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Dear all,

as a representant of the association of small farmers in Slovakia called "Vidiecka Platforma" and at the same time as a member of the council of the Minister of agriculture of Slovakia for wine, I am very greatfull for the opportunity to give our contribution on the revised agricultural de minimis Regulation.

We are very thankful for reconsidering the amount of De minimis aid. We consider De *minimis* aid as a flexible tool to help agricultural producers in need without affecting competition in the market. We all see the latest challenges faced by the farmers and winemakers: increase of the fix costs, low prices of agricultural products, more of the extreme climatic events in our fields and vineyards, market fluctuations: changes in consommation of the wine, stagnation of the wine market, etc. The increase of De minimis aid can help farmers to get over profitability problems and to continue to well-function. We suppose the precise amount of De minimis aid will be the subject of further discussion.

As you know, farmers received already some aid also in accordance with the Communication from the Commission Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia (2023/C 101/03). And there were also other temporary aids (related to Covid-19 for example) and it is not excluded that there would be some new "temporary" aids in the future. Our question is, will be this kind of "temporary" aid counted in the total amount of possible aid or not i.e. the limit 37.000 eur in 3 years?

Concerning the register of De minimis aid, we agree that it is totally important for the transparency, we just kindly ask to prevent farmers from additional administrative work related to it.

Sincerely,

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