

**Question for written answer E-000117/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Update since the answer to parliamentary question E-003240/2021: including externalities, are organic food products more expensive than conventional ones?

In your communication 'A farm to fork strategy'¹, you mention the following objectives:

'[...] preserving the affordability of food... so that ultimately the most sustainable food also becomes the most affordable [...]';

'[...] reach the objective of at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under organic farming by 2030 [...]

'EU tax systems should also aim to ensure that the price of different foods reflects their real costs in terms of use of finite natural resources, pollution, GHG emissions and other environmental externalities.'

In your response to the aforementioned question², you emphasise that '[c]urrently 1.8% of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) funding is used to specifically support organic farming only in the frame of rural development measures'.

1. How will the December 2021 CAP reform influence the distribution between conventional (98.2%) and organic products (1.8%) going forward?
2. Since then, have any studies of externalities been planned or are any already in progress that focus in particular on the effects of pesticides, analysing issues such as the health of agricultural workers, residents and consumers, or air, soil and water pollution?

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¹ European Commission 'A farm to fork strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system', 20 May 2020. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1590404602495&uri=CELEX%3A52020DC0381>

² European Commission Answer given by Mr Wojciechowski on behalf of the European Commission, 16 August 2021. https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-003240-ASW_EN.html