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Subject: New market price observatories

The Commission announced recently the launch of two new EU observatories, one for the fruit and vegetable market and one for the wine market. We welcome this move as it can only improve the transparency of transactions in both sectors, which between them account for 30 % of the value of agricultural production.

These two observatories will join those already set up for milk in 2014, for beef and veal in 2016, and for sugar in 2017. Observatories enable greater precision in gathering market data for parties in the supply chain, and can help inform political decisions by the European Union on market management.

Nevertheless, it is regrettable that these observatories do not have an early warning system enabling measures to be taken to prevent crises. Does the Commission think it likely that early warning systems could be brought in during negotiations on the new common market organisation?