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to the Commission**
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Subject: Increased support for organic farming

A new study by the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) and the Organic Research Centre (UK) has shown that a number of the environmental and social problems faced by European farming systems would be solved by increased investment in research into organic farming.

The study highlights a disparity between the enormous potential, and current investment in organic farming and research. Just 1-5% of EU funding currently goes into organic farming. According to the study, there is scientific evidence of organic farming's huge potential for meeting environmental challenges, not least by mitigating environmental impacts, reducing antibiotic use in stockbreeding and creating jobs.

What is the Commission's view of this study? What steps will it be taking in the context of the common agricultural policy to boost organic farming in the EU?