

Spain : Valencia wants to become a leading organic producer

The President of the Region of Valencia, Ximo Puig, has defended his government's commitment to "turn Valencia into a leading organic agricultural producer in the European market" with the promotion of the 1st Valencian Plan for Organic Production, which he presented.

In an event in Alzira, Puig expressed his commitment to promoting organic farming, as he considers it a "strategic sector for the economic development of the Region of Valencia," as reported in a statement.

The event was also attended by the Councillor of Agriculture, Elena Cebrián, who explained that this project will serve to accomplish one of the political objectives of the Botanic Pact: "the recovery of Valencian agriculture and the transition of the production model into organics."

Cebrián stressed that the plan is "a commitment to make up for lost time and give institutional support to a social trend that generates benefits outside the activity itself."

For the head of the Valencian government, this is a "long-term" plan that shows the firm commitment of the Government to the agro-food industry, considered a "strategic sector" for the economic development of the region.

"For our government, is an obligation to promote organic farming, as it represents an essential opportunity for the sector," stated Puig, who has also guaranteed the collaboration of his government "to inject life into this inclusive, lively and dynamic project."

He also mentioned the need to end the situation of "inequality and social fracture between the social and urban worlds by means of inclusive and integrative policies."

The Councillor went on to explain that this plan is not "an isolated commitment limited to the organic sector, but a broader project that is part of a Valencian agro-food agenda," on which the Council is working intensely.

This agenda includes several complementary measures that, according to Cebrián, are already under way; such as a boost to cooperativism and differentiated production; the strengthening of health plans for agricultural and livestock production; investments in modernization in farms and irrigation or a new fishing law.

"We face major economic and ecological challenges, and organic farming is an essential part of the solution," stressed Cebrián. The head of the government also emphasised the need for fair funding at both state and European level."

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