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Subject: Ensuring continuity of support for the wine sector in 2028

Dear Commissioner Hansen,

We are writing to draw your attention to a regulatory and financial gap which risks affecting the continuity of support to the EU wine sector in the 2028 financial year, at a time when the sector is already facing significant economic and structural challenges.

As recognised in the recent reform of EU wine market rules and interventions under the recently adopted "wine package", the sector is confronted with declining consumption trends, structural imbalances and increasing climate-related pressures. In this context, ensuring continuity of support is essential to accompany the sector's ongoing adaptation and to safeguard its resilience.

Under the current timeline, however, a misalignment is emerging. While the new legal framework resulting from the "wine package" - on which the signatories of this letter were directly involved as rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs - has now been adopted and will progressively enter into application, the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028–2034 has not yet been agreed, nor have the related legislative texts been finalised. At the same time, the implementation cycle of sectoral interventions requires Member States to launch national calls for applications already in 2026 or, at the latest, early 2027. In the absence of appropriate transitional arrangements, Member States will not be able to ensure continuity of support in 2028.

Such an outcome would be unacceptable, particularly at such a critical juncture. A gap in support would not only disrupt existing mechanisms, but also undermine the implementation of the measures agreed as part of the "wine package" - the result of a shared negotiating process designed to provide concrete and structured responses to the crisis facing the sector. Failing to secure that continuity would risk rendering that work meaningless, leaving operators without the tools they need precisely when they need them most, and weakening the impact of the reform at a crucial moment for the sector.

We would therefore urge the Commission to present, at the earliest opportunity, transitional provisions for the wine sector, allowing for the continuation of the current framework for sectoral interventions under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, while making their implementation conditional upon the availability of resources under the future Multiannual Financial Framework. This would provide legal certainty, facilitate timely implementation at national level and contribute to a smooth transition between programming periods.

We trust the Commission will act swiftly to avoid a disruption that would be impossible to justify to producers across Europe and risks undermining the Union's credibility.



We remain at your disposal for any further exchange on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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