



# Organic Farming to the 2012 Horizon

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- A plan announced by Michel Barnier
- The “Grenelle” Environment

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- **Objectives**

- to reach gradually by 2012 a target of 20% O products in mass catering, beginning with public-sector
- To reach 6% of UAA for organic farming by 2012 with a further target of 20% for 2020.

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## A plan with five main planks

- Research, development and training
- Support for the structuring of sector supply chains
- Mass catering
- Appropriate regulations
- Assistance for the conversion and long-term viability of holdings

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- Research, development and training
  - Create a scientific committee for organic farming
  - Create and fund an “Organic Farming” Network including all research centers, development institutes and agricultural schools
  - Improve public financial support for OF research and development projects (Special Access for OF to tender procedures for partnership projects in 2008 funded by the MAF)

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- *Research, development* and training
  - Organisation in May 2008 of an “organic farming research conference”.
  - Ensuring a satisfactory level of French participation in the EU ERA-net “CORE Organic” project.

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- Research, development and training
  - Inclusion of the organic mode of production in official agricultural training manuals.
  - Improve communication on the agricultural training offering.
  - Implementation of a partnership with the French national education system.

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## 2. Support for the structuring of sector supply chains

- Creation of a Fund for the structuring of sector supply chains.
- Priority access for the O AFI to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries strategic fund for the agricultural and agrifood industries.
- State funds designed to assist regional programmes.
- Optimisation of the public support of OF projects at local level.

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## The Fund for the structuring of sector supply chains

- Programmes with a structural focus at national level.
- €3 million a year / 5 years.
- Managed by the Agence BIO.
- Access through tender

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## 3. Mass catering

To increase the place of OP gradually

- State mass catering and public canteens
- School canteens.

Definition of national rules applicable to mass catering with all the professionals.

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## 4. Appropriate regulations

- Ensuring that the organic mode of production is represented on the consultative bodies on which the State relies in defining its policies.
- To take better account the special characteristics of organic farming in the veterinary and plant protection domains.

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5. Assistance for the conversion and long-term viability of holdings
- Renewal and upward revision of the tax credit.
  - Encourage holdings to remain organic when ownership changes.
  - Ensuring account is taken of organic farming development goals in the context of the CAP Health Check Review.