



Mid-term review EU Organic Action Plan

AXIS 2 on Supply side – Copa and Cogeca statement

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EU Organic Action plan

- * Still a **well-targeted** and **well-designed** framework BUT more focus on key areas
- * Following last years' crisis:

Demand-driven approach is the right one and should be kept but without overlooking the production side!



AXIS 2 - ON THE WAY TO 2030: STIMULATING CONVERSION AND REINFORCING THE ENTIRE VALUE CHAIN

Encourage conversion, investment and exchange of best practices

- Consumer demand remains one of the key drivers for conversion
- Need to keep the support to farmers, especially in areas where some have moved away due to recent crises
- Address heterogeneity across Europe on both demand and supply side

Developing sector analysis to increase market transparency

- Reliable, up-to-date data essential for decision-making
- Actions been done so far are a great start, but need to go further by expanding the scope

Supporting the organization of the food chain

- Necessary to help strengthening farmers' position and reduce costs.
- Make positive steps as group certification more adapted to business by reducing bureaucracy and expand the scope of application
- Keep the focus on addressing unfair trading practices in the organic market

Reinforcing local and small-volume processing and fostering short circuits

- Local markets are important alternative sales channels to reduce the reliance on unstable external markets
- Keep investing in local processing infrastructures and bio-districts

Improving animal nutrition in accordance with organic rules

- **No real impact!**
- Possible upcoming regulatory changes worrying farmers and agri-coop
- Need of increased investment in R&I to create feasible alternatives and new technologies
- Need to reduce reliance on imports while promoting improved animal health and welfare

Reinforcing organic aquaculture

- **No real impact!**
- Need to reduce regulatory barriers
- Need to increase investments in R&I
- Need to increase investments in infrastructure to ensure a sustainable growth of the sector



LOOKING AHEAD...

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- A thorough assessment of the main obstacles and challenges in the different organic productions possibly preventing further conversion

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- An impact assessment on the pros and cons of moving to 100% organic protein feed for monogastrics, taking into account resource availability, animal health, and sustainability

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- A special attention to any potential regulatory barriers in production, especially considering the new rules introduced by Regulation 848/2018, and how they may impact organic farmers' economic viability and sustainability



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Thank you for your attention!



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