

We are the Groupement des Agriculteurs Biologique d'Ile de France.

We would like to comment on your comments on the public consultation you are organising on the amendment of the state aid rules for the agricultural sector.

We call on the European Commission to amend the regulatory framework allowing public authorities to support organic farming outside CAP support. In particular, by including aid to maintain AB in the list of aid exempted from prior notification and validation by the European Commission.

We propose that the European Commission use its powers to **exempt from the obligation to notify state aid** intended either to **compensate for the additional costs and losses to gain from organic farming** or to reward the benefits of organic farming through a **payment for organic environmental service (OSP bio)**.

This exemption from notification will make it easy for local authorities such as the Water Agencies, Regional or Departmental Councils and town halls to sustain support for organic farming in the long term and thus **contribute to the target 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).