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Re: Ceremony for the Innovation Award for Women Farmers

Dear Ms Molnar,

We would like to express our sincere thank you for your contribution and support for the Innovation Award for Women Farmers.

Despite the challenging times we find ourselves organising events online, the Ceremony was a success and was highly appreciated by all its participants. The Ceremony gives us an opportunity to share the amazing activities that women farmers are doing in rural areas in regard to climate innovation, and we hope to continue promoting this in the weeks and months to come.

Please accept our gratitude for your keynote address. We very much agree with your statement that the role of women is underestimated and are pleased to have been able to share with you the inspiring examples in the agricultural sector.

As part of our work through the Women's Committee we aim to ensure that women farmers and those working in the agricultural sector or living in rural areas are not left behind. We believe that it is important that women farmers are supported through policies such as the CAP and are pleased to see the initiatives of the European Commissions on gender mainstreaming. We see increasing potential that the green and digital transition can have on the economic empowerment of women within the Agricultural sector. However, this needs to be coupled with adequate infrastructure and services in rural areas, better access to credit, as well as lifelong learning for training and skills development.

We hope in the future, we can work together on initiatives that promote gender equality in the agricultural sector.

Yours Sincerely,

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