



Joint reflections On the current and forthcoming EU policy framework conditions

The organising sectors of this convention represent the largest part of the trading and processing of cereals and oilseeds in the EU. These sectors have jointly identified their primary concerns in relation to the three central issues debated today :

- At a time of increased price volatility in agricultural markets, the Health Check should design safeguard mechanisms to manage significant market disruptions. The redesigned Arable Crops CMO should improve market fluidity. A constant and regular access to agricultural raw materials both in volume and quality is therefore essential.
- Industry and trade need to operate in a single market and cannot cope with different interpretations of the CAP at national level. The industry and trade must be able to buy and process cereals and oilseeds, irrespective of their end use.
- Unnecessary administrative burdens and red tape should be removed in order to improve efficiency in the EU markets.
- The EU countries and others have adopted renewable energy policies with the aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependency on fossil fuel. The growing worldwide demand for cereals and oilseeds for renewable energy purposes requires that price volatility be closely monitored.
- Whilst renewable energies offer new marketing opportunities for both farmers and the industry, it is important to ensure a balance of supply for the food, feed and non-food sectors by maintaining a level-playing field.
- The optimisation of agricultural resources and their efficiency of use are essential to increase production. We therefore support the elimination of set-aside and call the Commission to support the development of new agricultural technologies to raise agricultural productivity.
- We actively support the development of simple, transparent and multi-product criteria for setting a global approach to sustainable agriculture.

AAF – European starch industry association

COCERAL – Committee of cereals, oilseeds, animal feed, oils and fats, olive oil and agrosupply trade of the EU

EUROFLOUR – European exporting flour millers

FEDIOL – European oil and proteinmeal industry

FEFAC – European compound feed manufacturers federation

GAM - European flour milling association