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FEFAC publishes Annual Report 2016-2017

Overview of FEFAC key actions and positioning over the past year

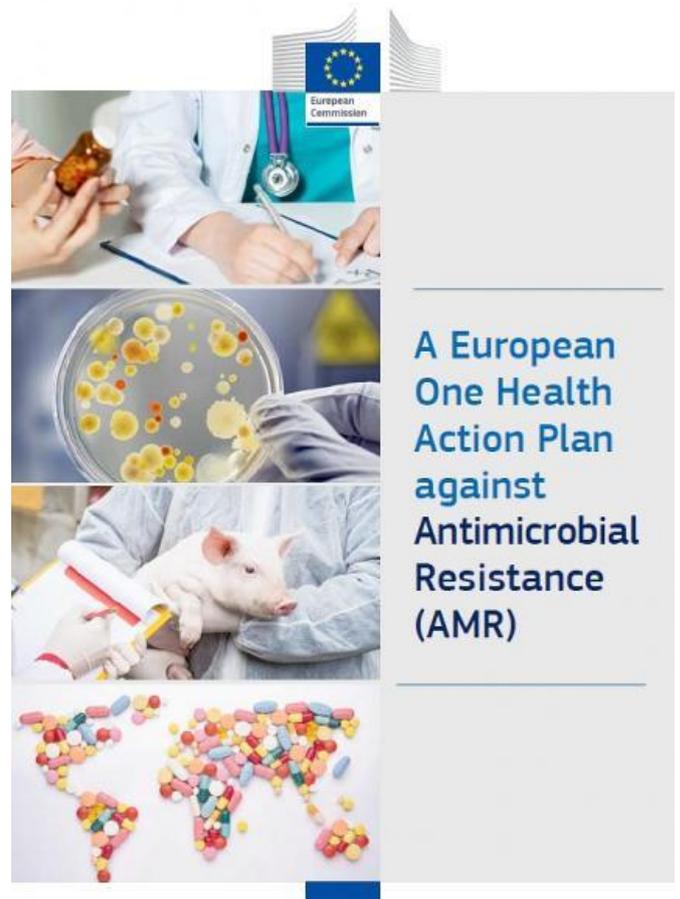
On 25 July 2017, FEFAC published its [Annual Report 2016-2017](#). The report is structured in chapters of the most pertinent EU and global topics relevant to the European feed industry. This includes the role of animal nutrition in the fight against antimicrobial resistance, the launch of a feed safety benchmarking project, the circular economy function of the feed industry to reduce food waste and the progress of the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines to eliminate illegal deforestation from the soy supply chain. The middle section contains a comprehensive selection of 2016 statistics related to compound feed manufacturing.

AMR Action Plan: Animal Nutrition is Part of the Solution

Action Plan marks political recognition of feed manufacturing in animal health domain

The [European One Health Action Plan against AMR](#), published on 29 June 2017, recognises the preventive role of “feeding regimes” to support good animal health and welfare to help reduce the need for antibiotics at farm level. This is in line with the conclusions of the [EFSA-EMA RONAFSA report](#) issued in January 2017: “Safe and nutritionally balanced feed are effective preventive measures to help animals to cope with pathogens by enhancing the overall animal health & welfare status through specific feeding strategies, feed composition, feed formulations or feed processing”. Though FEFAC welcomes the Action Plan, it [expressed](#) its expectation that a higher priority would have been put on public funding to prove the safety and efficacy of some of the innovative feed solutions of general nature which may disappear from the market. In addition, FEFAC also calls for an improved regulatory framework on authorisation of feed additives, feed labelling

and claims on nutritional benefits for maintaining a good animal health status, in order to facilitate transfer of nutritional knowledge and innovative solutions to the farm level.



**A European
One Health
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against
Antimicrobial
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FEFAC/FEFANA/IFAH-Europe Workshop on Livelihood EU Livestock Farming

Joint solutions to tackle AMR presented to chain stakeholders

On 20 June 2017, FEFAC held a workshop together with FEFANA and IFAH-Europe on the contribution of animal nutrition and animal health industries to the livelihood of EU

livestock farming. Different association representatives gave their views on the key societal challenges for EU livestock farmers such as AMR, animal welfare & health and climate change. FEFAC speakers explained how animal nutrition strategies fit in a comprehensive farming approach that also places a strong focus on housing and hygiene conditions. FEFAC also shared the positive experiences in the UK with the Farm Advisor Register to promote the dissemination of good practices on the farm to reduce environmental impact, including feed related impacts.

