

SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC 13TH TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 12th session held on 9th June 2021

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on an Action Plan for the development of organic production (Senate Print no. K 35/13, COM(2021) 141)

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

the European Commission's effort to increase production and consumption of organic agricultural products and improve sustainability of organic farming;

2. Agrees

with the position of the Czech Government which welcomes the submission of the EU Action Plan for the development of organic production but considers it to be overly general and lacking a more specific description of actions proposed by the European Commission as well as more concrete information on its funding;

3. Takes note

that the EU Action Plan is basically in compliance with the Czech Action Plan for organic production for the period 2021-2027;

4. Points out

to the fact that organic farming currently has lower yields than conventional farming and therefore an extension of the area of arable land under the organic regime may lead to increase in prices of agricultural production;

5. Calls on the Government

to motivate farmers, in the context of effective protection of water resources, by appropriate subsidy policy or other possible forms of support, to farm in organic

regime in the vicinity of water reservoirs and their river basin and in areas with significant accumulation of groundwater;

II.

1. Requests the Government

to inform the Senate no later than on 31 October 2021 about the way Article I.5 of this Resolution was taken into account;

2. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

Miloš Vystrčil sign manual President of the Senate

> Jaroslav Větrovský sign manual Senate Verifier