



***“2nd FEFAC Environment report.
A constant multi-stakeholder dialogue is necessary to
harmonize environmental footprinting methodologies”***

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Mr Patrick Vanden Avenne, FEFAC President, and Mr Ruud Tijssens, Chairman of the FEFAC Task Force on Sustainability, presented publicly the second edition of the FEFAC Environment Report on 13 June 2012.

“The European compound feed industry has to focus on the further increase of resource efficiency and its contribution to safe and healthy feed and food. This is the added value that the feed compounder can bring to its customers. The EU feed industry is taking its responsibility towards society: given the global growing demand for animal products and the shrinking availability of natural resources, it is absolutely vital for the feed industry to take care of its social and environmental impact. These are the guiding principles of FEFAC actions in the area of sustainability” stressed Ruud Tijssens.

“The first report published in 2009 established an initial overview of the environmental benefits and burdens that result from activities under the direct control of the EU compound feed industry. Since the first report, significant steps have been reached”, explained Patrick Vanden Avenne:

- FEFAC is now actively involved in two major projects aiming at developing an internationally harmonized methodology for the assessment of the impacts of livestock products on the environment, at European level through the EU Food SCP Roundtable and at international level in a multilateral partnership with the FAO
- An international standard for responsible soy has been defined by the Round Table on Responsible Soy

This report¹ was prepared by the FEFAC Task Force on Sustainability, composed of environmental experts of feed companies and national associations of compound feed manufacturers.

- The first chapter describes the overall feed industry’s vision of sustainability and focuses on responsible supply.
- The second chapter presents FEFAC activities in the area of harmonization of methodology. This new section features some proposals to overcome methodological hot spots and FEFAC calls for a constant stakeholder dialogue to solve these methodological issues.
- The last chapter of the report is dedicated to the major political challenges identified by FEFAC at EU level which are the Common Agricultural Policy Reform, the Common Fisheries Policy Reform, the EU 2020 Resource Efficiency Strategy and the upcoming EU Sustainable Consumption and Production policy. The report also provides examples of national initiatives aiming at improving environmental performances.

“This chain dialogue is not only necessary for methodological discussions but is also important to develop a true holistic approach of sustainability, as shown in the contributions of our partners in this report” said Patrick Vanden Avenne.

¹ Available on the FEFAC website at <http://www.fefac.eu/file.pdf?FileID=39446&CacheMode=Fresh>

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 22 national Associations in 21 EU Member States as well as Associations in Switzerland, Turkey, Norway, Croatia, Serbia and Russia with observer/associate member status. The European compound feed industry employs over 110,000 persons on app. 4,000 production sites often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
2. Farm animals in the EU-27 consume an estimated 467 million tonnes of feed a year, of which about 30% are produced by the compound feed manufacturers. Turnover of the European compound feed industry in 2011 is estimated at €50 billion.
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