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*Brussels,*

*Dear Minister,*

*I am writing to you following the exchange that took place in the Agriculture and Fisheries Council of 23 March 2021 where several Ministers referred to the Recovery and Resilience Facility, as well as earlier exchanges at working level in the Special Committee on Agriculture of 15 February 2021 on “the eligibility of support for the development of rural areas and the agri-food industry under the Recovery and Resilience Facility”.*

*The adoption of the Regulation establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is a unique opportunity for Europe to emerge stronger and more resilient from the COVID-19 crisis and to deliver on the Union’s environmental and climate commitments.*

*As you know, the ambitions of the European Green Deal and related strategies engage agriculture and the food sector in important transitions. At the same time, agriculture and rural areas face specific challenges exacerbated by demographic change and the consequences of the pandemic, as will be shown by our coming Communication on a long term vision for rural areas.*

*I would therefore draw your attention to the guidance<sup>1</sup> the Commission has published earlier this year to support Member States in the preparation of national recovery and resilience plans and more specifically to the part detailing how the plan would contribute to the green transition. Amongst others, it offers some practical illustration of types of investments typically linked to the green transition, such as:*

- *Agro-ecological approaches to farming and investments leading to increased “green value added” processing by primary producers that would make the agricultural sector more resilient throughout the supply chain.*

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Staff Working Document, Guidance to Member States, Recovery and Resilience Plans, SWD(2021)12 final of 22 January 2021.

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- *Investments to support the climate-proofing of European forest, infrastructure and land, as well as the creation and restoration of land-based carbon sinks.*
- *Investments in sustainable food production and consumption in line with objectives set out in the Farm to Fork Strategy.*

*I hope this information is helpful with respect to the preparation of your recovery and resilience plans.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(e-signed)*

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