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FEFAC publishes its Annual Report 2015/2016

FEFAC 2030 Vision outlines the feed sector's animal food chain solutions

The [Annual Report 2015/2016](#), published on 18 July 2016, contains the relevant feed industry developments at EU level of the past year covered by the respective FEFAC standing committees. The report also dedicates several pages to the [FEFAC 2030 Animal Feed Industry Vision](#), approved earlier this year by the FEFAC Council. The vision outlines the feed sector's solutions for the animal food chain, such as tackling antimicrobial resistance and climate change, from feed production to the consumer stage.



FEFAC/Copa-Cogeca Code of Good Labelling Practice endorsed by the European Commission

Harmonising practices will improve understanding of feed labelling between feed manufacturers and livestock farmers

The Code was jointly developed by FEFAC and Copa-Cogeca to clarify the requirements for feed labelling for operators and customers set out in [Regulation \(EC\) No 767/2009](#). It aims to provide practical advice to compound feed manufacturers on how to draw up a label so that livestock farmers can correctly use the product and make informed choices. It was officially endorsed by the European

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Commission through the publication of the Code in the [Official Journal C275](#) on 28 July 2016, following constructive comments and strong support from Member States in the SCoPAFF (Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food & Feed).

Copa-Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen welcomed the greater level of harmonisation and understanding to ensure that essential information for farmers is appropriately displayed on the label. On behalf of FEFAC, Secretary General Alexander Döring underlined the importance of the Code's guidance on the eligibility and substantiation of claims, which is a major step towards more transparency in the feed chain that will favour innovation. Currently, the [Code](#) is only available in English. It is up to members of FEFAC and Copa-Cogeca to develop the Code in other languages at national level.

Final Public Consultation on Feed PEFCR launched

The third and final public consultation is open until 9 September 2016

The Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) is a multi-criteria measurement of the environmental performance of any kind of product throughout its life cycle. The Feed PEF Pilot prescribes the specific product category methodological requirements (PEFCR) for the production of feed for food-producing animals. The Feed PEFCR means to set out the measurement rules and data quality requirements for the calculation of the environmental footprint of feed production, which will be a vital element in calculating the environmental performance of animal products. For the methodology, reference is made to the FAO [LEAP](#) (Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance) Partnership Guidelines. In January 2016, FEFAC already [announced](#) that the PEF can take advantage of the work done with the GFLI (Global Feed LCA Institute) as regards a free, compliant database.

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The draft Feed PEFCR is available for download on the [stakeholder workspace](#) of the Feed pilot project. This is also where the comments of the public consultation need to be uploaded, using the corresponding template. Registration as a stakeholder is necessary, further instructions can be

found [here](#). All comments received will be made publicly available.

For more information on PEF, visit the European Commission's dedicated [webpage](#) or the FEFAC [Feed PEFCR factsheet](#).

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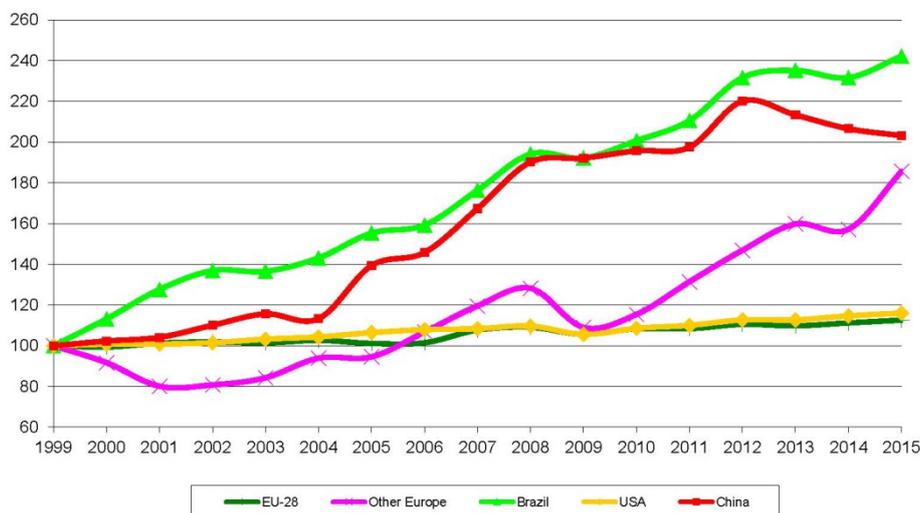
"EU-28 compound feed production stagnant since 1999"

The 1% growth in EU compound feed production in 2015 compared to 2014 shows continuation of a long-term pattern visible on global feed markets. Over the past decade and a half, strong growth was realised by Brazil, China and Russia, whereas the countries in the EU-28 showed a very stable trend typical for mature markets. More statistics relevant to EU compound feed production can be found in the middle section of the FEFAC [Annual Report 2015/2016](#).



