



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
Directorate C – CAP Strategic Plans I  
The Director

Brussels,

**Subject: Acceptance of the 2023 Annual Performance Report for the CAP Strategic Plan of Czechia**

Dear Mr Dlouhý,

On 15 February 2024, the Commission received the 2023 Annual Performance Report relating to the CAP Strategic Plan of Czechia, which was admissible in accordance with Article 134(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

I would like to inform you that the Commission services have further assessed the Annual Performance Report in accordance with Article 134(13) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and have concluded that it is **accepted**. The acceptance of the Annual Performance Report for 2023 of Czechia pursuant to Article 134(13) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 is without prejudice to:

- the annual performance clearance procedure provided for in Article 54 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116;
- exchanges between the Commission and Czechia that are part of the annual review meeting referred to in Article 136 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

Without prejudice to the acceptance of the Annual Performance Report and in view of 2023 being the first year of the annual performance reporting, please find enclosed some reflections from the Commission services on the Annual Performance Report for your consideration.

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The translation of this letter into your national language is under preparation.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex: Elements for reflection on the Annual Performance Report of Czechia

## **Annex**

### **Elements for reflection on the Annual Performance Report of Czechia**

To facilitate the preparation of the Annual Review Meeting, referred to in Article 136 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, below you will find elements which in the view of the Commission services need further discussion. To ensure an informed exchange, for some of these elements, the Commission services would appreciate to receive additional information/explanations in writing ahead of the Annual Review Meeting during which the reply will further be discussed.

Furthermore, with a view to improving future annual performance reporting please find below suggestions from the Commission services for your consideration.

#### **1. ELEMENTS WHERE CZECHIA IS INVITED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING**

The Commission services would welcome if Czechia could provide additional information in writing on the below elements before the Annual Review Meeting.

1. Section 1.1.2 – apiculture: the information is very limited with little information on the implementation process. In addition, further explanation of the term “relevant period” would be welcome.
2. Section 1.2.2 – apiculture: Czechia is invited to provide an analysis of or reasons for the outcomes already stated in section 2.2.2 and reiterated in section 1.2.2 to facilitate an understanding of the overall state of implementation. Furthermore, a concise description of the actions supported within the various types of interventions implemented would be welcome.
3. Section 1.2.6 – apiculture: the section does not provide any new insights into the implementation of apiculture interventions or the actions contributing to this specific SO. Although a result indicator is mentioned in this section, there is a lack of explanation regarding the variance from the planned milestone for FY2023. Providing these explanations would facilitate the comprehension of the implementation status.

In view of the above elements, the Paying Agency is invited to send to the Commission additional information at the earliest convenience, ahead of the Annual Review Meeting during which it will be discussed.

#### **2. ELEMENTS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING**

The following elements will in the view of Commission services need further discussion in the Annual Review Meeting in respect to the 2023 Annual Performance Report.

1. Table 2.3.3 - only includes O.37 beneficiaries (n = 38 712) without mentioning O.37 beehives. When Czechia reports one of these aggregated values, it is expected to report the other as well. Moreover, the aggregated values on apiculture in Table 2.3.2 suggest that support is directed towards associations

rather than individual beekeepers. However, it is important to note that O.37 beneficiaries in Table 2.3.3 should only include beekeeper beneficiaries who directly received CAP support, excluding associations of beekeepers or their members when the support is paid to these associations. Conversely, O.37 beehives in Table 2.3.3 should include the beehives kept by the beekeepers counted under O.37 beneficiaries in the same table. Please provide the correct figures in the Annual Review Meeting.

2. Table 2.1: regarding R.35, Czechia is invited to provide details on the reasons for the deviation of the realized result from the planned milestone.

The Paying Agency is invited to reflect on the above elements and to provide additional details in the Annual Review Meeting.