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The Communication on a Vision for Agriculture and Food¹ recognises the challenging situation of the EU wine sector and announces that the Commission will advance towards the implementation in 2025 of the recommendations of the High-Level Group on Wine endorsed by its 27 members in December 2024².

A first block of recommendations is aimed at improving the management of the production potential in line with the evolution of demand. Grubbing-up schemes financed by national funds are considered as one of the tools to address oversupply in specific regions and market segments. Member States implementing a grubbing up scheme should ensure coherence with other measures and avoid negative spillover economic, social or environmental effects.

Two other blocks of recommendations address the need to strengthen the resilience of the wine sector facing climate change and shifting market conditions as well as to adapt the sector to new market trends and opportunities. The most urgent and sector-specific recommendations will be implemented swiftly through a specific legislative proposal that will be adopted in the coming weeks.

¹ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/vision-agriculture-food_en

² https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/media/news/high-level-group-wine-outlines-policy-recommendations-future-eu-wine-sector-2024-12-17_en