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	- Information from the Commission

Delegations will find in the Annex a note from the Commission on the above-mentioned subject to be dealt with at the meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture on 7 March 2022.

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Note from the Commission

The European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), COPA-COGECA and IFOAM Organics Europe are together launching the first ever EU organic awards. These awards are conceived as a follow-up to the Action Plan for the development of organic production, approved by the Commission on 25 March 2021, which announced the launch of such awards to raise awareness of organic production and increase demand for organic products.

Eight awards within seven categories will be given out, including best organic farmer female, best organic farmer male, best organic region, best organic city, best organic bio-district, best organic SME, best organic food retailer and best organic restaurant.

Applications will be open from 25 March until 8 June 2022.

More information can be found on the dedicated EU Organic Awards page.
https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/farming/organic-farming/organic-action-plan/eu-organic-awards_en

The jury deciding on the final winners, will comprise representatives of the European Parliament, Council of the European Union, European Commission, European Economic and Social Committee, European Committee of the Regions, COPA-COGECA and IFOAM Organics Europe. Commissioner Wojciechowski has written to the Council, inviting the Council to designate its member of the jury.

An award ceremony will be organised to announce the winners on EU organic day, 23 September 2022.

Delegations are invited to disseminate widely the information on the awards in their Member States, in order to have as many applications as possible.