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You will remember that in 2014, the Commission published a Green Paper: “Making the most out of Europe's traditional know-how: a possible extension of geographical indication protection of the European Union to non-agricultural products” [COM(2014)469], in which it consulted about the possible extension of the geographical indication protection of the European Union to non-agricultural products. Reactions to that Green Paper were overall positive, but not everyone agreed to the idea and some difficulties were also raised.

On 6 October 2015, the European Parliament adopted a resolution in this matter calling the Commission to submit legislation. The European Parliament said the following: “*Calls on the Commission to propose without delay a legislative proposal with the aim of establishing a single European system of protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products [...].*”

On 28 October 2015, the Commission announced in its communication "Upgrading the Single Market: more opportunities for people and businesses" that “*it will take work forward on how to make the most of Europe's traditional know-how and it will follow up on the results of the public consultation on the protection of non-agricultural geographical indications*”.

At this stage, there is no Commission's decision on whether and how to create a system of geographical indication protection for non-agricultural products at European Union level.