The Commission assigns high importance to scientific advice on issues related to agriculture. This is key to ensure the design and implementation of evidence-based policies. Scientific advice is provided by the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) on research agendas and strategic issues. In addition, the Scientific Advisory Mechanism (SAM) provides independent, high quality scientific advice on a variety of topics of relevance to EU policy. Furthermore, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) is the Commission science and knowledge service. The JRC carries out research in order to provide independent scientific advice and support to EU policy.

The Commission considers that the SCAR, the SAM and the JRC provide a comprehensive scientific assessment of problems facing agriculture as well as scientific advice of high quality. Therefore the Commission is not of the opinion that it would be necessary to set up another scientific advisory body.