



**MTK's and SLC's key messages for the Brussels farmers demonstration on 18.12.2025**

- **An EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) from 2028 onwards that supports investment certainty, a functioning internal market, food security, competitiveness, farmers' incomes and vibrant rural areas.**
- **A strong and common EU agricultural policy with a sufficient, independent and inflation-adjusted budget.**
  - Agriculture and food security must also be maintained in less-favoured areas.
  - Support for active food production, family farms and young farmers.
  - Maintaining coupled support at its current level.
  - A payment cap is needed, but degressivity must not undermine the viability of family farms.
  - Rewarding frontrunners in food chain sustainability and paying environmental support above the minimum EU legislative requirements.
  - A well-functioning food chain: improving farmers' position, eliminating unfair practices and increasing transparency.
  - Voluntary and flexible risk management tools for agriculture.
  - Smart, targeted incentives for innovation, sustainability and investments.
- **Fair and transparent international trade, with protection of EU standards and sensitive sectors.**
  - **Growth in food exports and improved competitiveness of the sector on global markets.**
- **Genuine legislative simplification, with changes and benefits reaching farm level; common sense solutions for the Nature Restoration Regulation, the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and fertilizer CBAM.**
- **Recognition of the challenges at the EU's eastern external border and support for the vitality of affected regions.**

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