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### EU Feed Industry raises Profile Animal Nutrition in 2016

***XXVII FEFAC Congress in Antalya “Societal acceptance of livestock and feed production in the EU”***

FEFAC and its Turkish member association Turkiyem-Bir will co-host the tri-annual [FEFAC Congress](#), taking place in Antalya, Turkey on 21-22 April 2016. The event will focus on the holistic policy approach the European Commission presented in the Circular Economy Package to discuss the roadmap towards a more resource-efficient food and feed chain management. Key note speakers from the EU Institutions and feed & food chain partners will discuss the societal benefits of introducing new animal nutrition solutions, while safeguarding the high EU feed safety standards. Other dedicated sessions will discuss current developments in LCA methodology for environmental footprint calculations of feed production as well as soy value chain efforts and commitments in North- and South-America to produce and deliver responsible feed materials to the EU Feed industry.

***FEFAC/FEFANA Conference “Innovation in Animal Nutrition” on 9 June 2016***

FEFAC and FEFANA will hold a first invitational joint high-level stakeholder EU Conference on “Innovation in Animal Nutrition”, in Brussels on 9 June 2016. The two European feed industry organisations will present their visions of a modern industry where central roles are played by innovation and public-private partnerships, which are key to shaping a smart, resource efficient Europe and meeting the EU Commission objectives on jobs, growth and investment.

The event aims at highlighting the need to foster the practical application of innovation in animal nutrition. FEFAC and FEFANA members are convinced that animal nutrition can further assist the EU livestock sector in

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addressing major global challenges such as climate change and antimicrobial resistance if more efforts are made to tackle EU regulatory bottlenecks.

A provisional draft programme of the “Innovation in Animal Nutrition” Conference on 9 June 2016 will follow shortly.

### 156.1 Million Tonnes Compound Feed Produced in 2015

***Modest feed industry growth (0.2%)  
compared to 2014 - Market outlook 2016  
pessimistic***

Compound feed production in the EU-28 reached an estimated level of 156.1 million tonnes in 2015, according to data provided by FEFAC members. This is a 0.2% increase compared to 2014. Feed costs remained low and even decreased compared to 2014, due to a good 2015 cereals harvest in the EU, both in terms of quantity and sanitary status. In addition, there was a largely sufficient supply of oilseed meals globally, especially soybean meal. This compensated the still decreasing pigmeat quotations to a certain extent, at a time when pigmeat production continued to increase by close to 1% in 2015. FEFAC market experts share a more bearish outlook concerning industrial compound feed production in 2016, foreseeing a significant reduction in pig feed demand. See FEFAC's [press release](#) for a detailed analysis of the compound feed estimates of 2015 and a more in-depth market outlook for 2016.

### Circular Economy Package proposes Exclusion from Waste Legislation for Feed

***Oilseed meals and former foodstuffs  
clearly identified as non-waste***

On 2 December 2015, the European Commission published the long-awaited Circular Economy Package, which included

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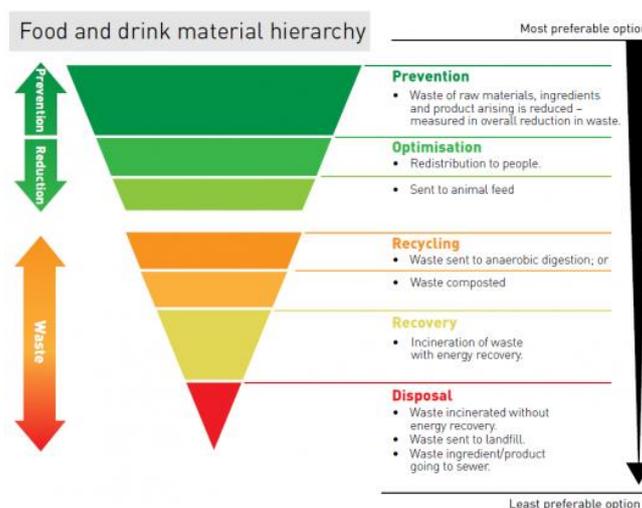
a [legislative proposal](#) on waste. FEFAC strongly welcomed the Commission's proposal to explicitly exclude all feed materials from the scope of the Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC, to the extent that they are already covered by EU feed legislation. This proposal honours a long-standing call from the European feed industry for more legal certainty in EU regions where environmental authorities still classify

feed materials such as oilseed meals and former foodstuffs within the scope of the EU waste legislation. The legal clarification is in line with the [FEFAC Vision on Feed Safety Management](#), highlighting the importance of securing the safety and integrity of feed materials throughout the entire supply chain.

