

**Question for written answer E-000855/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU organic awards

On Friday, 18 February 2022 the Commission – together with the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, COPA-COGECA (an association of EU farmers and agricultural cooperatives) and IFOAM Organics Europe (an organic agriculture association) – launched the first EU Organic Awards. The awards will recognise the most innovative players in the EU's organic production sector. Applications will be open from 25 March to 8 June 2022. Agriculture Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski said: 'Organic production is [playing] and will play a key role in the transition to sustainable food systems, and we cannot achieve this without the various actors of the organic supply chain.'

Does the Commission consider that it is its task to award prizes?