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**UPDATED AD HOC REPORT ON COVID-19 MEASURES TAKEN BY THE EU
(INCLUDING BY ITS MEMBER STATES) IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR –
(DOCUMENTS G/AG/GEN/159, G/AG/GEN/159/ADD.1, G/AG/GEN/159/ADD.2,
G/AG/GEN/159/ADD.3 AND G/AG/GEN/159/ADD.4)**

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Addendum

1.1. This document updates the European Union (EU) *ad hoc* reports on COVID-19 measures in document G/AG/GEN/159, document G/AG/GEN/159/Add.1, document G/AG/GEN/159/Add.2, document G/AG/GEN/159/Add.3 and document G/AG/GEN/159/Add.4. It covers measures adopted by the EU and its member States **after** 10 March 2021 until 1 September 2021.

1.2. It includes a list of the additional measures that have been approved by the European Commission since the submission of the document G/AG/GEN/159 and its subsequent updates, and EU member States' subsidies under EU state aid rules (see the European Union Guidelines for state aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas 2014 to 2020¹) as well as those approved under the Temporary Framework to support the economy in the context of the coronavirus outbreak². They do not include those granted under Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014³ and those considered as *de minimis* aid under Commission Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013⁴, for which there is no *ex ante* requirement for notification by EU member States to the European Commission. General schemes available to all sectors of the economy are not included in the attached list.

1.3. Several of the schemes in the *ad hoc* reports are open to all economic sectors in a country or many different sectors. Actors active in agriculture may benefit together with those from the rest of the economy to such schemes. For these schemes, the amounts indicated in this document as well as in previous versions indicate the overall total amount available and **not** the specific amount for the agricultural sector. It should also be underlined that the amounts indicated are the maximum budget available, and actual execution can be less. Finally, during the reporting period some prior reported schemes have been modified by changing application period, support levels for individual beneficiaries etc. **but** within an unchanged overall maximum amount for the measures. Such changes have not been included in this *ad hoc* report.

1.4. Measures in this and previous *ad hoc* reports that constitute domestic support will be included in the EU DS:1 notification covering the relevant year. For example, expenditure related to budget year 2020 will be included in the EU DS:1 notification for the 2019/20 marketing year.

¹ For the latest consolidated version, see: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02014XC0701\(01\)-20181109](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02014XC0701(01)-20181109).

² For detailed explanations on COVID-19 related state aid see: https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/what_is_new/covid_19.html.

³ For the latest consolidated version, see: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02014R0702-20190312>.

⁴ For the latest consolidated version, see: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02013R1408-20190314>.

UPDATE TO DOCUMENT G/AG/GEN/159/ADD.4

The information below is additional to the information included in document G/AG/GEN/159, G/AG/GEN/159/Add.1, G/AG/GEN/159/Add.2, G/AG/GEN/159/Add.3 and G/AG/GEN/159/Add.4.

Name	EU/MS	Legal reference	Short description	Amount
DOMESTIC SUPPORT				
Member State measures				
Flemish scheme to support potato and ornamental plant growers	BE		Compensation to potato grower and producers of ornamental plant grower (primarily spring 2020 flower) that could not be marketed due to the lockdown during the pandemic.	EUR 35 million EUR 10 million for potato
Wallonia - Aid for pig farmers with breeding sows	BE		To grant financial assistance to pig farmers in Wallonia due to loss of income due to the COVID-19 epidemic, in order to mitigate its consequences. The measure consists of two schemes. (a) Scheme 1: monthly basic income and; (b) Scheme 2: reimbursement of a part of the lost income due to quarantine.	EUR 6.5 million
Financial support for farmers producing oil seed rose	BUL		Scheme aims at compensating part of the income losses incurred to oil- bearing rose producers in the period 13 March 2020 to 31 December 2021 - on a total area of oil-bearing rose of 46 601 decares.	EUR 1.5 million (BGN 3 million)
Aid to mitigate the impact of SARS COVID-19 outbreak on agrifood production – AGRICOVID II	CZ		Direct grants as laid down in the program AGRICOVID II. The aid is designed to preserve the viability of enterprises where these measures have directly affected the demand and supply chain and the agricultural and food production and thereby limited the activities of the enterprises concerned.	EUR 110 million (CZK 3 billion)
Aid scheme for mink farmers and related businesses affected by the COVID-19 outbreak	DK		Compensation to farmers and certain related business for the obligatory culling of all mink in Denmark. Farmers' share estimated at DKK 9 billion.	Approx. EUR 1.7 billion (DKK 12.9 billion)
Temporary support to farmers	EE		To counter the liquidity shortage faced by undertakings because of the outbreak.	EUR 15.8 million
Compensation for losses suffered by horticulturalists	FR		Ensure the viability of French agricultural enterprises and in particular to support producers who have suffered severely reduced incomes due to measures taken to limit the spread of the COVID-19, especially in the period during March to May 2020.	EUR 25 million

