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DG SANTE Commissioner Andriukaitis Key Note Speaker “Innovation in Animal Nutrition” Conference

***FEFAC will use occasion to present its
vision on the animal feed industry”***

FEFAC and FEFANA are very pleased to announce that European Commissioner for Health & Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis will feature as a keynote speaker on the joint conference “Innovation in Animal Nutrition” on 9 June 2016 in Brussels. The event will also feature DG AGRI Deputy Director General Michail Dumitru and DG SANTE Director Food/Feed Safety & Innovation Sabine Juelicher. The European feed industry will at this occasion also deliver its comprehensive “Feed 2030” vision on animal feeding, with feed safety management, animal nutrition and sustainability as key pillars. At the conference, FEFAC and FEFANA aim to illustrate the role of animal nutrition as an integral part of a sustainable food chain. Due to limited capacity, the event is accessible by invitation only.

French feed industry representation EUROFAC launched

***EUROFAC represents the EU interests of
the French feed industry from SNIA, AFCA-
CIAL and Coop de France Nutrition Animale***

On 23 March 2016, SNIA, AFCA-CIAL and Coop de France Nutrition Animale launched the joint platform EUROFAC to better represent the interests of the French feed industry at EU level. EUROFAC considers the involvement in the



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European debate needs to receive a higher priority as nearly all feed-related legislation is developed by the EU. This also means that EUROFAC will take over SNIA’s membership to FEFAC, as from 1 June 2016. The EUROFAC Council elected Jean-Michel Boussit and Jean-Luc Cade as its President and Vice-President respectively. Together, SNIA, AFCA-CIAL and Coop de France Nutrition Animale represent 85% of the compound feed produced in France and the totality of premixes and mineral feeds. The French feed industry is the second largest at European level, with a production of 21.1 million tonnes in 2015.



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The Feed Chain in Action

Bringing Regional Sustainability Challenges into the Picture

On 17 March 2016, FEFAC and IZP (the Polish Feed & Grain Chamber) organised a workshop on sustainability in Warsaw. With approximately 25 participants, FEFAC had a good discussion on what sustainability means for the feed industry and explored the priorities and challenges of Central and Eastern Europe for the development of sustainable feed and livestock production systems. Chairperson of the FEFAC Sustainability Committee, Angela Booth, wrote the 5th edition of the FEFAC blog [The Feed Chain in Action](#) on her experiences at the workshop.



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10 years since antibiotics were banned as a growth promoter in feed

The use of antibiotics as a growth promoter in feed was banned in the EU on 1 January 2006 in an effort to reduce antimicrobial resistance in both livestock and human populations. The feed industry was able to effectively substitute the inclusion of antibiotics in feed diets through innovative animal nutrition solutions, such as increased use of feed additives (e.g. probiotics) combined with advanced feed processing technology. FEFAC is also member of [EPRUMA](#) (European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals), which has made several publications about best practices when it comes to animal health and the administration of veterinary medicines.

FEFAC calls on Commission to strengthen Competitiveness of EU Feed Sector

Dairy and pig sectors under pressure

Following calls by COPA-COGECA to alleviate market pressure on the livestock farming sector through targeted policy measures, FEFAC [highlighted](#) the need to focus on key initiatives which could further strengthen the competitiveness of the European feed sector. Next to the [measures announced by the European Commission](#), it is of vital importance to safeguard the unrestricted access to feed supplies as the key input for livestock farmers in an effort to reduce their vulnerability to market volatility. FEFAC points to legislative threats as well as administrative burdens in the field of feed production. The delays in the EU import approvals for several GMO soybeans, combined with the GMO “opt-out” proposal for food and feed imports, are prime examples of legislative actions that jeopardize livestock farmers’ access to competitive feed supplies, thus exacerbating the prolonged livestock sector market crisis.

Commission Staff Document highlights Reliance on GMO Feed Imports

European Council requested the document to help progress discussions on GMO “opt-out” proposal

The Commission working document, entitled “[GMO commodities in the EU](#)”, contains a compilation of statistical data, with rough estimates for the breakdown of imported feed between GMO and non-GMO. The Commission estimates that 30 million tonnes of GMO soybean meal equivalent are imported to the EU. Though the document does not represent a full impact assessment, as initially requested by the EU Council, FEFAC hopes the data will provide further justification to the EU Council to follow the European Parliament rejection of the Commission proposal to provide Member States with an “opt-out” possibility on GMO feed and food imports. In a [joint sector impact assessment](#) delivered by FEFAC, COCERAL and FEDIOL in October 2015, the total financial impact of the Commission proposal on the EU livestock industry was estimated at 2.6 billion €. This would increase the risk of delocalisation of a significant part of the livestock sector to 3rd countries, while the EU already faces a major market crisis linked to the Russian economic ban on food imports.

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Agriculture Committee of the European Parliament adopts Report on Medicated feed

Rapporteur Clara Eugenia Aguilera Garcia receives mandate to start negotiations

On 15 March 2016, the Agriculture Committee of the European Parliament adopted the report of MEP Clara Eugenia Aguilera Garcia on the European Commission proposal for a Regulation on Medicated Feed. She received a mandate by the Committee to start negotiations directly with the EU Council via the trilogue procedure. FEFAC hopes the negotiations will lead to a balanced regulatory framework which will continue to allow for the treatment of sick farm animals via medicated feed, while subject to veterinary prescription and effective controls under practical conditions. In the light of a fair discussion, Ms Aguilera Garcia [stressed](#) that medicated feed is just one of the routes of administering a veterinary medicinal product to an animal. In addition, she stated that medicated feed is more homogeneous and more precise in treating animal diseases when it comes to dosage.

AGENDA:

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