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## **Report Highlights:**

The European Commission launched a public consultation on the EU's future action plan for the development of EU organic production. Interested stakeholders have until November 27, 2020 to partake in the consultation.

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## **General Information:**

On September 4, 2020, the European Commission launched a public consultation on the EU's future action plan for the development of EU organic production. The action plan will complement the new legal framework for Organic Agriculture (<u>Regulation (EU) 2018/848</u>) that will enter into force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

The development of an action plan on organic agriculture stems from the EU Green Deal and the European Farm to Fork Strategy that have set an ambitious target of at least 25 percent of EU agricultural land to be farmed organically by 2030. More information on the Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy can be found in GAIN Report "Green Deal Strategies for the EU Agri-Food Sector Present a Politically Ambitious Policy Roadmap".

According to the Commission the action plan on organic production will "help consumers, farmers, business operators, national governments and local authorities to reach this target". The Commission aims for the action plan to:

- Drive investment and innovation in sustainable farming
- Respond to increased consumer interest in organic food
- Boost demand for organic food

U.S. Stakeholders who would like to take part in the consultation can do so on the following page:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12555-Organic-farming-action-plan-for-the-development-of-EU-org/public-consultation

The deadline for input is 12:00 am Brussels Time (Universal Time Coordinated + 01:00) on November 27, 2020.

All comments made in the framework of the consultation may be published.

## Attachments:

No Attachments.