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to the Commission**
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Subject: Promoting women in agriculture

In recent years, the number of women in agriculture in the European Union has slightly increased. According to a Eurostat study from 2016, around 29% of EU farms are run by women, but the European average tells us nothing about the discrepancies between Member States. In Latvia and Lithuania, for example, around half of farms are run by women, whereas in Malta, Germany and the Netherlands, that figure does not exceed 10%.

This situation is a problem if it means that we cannot meet our objectives concerning the new generation of farmers. The agricultural sector is dominated by an older population, regardless of whether they are men or women. At the present time, around 4.2% of women in agriculture are under 35, while 62% are over 65. These statistics reveal a difficult truth, namely that the Union is facing problems in meeting its targets regarding the new generation of farmers.

By what mechanisms does the Commission intend to promote women and young people in agriculture?