

SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

**RESOLUTION
ON THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AFTER 2020**

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,
having assessed the difficult situation in Lithuanian agriculture and rural areas, and the large migration flows;

noting that the funds of Pillar II – rural development of the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union (CAP) significantly contribute to maintaining and increasing the viability of rural regions;

emphasising that the direct payments system should ensure fair and equal terms of competition for all farmers of the European Union;

drawing attention to the fact that the ban of the Russian Federation on the import of agricultural products and foodstuffs has revealed that the measures currently applied with a view to maintaining the stability of the market are insufficient,

states that the level of direct payments which does not distort competition and discriminate against the Lithuanian farmers and rural population should remain a priority for Lithuania in negotiations for the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027;

stresses the need to ensure adequate financing of the CAP after 2020, taking account of future challenges and objectives set for agriculture and rural areas;

holds the view that the two current pillars of the CAP should be maintained;

proposes to reinforce risk-management tools and improve market regulation measures, by considering the possibility to introduce a third pillar of the CAP focused on risk-management tools while maintaining the market-oriented CAP;

considers that in shaping the future CAP, one of the most important aspects for improving the functioning of the food supply chain should be strengthening of farmers' negotiating powers;

draws attention to the need to simplify the CAP and ensure its flexible implementation in the Member State of the European Union.

Speaker of the Seimas

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