

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-122.2 and 122.3 (ex Article 37)

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2. ~~A European law or framework law shall establish the common organisation of the market provided for in [ex Article 34(1)] and the other provisions necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the common agricultural policy and the common fisheries policy.~~

The European Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, shall adopt a law establishing a multi-annual framework programme setting up the activities of the Union.

3. ~~The Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt the European regulations or decisions on fixing prices, levies, aid and quantitative limitations and on the fixing and allocation of fishing opportunities.¹~~

For the implementation of the multi-annual framework programme the Council, on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt by a qualified majority the legislative acts, regulations and decisions necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the agricultural policy of the Union. The Council shall act after consulting the European Parliament.

¹If the current objectives for the agricultural policy remain unchanged, then , due to the large volume and the character of the legislation concerning the CAP, the legislative powers to a large extent should have to remain within the Council. However, there still is a need to further strengthen the coordination and long-time perspective in the implementation of the policy. The implementation would benefit from the use of multi-annual framework programme, guiding the institutions in their work during a certain period of time. We propose that the European Parliament and the Council share responsibility for adopting such a programme. This proposal also avoids situations where ambiguities or different opinions concerning which questions could be decided in a regulation and when a law is necessary, leads to uncertainties regarding if article 122.2 or 122.3 in the presidency proposal shall apply.