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Subject: EU targets for organic agriculture

Last December, the European Environment Agency published a report noting, 'It is very unlikely that the 2030 target [regarding the agricultural area under organic farming] will be met because of the large distance to the target.' If the current rate of growth is maintained, the share of organic farming in 2030 will be at 15 %, falling short of EU ambitions.

Furthermore, in some countries, the agricultural area under organic farming decreased last year. In Lithuania, for example, it fell by 6 %. This decline is concerning because it takes two years for farmers to switch to organic farming.

1. What measures is the Commission taking to expedite the development of organic farming, especially in countries where such areas are not increasing enough or are even shrinking?
2. Have any Member States informed the Commission in the last few years that they will achieve a lower percentage of land under organic farming than initially planned under the common agricultural policy? If so, which countries?

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