Question for written answer E-004171/2022 to the Commission

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Subject: Lack of aid for organic farming in Galicia: serious consequences for the organic farming

sector

The Farm to Fork Strategy aims to ensure that 25% of the EU's agricultural land is used for organic farming by 2030, an aspiration that must be accompanied by concrete funding under the CAP if the transformation is to be successful.

Although only 5% of Galician farming is organic, the demand for new organic products far exceeds the planned support. In 2022, Galicia only had an aid budget of EUR 3.18 million, but it actually needed EUR 5.6 million to cover all of applications submitted, which left 43% of those hectares without any support. The lack of planning by the Galician Government, combined with the crisis, may result in that agricultural and livestock production being abandoned because of the significant investments made and the incompatibility with agri-environmental aid under the conventional arrangements.

- 1. Has the Galician Government informed the Commission of this problem?
- 2. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that this situation is not repeated and that the 25% target is met in 2030?
- 3. Is there any additional funding available for the products affected by this limit imposed by the Government of Galicia?

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