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A presentation was given by DG Agriculture-Unit C2, summarizing the main figures and trends set out in the working document: “Live plants and products of floriculture sector in the EU”. The documents will be available on CIRCA and on the Europa internet site. According to EU statistics, about 224 000 hectares in the EU are cultivated for the production of flowers and ornamental plants. In 2015, the total value of EU imports increased by 3% and of EU export by 5%. The internal market between member States remains quite stable. Representatives of the production of some Member States stressed that the floricultural sector suffered from unusual climate conditions during the spring 2015. Despite acceptable results, some exports slowed down due to the Russian ban and due to the possible presence of the xylella fastidiosa disease in Italy.