



# Update on the Implementation of the Action Plan on the Development of Organic Production

# Institutional Developments

[Adoption of Action Plan on 5 March 2021]

- European Parliament:
  - Presentation by Commissioner, now starting work on opinion
- Council:
  - Supportive conclusions adopted (July)
- European Economic and Social Committee:
  - Supportive opinion adopted (September)
- Committee of the Regions:
  - Supportive opinion adopted (September)

# Institutional Developments

- Comitology:
  - Presentation/discussion at several Member State committees (Regulatory Committee on Organic Production, Expert group for Agricultural Markets)
- Trilogues on CAP Strategic Plan Regulation:
  - Stronger references to organics included
- Stakeholders:
  - Presentation/discussion at various Civil Dialogue Group meetings (fruits & vegetables, wine, poultry meat and eggs, organic farming)

# Implementation

- Letters from Commissioner to Member State Ministers calling attention to actions in the plan for which scope at national level, calling for national organic action plans [vs CAP NSPs], and calling for the appointment of organic ambassadors: [national coordination, contact point for exchange best practices] (June) – replies being received and analysed, meeting of ambassadors being planned
- EU Organic Day (23 September) – Organic breakfast; inter-institutional declaration involving Commission, EP, Council, witnessed by EESC and CoR, IFOAM, COPA-COGECA, CEJA, Food&DrinkEurope, Eurocommerce, BEUC; press conference; social media activity; excellent press coverage

# Implementation

- Annual call for proposals on information measures on the CAP for 2022 prepared (Action 1)
- Work programme 2022 of the agricultural promotion policy prepared (Action 2)
- Awards recognising excellence along the supply chain being prepared (Action 2)
- Events on GPP being explore (Action 3)
- Review of the EU school scheme started (Action 4)

# Implementation

- Progress on actions relating to preventing food fraud and strengthening consumer trust (° Working Group on non-compliances, ° OFIS alerts, progress on single database of operator certificates and eSeal, potential of block-chain being assessed) (Actions 5, 6 and 7)
- First code of conduct for responsible business and marketing practices published, references to organic (July) (Action 8)
- Assessment tool for the assessment of CAP national strategic plans under development (Action 9)

# Implementation

- Meetings with Eurostat on statistics (Action 10)
- Cross-cutting – Research and innovation actions – Horizon Europe:
  - Launch of calls under Work Programme 2021-2022 of Horizon Europe
  - Preparation of WP 2023-2024

=> # relevant topics

- Outreach, presentation of Action Plan in/at:
  - Member States, Third countries, International organisations, Sector, International conferences, Media

# Thank you



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