

We are with the Ukrainian people



eda stands with Ukraine.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia is a humanitarian catastrophe. We stand with all those who are suffering this brutal and unjustified invasion. We are in close contact with our friends and dairy partners in Ukraine, who are reporting major disruptions at all levels, from logistics and distribution to shortages of material and personnel.

From the agriculture perspective, the conflict risks disrupting global markets for agricultural products. In recent years, Ukraine has become an increasingly important supplier to the EU in terms of feed for the dairy sector. Indeed, it is the EU's dairy primary supplier for maize (4.6 million tonnes on average, meaning 50% of EU dairy supplies). Together with Russia, they are both important suppliers to the EU for sunflower cake (0.2 million tonnes, meaning 10% of EU imports for dairy).

Given EU's dependency on Ukraine for feed, the destabilisation of Ukraine's agricultural production and disruption of logistics flows can have an impact on world markets.

Since the beginning of the conflict, there has already been an outstanding increase in agricultural raw materials' world prices. Particular attention will have to be paid in the short term to animal sectors facing rising feed prices. We now need to be ready to have a collective European response and to implement support measures.

Ще не вмерла України і Слава, і Воля!

Ensuring food supply and security in times of crisis: EU expert group set up

As announced in the Farm to Fork Strategy back in November 2021, the European Commission has now established its European food security crisis preparedness and response Mechanism (EFSCM).

The initial spark for this mechanism was found on the Covid19-induced challenges for the European food security. Today, the resistance of our food and dairy chains is again threatened. Next to all 27 EU member states, EDA has been appointed a member of the EFSCM expert group.

"We will use this opportunity to underline the importance of livestock and dairy for our food chain and to voice our request to have for all new legislative initiatives an ex-ante assessment of their impact on the smooth functioning of our Single Market"

Giuseppe Ambrosi
EDA President



Salon International de l'Agriculture: 2022 edition

This week, the Paris International Agricultural Show (*Salon International de l'Agriculture* in French) gathered as every year all the key players of the agricultural world.

French dairy farmer and President of FNPL **Thierry Roquefeuil**, together the whole French *agro-sphère*, pledged its support to Ukraine.

The 2022 edition was also the moment to bid farewell to **Jehan Moreau**, who retired as Executive Director of the French Dairy Association. A heartfelt '*bienvenu*' to his successor **François-Xavier Huard**, who joins the French dairy industry association in these more than challenging times!



Carbon farming: a 'win-win-win' situation

Last week, EDA participated in a [EURACTIV Twitter chat](#) on carbon farming, discussing opportunities and challenges linked to increasing the carbon sequestration of EU agricultural land.

We reaffirmed how carbon farming is positive for climate, soil quality and farm productivity, as mentioned by EU Commissioner for Agriculture **Janusz Wojciechowski**, and how it can represent an additional source of income for farmers. We also highlighted the need to provide the right financial incentives to farmers, in order to implement climate-friendly practices while continuing to produce safe and affordable food for EU and global citizens.

The dairy sector is actively engaged in the fight against climate change and dairy pastureland offers an excellent opportunity due to its capacity to store carbon. In the last years we have worked closely with the EU Commission on the subject, mapping carbon farming practices in the EU dairy sector and providing input to the work of the institutions.

In our [EDA Dairy Policy Conference](#) on 15th of March, president of France Carbon Agri Association **Marie-Thérèse Bonneau** will detail the French approach on carbon farming.

The Commission is also currently conducting a public consultation on the certification of carbon removals and the Council has indicated carbon farming as one of the main priorities for the next months. A legislative proposal for the certification of carbon removals will be published by the Commission by the end of 2022.



Janusz Wojciechowski Retweeted

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Replying to @eaAgriFood and @EUAgri

A5.1. We agree with Commissioner @jwojc — Carbon farming can be a 'win-win-win' situation for climate, for the quality of our soils & for the farming community, with better productivity & additional income source, as long as National Strategic Plans are in line. #eaAgriFood



CAP Strategic Plans: one country to go

In the implementation of the new CAP, which will enter into force on 1 January 2023, Belgium still has not delivered its (two!) draft national strategic plans to the European Commission, even though the initial deadline was 31 December 2021.

Together with the complexity of the work of revising the plans (there are plans ranging from 400 pages for Malta to 4,000 pages for Spain), according to the competent EU Commission services these delays will make it impossible to keep the original timeline of June 2022 for adoption. The EU Commission services don't expect to be in a position to adopt the strategic plans definitively before September 2022.

Taking these facts into account, we decided to postpone our EDA CAP workshop on strategic plans (initially planned for March 2022) to summer 2022.

Mange tak, dear Jørgen!

After 35 years of unrivalled dairy commitment, the CEO of the Danish Dairy Board, **Jørgen Hald Christensen** has retired. Thank you so much for your support to the very last day and welcome to **Henrik Damholt Jørgensen**, who took over on as captain on the bridge of the Danish Dairy Board!



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 Danish Dairy Board CEO @JorgenHald with @dairyanton at @Salondelagri!



"Without the iconic French cheese excellence, our European and global dairy treasure would simply not be what it is," says @JorgenHald, jury of the French Cheese Competition. #SIA2022 #LeGoûtAvantTout



Your favourite Dairy Product?

"Throughout my career I have been privileged to get to know many excellent cheeses from all over the world. My all-time favourite is Beaufort, which is the ideal blend of traditional cheese heritage with modern and convenient cheese experience"

Jehan Moreau

Executive Director of the French Dairy Association (retired)



"There is nothing that delights me more than a bit of French cheese on a slice of traditional 'baguette' shared with friends"

François-Xavier Huard

New Executive Director of the French Dairy Association

