

**Question for written answer E-002180/2019  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Organic farming - an illusion for Romanians

Organic farming is a future niche market for family farms – those small and medium-sized farms which, despite being the backbone of European agriculture in general, do not exist in Romania. Farming is extremely polarised in Romania between subsistence farms and very large intensive and extensive farms covering thousands of hectares. When it comes to organic farming, a large proportion of Romanians associate organic products with products which are good for one's health and contain no additives or chemicals. Most of them buy these products because the label states that the products are organic, without actually knowing whether they have been certified as organic. The public need to be provided with more information on organic products since most people view organic products as being products from the countryside, which is not always the case.

What would the Commission recommend the Romanian authorities do to ensure that consumers are more correctly informed on the organic products they purchase and consume?

Will the Commission establish an EU programme for the labelling of organic products marketed in the EU?