), 97(11) and 98(2) respectively are specified in Annex III to this Decision.

A table of the additional national financing, as referred to in Article 146 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, is set out in Annex IV to this Decision.

Article 3

The maximum EAFRD contribution shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line 08 03 01 01 (Rural development types of interventions under the CAP Strategic Plans).

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Austria.

Done at Brussels, 13.9.2022

For the Commission
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI
Member of the Commission

Annex I

CAP Strategic Plan: overview table

Financial Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Direct Payments (CY N=FY N+1) under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
1 Initial Direct Payments allocations (initial Annex V)	N/A	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	3 387 909 230.00
2 Cotton (Annex VIII)	N/A						
3 Initial Direct Payments allocations excluding cotton (initial Annex IX)	N/A	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	3 387 909 230.00
4 Coupled income support (Article 96)	N/A	18 000 000.00	18 000 000.00	18 000 000.00	18 000 000.00	18 000 000.00	90 000 000.00
5 Transfer to EAFRD total amount (flexibility+reduction) - resulting amount	N/A					N/A	
6 Total flexibility (Article 103(1)(a)) - amount	N/A					N/A	
7 If above 25%: of which for the environmental and climate-related objectives (Article 103(2)(a)) - amount	N/A					N/A	
8 If above 25%: of which for the installation of young farmers (Article 103(2)(b)) - amount	N/A					N/A	
9 Total flexibility %	N/A					N/A	
10 Transfer to EAFRD of the estimated product of reduction, if applicable (Article 17(5))	N/A					N/A	
11 Transfer to types of interventions in other sectors (Article 88(6)) - amount	N/A						
12 Transfer to types of interventions in other sectors (Article 88(6)) - percentage	N/A						
13 Transferred from EAFRD: amount (Article 103(1)(b))	N/A					N/A	
16 Adjusted Direct Payments allocation (Annex V)	N/A	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	3 387 909 230.00
17 Adjusted Direct Payments allocations excluding cotton before reduction transfer (Annex IX)	N/A	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	677 581 846.00	3 387 909 230.00

	EAGF sectorial under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
18	Wine (Annex VII)		13 155 000.00	13 155 000.00	13 155 000.00	13 155 000.00	N/A	52 620 000.00
19	Apiculture (Annex X)	1 202 188.00	1 477 188.00	1 477 188.00	1 477 188.00	1 477 188.00	N/A	7 110 940.00
22	Types of interventions in other sectors (Article 42(f)) from Direct Payments	N/A						
	EAFRD under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
23	Initial EAFRD Member State's allocation (Annex XI)	520 024 752.00	520 024 752.00	520 024 752.00	520 024 752.00	520 024 752.00	N/A	2 600 123 760.00
24	Flexibility transfer to Direct Payments (Article 103(1)(b) and (2)(b)) - amount						N/A	
25	Percentage						N/A	
26	Transferred from Direct Payments (flexibility+reduction estimate) (Articles 17 and 103)						N/A	
27	Allocated to EU Invest (Article 81)						N/A	
28	Allocated to LIFE (Article 99) - amount						N/A	
28a	Allocated to Erasmus+ (Article 99) - amount						N/A	
28b	Early retirement carry-over amounts (Article 155(2)(a)) (Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005) - amount						N/A	
30	Adjusted EAFRD Member State's allocations (Annex XI)	520 024 752.00	520 024 752.00	520 024 752.00	520 024 752.00	520 024 752.00	N/A	2 600 123 760.00
	Financial Year, minimum spending requirements under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
31	Reserved for LEADER (Article 92(1)) (minimum 5%) - percentage	5.01	5.01	5.01	5.01	5.01	N/A	5.01
32	Reserved for LEADER - amount	26 040 000.00	26 040 000.00	26 040 000.00	26 040 000.00	26 040 000.00	N/A	130 200 000.00
33	Reserved for environmental and climate-related objectives under EAFRD (Article 93) (minimum 35%) - Outermost regions excluded - percentage	56.51	57.84	59.04	59.81	59.15	N/A	58.47
34	Reserved for environmental and climate-related objectives under EAFRD - amount	293 841 141.96	300 778 175.88	307 010 412.28	311 016 284.65	307 570 574.63	N/A	1 520 216 589.40
35	- out of which for Article 70	229 872 254.78	236 809 288.70	243 041 525.10	247 047 397.47	243 601 687.45	N/A	1 200 372 153.50
36	- out of which for Article 71 (50%)	49 434 026.40	49 434 026.40	49 434 026.40	49 434 026.40	49 434 026.40	N/A	247 170 132.00
37	- out of which for Article 72	822 967.18	822 967.18	822 967.18	822 967.18	822 967.18	N/A	4 114 835.90
38	- out of which for Article 73 linked to specific objectives in Article 6(1) (d), (e) and (f), and, as regards animal welfare, in Article 6(1)(i)	13 711 893.60	13 711 893.60	13 711 893.60	13 711 893.60	13 711 893.60	N/A	68 559 468.00
38a	- out of which for Article 74 linked to specific objectives in Article 6(1) (d), (e) and (f)						N/A	
39	Difference as compared to minimum amount	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	610 173 273.40
39a	To be reserved for young farmers (Annex XII) - (Article 95) (if only Direct Payments: annual amounts to be respected)	N/A	20 327 455.00	20 327 455.00	20 327 455.00	20 327 455.00	20 327 455.00	101 637 275.00
39b	Reserved for young farmers	6 452 197.50	20 681 416.50	20 681 416.50	20 681 416.50	20 681 416.50	14 229 219.00	103 407 082.50
40	Reserved for young farmers - needed to reach minimum requirements	6 327 455.00	20 327 455.00	20 327 455.00	20 327 455.00	20 327 455.00	14 000 000.00	101 637 275.00
41	- through Complementary income support for young farmers (under Direct Payments)	N/A	14 229 219.00	14 229 219.00	14 229 219.00	14 229 219.00	14 229 219.00	71 146 095.00
42	"of which needed to reach minimum requirement" - basis for reverse	N/A	14 000 000.00	14 000 000.00	14 000 000.00	14 000 000.00	14 000 000.00	70 000 000.00