Evolution of global compound feed production (Index 100 = 1999)

Source: FEFAC - Alltech - Feed International



FEFAC warns for Caution on Potential Phase-out of Food-based Biofuels

Feed sector's ability to use EU produced proteins bound to be affected

FEFAC generally welcomes the European Commission's [Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility](#), published on 20 July 2016. FEFAC actively contributes to projects at both European and global level that aim to prepare livestock farming for undertaking emission mitigation strategies based on environmental footprinting science. The Commission Strategy foresees, among other things, a "gradual phase-out of food-based biofuels after 2020", to the benefit of advanced biofuels. FEFAC acknowledges

existing sustainability concerns and has in the past also warned for financial incentives in EU policies on biofuels that distort the market availability of agricultural raw materials for feed use. A complete phase-out of food-based biofuels would, however, limit the feed sector's capacity to source EU produced proteins, most notably the protein meal concentrates that result from biodiesel production, for example rapeseed meal. FEFAC, therefore, calls on the Commission to develop a robust EU protein balance sheet, mapping out different factors between protein supply and demand, which would serve as input to a comprehensive impact assessment of a potential gradual phase out of crop-based biofuels after 2020.

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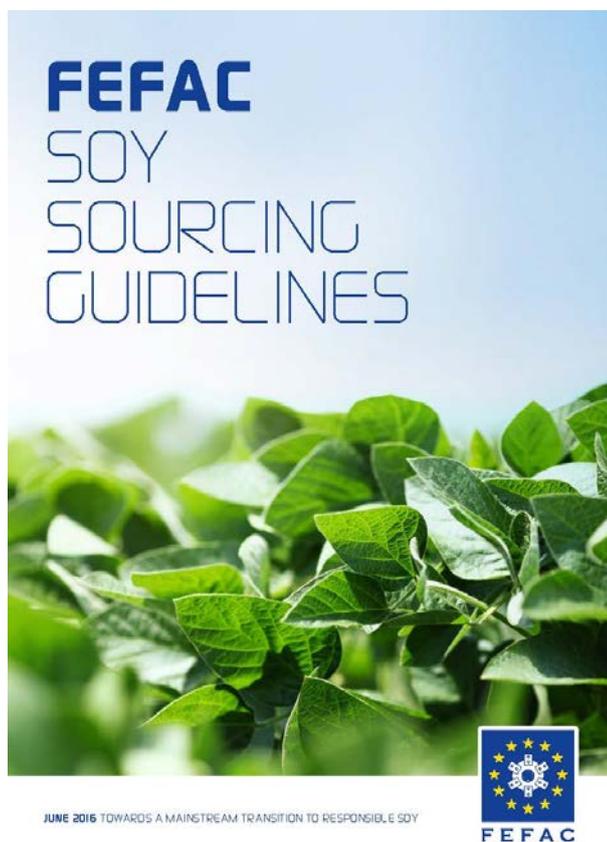
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Communication Toolkit for the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines

Series of documents help with the understanding and visibility of the Guidelines

First and foremost, the [Soy Sourcing Guidelines](#) themselves are now available in a graphically improved way. For the quick understanding of the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines and its objectives, a [factsheet](#) and a "[Soy Solution Brochure](#)" have been published. For a more detailed explanation of the Guidelines, FEFAC developed an extensive [Q&A document](#). Lastly, the communication toolkit also holds a "[Buy Guide](#)" for food chain companies who are interested in purchasing soy that is compliant with the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines.



Commission's "opt-out" proposal for GMO food & feed imports and the Commission's delayed authorisation procedures of EFSA-assessed GMO crops were continuous threats to predictable market supply conditions.

The full Feed Chain in Action story can be read [here](#).



FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens

AGENDA:

- **26-27 September 2016:**
4th International Conference on Responsible Use of Antibiotics in Animals (The Hague, The Netherlands)
- **13 October 2016:**
EPRUMA / Slovak Presidency of the UE workshop on responsible use (Brussels)
- **17 November 2016:**
Animal Task Force Seminar (Brussels)
- **7-9 June 2017:**
XXVIII FEFAC Congress (Cordoba, Spain)

The Feed Chain in Action

A very challenging year for EU livestock farmers

FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens looked back on the past year in the latest edition of the Feed Chain in Action blog, dominated by the persisting livestock farming crisis. On behalf of FEFAC, he expresses his sincere solidarity to all livestock farmers who are being pushed to the edge in these difficult times. Tijssens highlights the efforts FEFAC has made to ensure access to competitively priced feed supplies for EU livestock farmers, however the

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