

From: [...] **To:** [COMP H6](#) **CC:** [Sophie Chauvin](#) **Subject:** HT.5788_Reply_Che_an_organisation Thursday 10 March 2022 09: 40: 48 **Date:**

Dear Madam,

Please find our response to the consultation:

Existing support tools for organic farming do not make it possible to reach the 25 % organic surface by 2030

Indeed, the European Union has set ambitious targets for the **development of organic land (25 % in 2030)**, the reduction of synthetic chemical **pesticides and fertilisers**, the reduction of **antibiotics**, the protection of **water quality, soil and biodiversity**. It is scientifically documented that the environmental benefits of organic farming will enable the European Union to achieve all the **priority objectives of the Green Pact**.

However, **the tools currently in place to support the sustainable development of organic farming are not calibrated** to achieve this objective of 25 % organic surface area by 2030. These instruments are subject to too many constraints:

- The main instrument to support organic farming is now **the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)** through its second pillar (agri-environment measures). However, for the 2023-2027 CAP, the very **strong subsidiarity** left to the Member States leads to **decisions to counter the objectives of the Green Pact**, such as the abolition of aid for the maintenance of organic farming in France. In this CAP, there is therefore no longer any framework for financing the sustainability of organic land and the environmental services they provide to ecosystems and thus to society.
- The other existing instrument to support organic farming remains extremely marginal: these are the **aid notified in favour of organic farming provided for in the agricultural guidelines**. As this notification system is cumbersome to bear, it closes the door to public authorities, particularly local authorities, which wish to support organic farming in their territories in a sustainable manner: for example, Water Agencies, Regional Councils, Departments, Agglomerations, Communities of Municipalities, town halls.

It is therefore essential to **amend the regulatory framework linked to State aid for agriculture so as to make it possible to multiply the support tools for the development and long-term maintenance of areas under organic farming**.

Thanks to this exemption from notification, local authorities such as:

Water agencies, regional or departmental councils and town halls will easily be able to sustain support for organic farming in the long term and thus contribute to the objective of 25 % organic UAA by 2030.

It is essential to create this instrument in order to compensate for the shortcomings identified, in particular where the allocation of CAP aid does not meet the target of 25 % organic UAA in 2030 (as is the case in France for the period 2023-2027).

We hope that our contribution will convince you of this need for change.

Kindly cordially,

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