	ceiling							
43	- through investments by young farmers (weighted at 50%) (under Rural Development)						N/A	
44	"of which needed to reach minimum requirement" - basis for reverse ceiling						N/A	
45	- setting up of young farmers (under Rural Development)	6 452 197.50	6 452 197.50	6 452 197.50	6 452 197.50	6 452 197.50	N/A	32 260 987.50
46	"of which needed to reach minimum requirement" - basis for reverse ceiling	6 327 455.00	6 327 455.00	6 327 455.00	6 327 455.00	6 327 455.00	N/A	31 637 275.00
47	Minimum amount to be reserved for eco-schemes (Article 97)	N/A	169 395 461.50	169 395 461.50	169 395 461.50	169 395 461.50	169 395 461.50	846 977 307.50
48	Rebate (where relevant - optional for Member States)	N/A	71 395 461.50	70 395 461.50	69 395 461.50	67 395 461.50	68 395 461.50	346 977 307.50
49	Annual amounts reserved for eco-schemes under Direct Payments	N/A	98 000 000.00	99 000 000.00	100 000 000.00	102 000 000.00	101 000 000.00	500 000 000.00
51	Total amount for eco-schemes	N/A	169 395 461.50	169 395 461.50	169 395 461.50	169 395 461.50	169 395 461.50	846 977 307.50
53	Amount reserved for redistributive payment (Article 29) - minimum 10% annually applied on row 17, unless derogation applies	N/A	67 758 185.00	67 758 185.00	67 758 185.00	67 758 185.00	67 758 185.00	338 790 925.00

Annex II

Total EAFRD contribution for each type of intervention and for technical assistance

Article 32(6)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116: Total EAFRD contribution to each type of intervention under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 for the entire period		
		in EUR
01	Environmental, climate-related and other management commitments (Article 70)	1 200 372 153.50
02	Natural or other area-specific constraints (Article 71)	494 340 264.00
03	Area-specific disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements (Article 72)	4 114 835.90
04	Investments, including investments in irrigation (Articles 73 and 74)	432 865 761.51
05	Setting up of young farmers and new farmers and rural business start-up (Article 75)	34 455 442.50
06	Risk management tools (Article 76)	0.00
07	Cooperation (Article 77)	271 728 737.05
08	Knowledge exchange and dissemination of information (Article 78)	91 003 174.51

