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**to the Commission**  
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Subject: The role of women in European agriculture

As Phil Hogan, the European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, has pointed out, Europe has a large number of 'family farms'. These farms are agricultural holdings where most members of the family, including women, contribute.

To maximise Europe's potential in the agri-food sector, it is essential to allow women to play an increasingly important role in the various areas of agricultural production. In an interview published on 16 September 2015, the Commissioner said that the focus should also be on women and their role in the agri-food sector, as well as on training. He said 'targeting women has been a particular priority, given their traditionally central role in smallholdings'.

In this connection, what measures has the Commission put in place since Parliament adopted its resolution on the role of women in agriculture and rural areas on 5 April 2011?

What role can the Commission play in promoting training for young women wishing to work in this sector?