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### ***Animal feed use reduces food waste***

Once food is no longer suitable for human consumption, using it as animal feed for food-producing animals is the best next alternative. As the food stays in the food chain, the use of food “co- and by-products” makes a significant contribution to the reduction of food losses and waste. Strict safety requirements do apply to the feed use of former foodstuffs, making clear that only certain food losses are eligible for use in feed for food-producing animals.



Source: Food and drink material hierarchy (WRAP)

## Global Feed LCA Institute provides PEF with Free Database

### ***Global harmonisation allows for objective environmental footprinting***

January 2016 saw the launch of the Global Feed LCA Institute (GFLI) by FEFAC and the other founding members (IFIF, AFIA (US feed industry), ANAC (Canadian feed industry)). The GFLI aims to provide a freely accessible, transparent LCA (life cycle assessment) database of feed ingredients. This will allow for globally harmonised assessments and benchmarking of environmental footprint calculations of feed manufacturing. In addition, the technical concept of the GFLI is designed to also be compliant with the PEF, the Product Environmental Footprint project, coordinated by the European Commission.

FEFAC Chairman of the PEF Pilot Project on Feed Nick Major: “As feed supply chains have international dimensions, it’s great to see synergies take place between

global and regional activities. The PEF Pilot Project on feed we are working on in Europe can take advantage of the work on this global LCA database that is already being developed”.

To accurately measure the environmental impact of animal products such as meat, milk and eggs, developing an objective, harmonised LCA calculation method for the footprint of feed production is a pre-requisite. FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens: “Given the significant share of feed production in the environmental footprint of animal products, feed is also the key area where emission mitigation strategies can be developed. With the animal nutrition solutions we provide in combination with resource efficient feed technology, the compound feed industry looks at drive towards measuring environmental performance with great confidence.”

The Europe-based project part of the GFLI is set to be ready by summer 2016, which is well in time for the PEF Pilot Project on Feed scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

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# EU Ombudsman condemns Delays in EU GMO Approvals

## *EU Commission fails to comply within legal time limits*

On 19 January 2016, EU Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly decided that the European Commission is guilty of "maladministration" due to systemic delays in approving EFSA risk-assessed GMO applications. The decision follows a joint complaint submitted by EuropaBio, COCERAL and FEFAC in September 2014, at a time when the Commission refused to put GMO applications to a vote for approval.

The EU Ombudsman does not make any recommendation in her [publication](#), considering relevant GMO legislation is currently under review, but O'Reilly "trusts that the Commission will seek to comply with legal requirements regarding the timescales for dealing with applications for the authorisation of genetically modified food and feed". She considered the Commission could not provide any convincing reason why it took on average 16 months per product before it was presented to the Standing Committee after receiving the scientific opinion from EFSA, whereas 3 months is the legal time limit.

Though there is no legal time limit for the Commission to present the file to the Commissioner's College after the Appeal Committee fails to deliver an opinion, the EU Ombudsman considered that the average delay of 3.5 months was unjustified and therefore a form of maladministration in the light of the potential adverse consequences on EuropaBio, COCERAL and FEFAC membership. As regards the requirement for the Commission to take a decision "within reasonable time" in this case, the EU Ombudsman considers the Commission should only take the time necessary to conduct a final review of all the relevant facts and arguments.

EuropaBio, COCERAL and FEFAC welcomed the fact the Commission has returned to approving GMO applications within a reasonable time again, while also noting there are still 40 GMO applications pending in the system.

## The Feed Chain in Action

### *FEFAC's New Blog Platform*

Last year FEFAC started posting blogs ("The Feed Chain in Action") on its website to keep its audience better informed about activities of FEFAC representatives. So far 4 blogs have been posted:

- [Soy Sourcing Guidelines as a Bridge Builder](#): FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens' study visit to Brazil and Argentina to discuss the FEFAC [Soy Sourcing Guidelines](#) in the light of responsible soy production.
- [Presenting the Feed Safety Management Vision to EU Commissioner Andriukaitis](#): Field trip FEFAC and BEMEFA organised in Belgium for DG SANTE

Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis to show how feed safety is organised and managed along the supply chain.



**FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens with DG SANTE Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis**

- [The Search for Alternative Proteins](#): FEFAC Council & Praesidium member Alberto Allodi's take on a FEFAC/ASSALZOO workshop in Piacenza on the safety and economic potential of alternative protein sources such as algae, insects and yeasts.
- [Tackling Climate Change Through Animal Feed](#): FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens' view on how resource efficient animal feed production can help bring down the environmental impact of animal products.

### **AGENDA:**

- **17-20 April 2016:**  
Global Feed & Food Congress (Antalya, Turkey)
- **21-22 April 2016:**  
XXVII FEFAC Congress (Antalya, Turkey)
- **9 June 2016:**  
FEFAC/FEFANA Conference on "Innovation in Animal Nutrition" (Brussels)