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to the Commission**
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Subject: Small-scale anaerobic digestion projects

There are a significant number of animal breeding farms at European level. On an annual basis, they generate considerable amounts of animal waste that could be used for energy production by means of modern processes, such as anaerobic digestion.

One possible solution would be to use small plants to generate electricity and heat for the localities in the vicinity of those farms, which would reduce the quantities of classic fuel used for the production of energy and would enable farmers to be more active in the fight against climate change.

For example, a farm with around 100-110 cows generates annually over 7 000 m³ of waste which could be transformed through the anaerobic digestion process into electricity for approximately 60 families.

How does the Commission intend to support projects of this kind, including through public-private and cross-border partnerships, in order to enable farms of various sizes to develop such projects?