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Dear **Personal Data**

*Within the context of the European Green Deal adopted by the Commission in December 2019, the Farm to Fork strategy and the Biodiversity strategy set a target of 25% of EU agricultural land under organic farming and a significant increase in organic aquaculture by 2030.*

*In support of this target, the Commission adopted on 25 March 2021 the Action Plan for the Development of Organic Production. This Action Plan proposes the annual celebration of an "EU organic day".*

*Against this background, the Commission proposes to declare 23 September from now on "EU organic day". The formal designation of 23 September as EU organic day involves the signature of a Joint Declaration by the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission.*

*I would therefore like to invite you to witness the signature of this Joint Declaration on 23 September during an organic breakfast and short ceremony at the Berlaymont, together with representatives of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and stakeholder representatives.*

*You will find the programme of the event in annex. As you can see, you will be invited to give a three-minute statement on organic production: why it is important, and how it can be supported by your organisation.*

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*Please be informed that the event will be filmed and that pictures will be taken for social media use. Should you not wish to be filmed or photographed please kindly inform us.*

*Please also kindly ensure full compliance with the COVID-related rules for visitors to the Berlaymont ([https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/c\\_2021\\_6669-health-safety-rules\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/c_2021_6669-health-safety-rules_en.pdf)).*

*I look forward to meeting you on 23 September 2021.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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*Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI*

*Annex 1: Programme*

*Annex 2: Joint Declaration*

## ***Annex 1: Programme***

*9:30-10:00 – Informal organic coffee/breakfast – Berlaymont 13th floor Dining Room*

*10:00-10:15 – Interventions by the three signatories of the Joint Declaration – European Parliament, Council of the European Union, European Commission*

*10:15-10:30 – Signing ceremony*

*10:30-10:40 – Interventions by the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions*

*10:40-11:00 – Interventions by stakeholders*

*11:00-11:30 – Press point*

## ***Annex 2: Joint Declaration***

- *Having regard to the European Green Deal, the Farm to Fork strategy and the Biodiversity strategy;*
- *Having regard to the key role of organic production recognised in both the Farm to Fork strategy and the Biodiversity strategy;*
- *Having regard to the Action Plan for the Development of Organic Production (COM(2021) 141) adopted by the Commission on 25 March 2021 in support of organic production;*
- *Having regard to the Conclusions on the Action Plan for the Development of Organic Production adopted by the Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 19 July 2021;*
- *Having regard to the need to raise awareness among stakeholders and the general public of organic production and its beneficial impacts on environment, climate, biodiversity and animal welfare;*
- *Having regard to the awareness-raising potential within this context of the establishment of an annual “EU organic day”;*
- *The European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission decide together:*
  - o *To establish an “EU organic day”*
  - o *To observe this “EU organic day” each year on 23 September*
  - o *To collaborate for the purpose of this annual “EU organic day” on joint initiatives raising awareness among stakeholders and the general public of organic production;*
  - o *To sign this declaration once each institution has completed its own internal procedures.*

*European Parliament*

*Council of the European Union*

*European Commission*

*In the presence of,*

*European Economic and Social Committee*

*Committee of the Regions*

*Done in Brussels, 23 September 2021*