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“Livestock farming can be linked to all SDGs”

The UN Sustainable Development Goals, adopted in September 2015, shows 17 aspirational objectives to chart the path of human advancement over the next 15 years. The FAO identified a [livestock farming angle](#) in each of the 17 goals, illustrating how the animal food chain can contribute to the UN Agenda for Sustainable Development. For several SDGs, there is a clear role to be played by producers of feed.



EU Soy Declaration provides Incomplete Response to Protein Deficit

FEFAC, FEDIOL & COCERAL call for coherence in EU policies in light of announced protein strategy

In a [joint statement](#) issued on 14 July 2017, the associations highlight that increased production of European soy and legumes is highly desirable; however, it falls short of a solution that tackles the protein deficit and reduces import dependence. An EU protein strategy cannot be developed without taking into account that the important amount of EU-produced vegetable protein is supplied through crop-based biofuels, stimulated through the Renewable Energy Directive. In addition, the automatically presumed link between imported vegetable protein and deforestation in the [EU Soy Declaration](#) ignores the considerable efforts that have been undertaken by European stakeholders and their overseas partners to foster sustainable production and trade. It should also be noted that the choice of an arable farmer between non-GM or GM seeds is not a criterion for sustainability.

FEFAC publishes Position on Revision Renewable Energy Directive

Against complete phase-out crop-based biofuels – Cautious about advanced biofuels

In its [position](#), FEFAC advocates against the complete phase-out of the important contribution crop-based biofuels make to the protein balance sheet; however, a capping to the renewable energy targets can be an effective instrument to mitigate the potential adverse effects linked to competition for land and water use. FEFAC would not oppose a reduction of the capping limits from 7% to 3.8% over time, as that revision would reflect current input levels. The drive for advanced biofuels should not be at the expense of resources used in feed. For example molasses, proposed as an addition to the list of bioenergy feedstocks that can receive support through the RED, are used in feed among other things for their qualities as a pellet binder, an appetiser and a taste enhancer. Further insights were given by FEFAC's Policy Advisor Nicolas Martin to [Feednavigator.com](#) on 29 June 2017.

The Feed Chain in Action

Farmer's competitiveness the foundation for meeting the SDGs and CAP objectives

Nick Major was elected President in June 2017 at the XXVIII FEFAC Congress in Cordoba. In the latest edition of the [Feed Chain in Action](#), he points to the need to ensure that farmers are able to run a commercially viable business that allows for investments capable of answering societal demands, for example as regards environmental performance and animal welfare. In the blog post, Major illustrates where the feed industry can contribute to the sustainability agenda of livestock farmers in the light of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the CAP "post 2020" debate.



Nick Major, FEFAC President

FEFAC welcomes Authorisation of Insect Meal in Fish Feed

Inclusion of insect meal could further contribute to the sustainable development of EU aquaculture

As from 1 July 2017, processed proteins derived from insects are authorised in feed for farmed fish in the EU. FEFAC [welcomes](#) the approval of a promising alternative source of proteins for animal feeding in particular for fish farming which requires diet compositions with highly digestible proteins. Within the current legal framework, the feeding of insects destined to be used as fish feed needs to comply with the same requirements as any conventionally farmed animal, meaning in particular that they may not be fed with e.g. catering waste or livestock manure. FEFAC believes that this measure is in line with the present state of scientific knowledge and should facilitate the public & market acceptance of insect proteins used as feed.

Third Update of the EU Catalogue of Feed Materials

35 new items introduced and large number of description improvements

On 23 June 2017, the 3rd update of the EU Catalogue of Feed Materials was published in the Official Journal of the European Union ([Regulation \(EU\) 2017/1017](#)). [Among other things](#), amendments were made to the descriptions for oilseed meals, feed materials produced from fermentation and feed materials

containing microorganisms. Operators have until January 2018 to adapt their labels. The procedure for the 4th update of the EU catalogue will be launched in autumn 2018 with a call to operators for proposals for amendments.

AGENDA:

- **27-29 September 2017:**
Feed Additives 2017 (Frankfurt, Germany)
- **28 September 2017:**
Modern Biotechnologies in Agriculture (Brussels, Belgium)
- **26 October 2017:**
7th ATF Annual Seminar (Brussels, Belgium)
- **23 November 2017:**
Estonian Council Presidency Conference on AMR (Brussels, Belgium)
- **29-30 January 2018:**
11th International Feed Regulators Meeting (IFRM) (Atlanta, USA)