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Exceptional tax credit to support the elimination of glyphosate in connection with the difficulties encountered by the agricultural sector due to the COVID-19 outbreak	FR		The aid is thus designed to provide aid to farmers hit by the COVID-19 crisis, facing shortage or unavailability of liquidity, in order to make it financially possible to abandon the use of products containing the active substance of glyphosate and try out alternative practices in year 2021.	EUR 100 million
Aid to farmers in the sectors of buffalo breeding, outdoor watermelon production, greenhouse crops production and summer and autumn potatoes production	EL		To ensure that sufficient liquidity remains available in the market, to counter the liquidity shortage faced by undertakings because of the outbreak, to ensure that the disruptions caused by the outbreak do not undermine the viability of the undertakings.	EUR 26 million
Direct grants through tax reduction of the local business tax	HU		The objective of the measure is to provide relief and liquidity to SMEs for 2021 through the reduction of the local business tax they are required to pay.	Approx. EUR 586 million (HUF 214 billion)
Liquidity aid to beef farmers	IRL		The scheme is to support beef farmers' incomes in the context of the financial impact of COVID-19. Aid payment will only be made on cow/calf pairs born on the holding between 1 st July 2020 and 30 th June 2021.	EUR 45 million
Direct grants to small farmers	LAT		The final beneficiaries of the measure are micro and small-sized enterprises, and not more than 7 hectares of agricultural land.	EUR 1.5 million
Support to the pig sector	LAT		The notified aid scheme aims at providing direct financial support to pig farmers in Latvia for the losses incurred as a consequence of the COVID-19 outbreak in the period from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021, in order to improve their viability and solvency.	EUR 13 million
Support to the poultry sector	LAT		The notified aid scheme aims at providing direct financial support to pig farmers for the losses incurred as a consequence of the COVID-19 outbreak in the period from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021, in order to improve their viability and solvency.	EUR 13 million
Reimbursement of uncovered fixed costs for SMEs	LIT		The aid granted under this aid scheme is intended to maintain the liquidity of undertakings whose activities have been reduced or suspended as a result of the COVID-19 crisis in particular in the pig and poultry sector.	EUR 6.8 million
Aid to enterprises in the pig production sector	LUX		The measure aims to ensure the viability of Luxembourgish agricultural enterprises and in particular, to support producers who have suffered severely reduced incomes due to measures taken to limit the spread of the COVID-19.	EUR 30 million
Temporary State Aid to Farmers	MT		Ensure that sufficient liquidity remains available in the market, to counter the liquidity shortage faced by undertakings because of the COVID-19 outbreak.	EUR 4.5 million
Compensation to mink farmers	NL		Demolition and conversion of fur animal husbandry. The fur animal farmers face financial difficulties to continue their business, as well as to wind up their activities, demolish the	EUR 8 million

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			buildings and constructions and to convert their undertakings to new agricultural activities.	
Financial support for companies in the sugarcane processing sector in Madeira	PT		The eligible companies are those that use sugarcane for direct transformation into sugarcane molasses, rum or other products and have had a drop in sales volume of more than 15 % comparing 2020 with 2019.	EUR 0.3 million
Financial assistance to bovine farmers	ROM		The measure is to grant financial assistance to bovine farmers due to loss of income due to the COVID-19 epidemic, in order to mitigate its consequences.	Approx. EUR 46 million (RON 225 Million)
Compensation for income loss holders of ancillary farm activities	SLV		The beneficiaries of the measure are holders of ancillary activities on a farm who, on 1 September 2020 at the latest, had a final permit to perform such activities in accordance with the National Decree on ancillary activities on a farm.	EUR 1.5 million
Aid to compensate for the income loss of apple growers	SLV		The measure is designed to compensate for the apple growers' loss of income caused by the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic, to mitigate the negative impact of the crisis on this sector and ensure the competitiveness of the beneficiaries.	EUR 4.1 million
Aid to compensate for the income loss of wine producers	SLV		The aim of the measure is to grant financial assistance to wine producers and grapes for winegrowers due to loss of income due to the COVID-19 epidemic, in order to mitigate the consequences of the second wave of the COVID-19 epidemic.	EUR 3.7 million
Aid to pig breeders	SLV		The purpose of the measure is to grant financial assistance to pig breeders for loss of income due to the COVID-19 epidemic, to mitigate the consequences of the second wave of the COVID-19 epidemic.	EUR 3.6 Million
Aid to sheep and goat breeders	SLV		The purpose of the measure is to grant financial assistance to pig breeders for loss of income due to the COVID-19 epidemic, to mitigate the consequences of the second wave of the COVID-19 epidemic, in order to maintain the economic viability of sheep and goat breeding.	EUR 0.8 million
Aid to beef producers	SLV		The purpose of the measure is to grant financial assistance to pig breeders for loss of income due to the COVID-19 epidemic, to mitigate the consequences of the second wave of the COVID-19 epidemic, in order to maintain the economic viability of beef cattle breeding.	EUR 6.8 million

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Reduction of rent for leases of agricultural land due to COVID-19	SLV		Due to restrictions on the implementation of activities resulting from measures to protect human health at the time of the declaration of the COVID-19 epidemic, farm holders were unable to carry out all their activities and suffered a loss of income from the sale of crops. The beneficiaries will be entitled to a reduction of 20% of the rent due for 2021 to the Farmland and Forest Fund of the Republic of Slovenia.	EUR 1.4 million
Aid to mink furs producers	SWE		Compensating farmers for the prohibition of mating for fur production and rearing mink from 27 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.	EUR 6 million (SEK 60 million)