Article 94 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115: Total EAFRD contribution for technical assistance for the entire period			
		in EUR	% EAFRD
		71 243 391.02	2.74

Annex III

Reverse financial ceilings

Table 1	
Financial ceilings for the total EAFRD expenditure for rural development for the entire period of the CAP Strategic Plan under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, other than:	
	in EUR
LEADER (Article 92(2))	2 470 117 572.00
Interventions addressing environmental and climate-related specific objectives (Article 93(3))	1 690 080 444.00
Interventions under Article 70, Article 72, Article 73 and Article 74 insofar these interventions address the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1)(d), (e), (f) and as regards animal welfare, in Article 6(1)(i) and insofar these interventions are taken into account for a reduction of the eco-schemes ringfencing requirement (Article 97(11)) ¹	1 473 109 324.50
Interventions for the setting up of young farmers (Article 95(4)) ²	2 568 486 485.00
Investments by young farmers (Articles 75(2)(a), Article 95(5) and Article 73(4), second subparagraph, point (a)(ii)) ²	N/A

Table 2					
Financial ceilings per calendar year, for the total expenditure for types of intervention in the form of Direct Payments under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 other than:					
	in EUR				
	Calendar year 2023	Calendar year 2024	Calendar year 2025	Calendar year 2026	Calendar year 2027
Complementary income support for young farmers (Article 95(3)) ³	663 581 846.00	663 581 846.00	663 581 846.00	663 581 846.00	663 581 846.00
Schemes for the climate, environment and animal welfare (Article 97(10))	N/A	N/A	591 133 482.92	589 133 482.92	576 581 846.00
Complementary redistributive income support for sustainability (Article 98(2))	609 823 661.40	609 823 661.40	609 823 661.40	609 823 661.40	609 823 661.40

¹ This reverse ceiling is only established in case of application of a reduction to the eco-schemes ringfencing provided for under Article 97(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115. Otherwise, the row is not applicable.

² This reverse ceiling is only established in case the relevant EAFRD interventions are used for the generational renewal minimum amount ringfencing provided for under Article 95 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115. Otherwise, the row is not applicable.

³ This reverse ceiling is only established in case complementary income support for young farmers interventions are used for the generational renewal minimum amount ringfencing provided for under Article 95 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115. Otherwise, the row is not applicable.

Annex IV

Additional national financing provided within the scope of the CAP Strategic Plan

Rural development interventions under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	
Intervention in the CAP Strategic Plan for which financing is granted	Budget (in EUR)
70-01 - Environmentally sound and biodiversity-promoting management (UBB)	2 500 000.00
70-13 - Animal welfare — brain	7 500 000.00
70-02 - Organic farming	2 500 000.00
Total per type of intervention in Article 70 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	12 500 000.00
71-01 - Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints	50 000 000.00
Total per type of intervention in Article 71 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	50 000 000.00
73-02 - Investments in processing and marketing of agricultural products	36 400 000.00
73-04 - Forest management	750 000.00
73-08 - Investments in diversification activities, including processing and marketing of agricultural products	3 750 000.00
73-03 - Infrastructure Wald	600 000.00
73-01 - Investments in agricultural production	80 000 000.00
73-09 - Rural transport infrastructure	10 000 000.00
Total per type of intervention in Articles 73-74 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	131 500 000.00
75-01 - Support for setting up young farmers	4 000 000.00
Total per type of intervention in Article 75 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	4 000 000.00
77-06 - Support to Operational Groups and Innovation Projects under the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability — EIP-AGRI	2 500 000.00
Total per type of intervention in Article 77 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	2 500 000.00
78-01 - Farm and forestry advisory services	5 000 000.00
78-02 - Knowledge transfer for agricultural and forestry themes (technical and personal training and information)	5 000 000.00
Total per type of intervention in Article 78 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	10 000 000.00
Overall total	210 500 000.00

National financial assistance in the fruits and vegetables sector under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115					
	Calendar year 2023	Calendar year 2024	Calendar year 2025	Calendar year 2026	Calendar year 2027
Estimated amount of national financial assistance (in EUR) (Article 53)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00