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Subject: Climate change and wine

It is known that global warming will affect the quality of wine and how vines grow. Some French wine regions will be particularly affected, namely Bordeaux, Alsace, Champagne and Burgundy. The same will apparently apply to a number of regions in other EU Member States.

More specifically, it is believed that rising temperatures will gradually produce two phenomena: the displacement of production areas and the need to adapt the choice of grape variety to the new temperatures, which will pose particular problems for maintaining AOC status.

It should be borne in mind in this context that Europe's wine industry is a strategic player in the European Economic Area, since the volume of wine produced within the Union in 2010-2011 accounted for some 60% of world production.

Does the Commission intend to encourage the development of new technologies for grape varieties and rootstocks so as effectively to meet the challenge of climate change and help to preserve the quality of European wines?