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## NewsFEED

### XXVIII FEFAC Congress / V Animal Nutrition Congress 8-9 June 2017 in Cordoba

*European Commissioner for Agricultural &  
Rural Development Phil Hogan confirmed  
as keynote speaker*

It is with great pleasure that FEFAC and AFACA, representing the European and Andalusian Animal Feed Industry respectively, can announce the XXVIII FEFAC Congress and the V Animal Nutrition Congress in Cordoba, Spain, on 8-9 June 2017 with the key conference theme "Facing the future together – Unlocking the potential of animal nutrition". Both associations are delighted to welcome European Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development Mr Phil Hogan as a keynote speaker on the first day of the joint congress, which will focus on how to improve the competitiveness of the European livestock & feed sector, with a view to the mid-term review of the Common Agricultural Policy.



FEFAC and AFACA aim to include expert sessions dedicated to the role of animal nutrition in key societal challenges including fighting antimicrobial resistance and stimulating circular economies in the feed and livestock sector. The importance of better public communication seeking to improve the sector's image will also feature highly in the joint congress. FEFAC and AFACA expect about

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550 congress delegates from EU and international feed & food chain partners as well as representatives from national and EU public administrations.

### Open letter to Commissioner Andriukaitis to highlight role of animal nutrition in the fight against AMR

*Call to include the feed industry in the  
"One-Health AMR Network"*

In the [letter](#) sent on 18 November 2016, FEFAC draws attention to safe and nutritionally balanced feed as a prerequisite to preserve animal health and well-being, as well as a means to further enhance animal health to foster disease resistance. FEFAC recommends Member States to include a feed chapter in their national action plans on antimicrobial resistance, which could take the shape of public research programmes on innovative animal nutrition solutions and the sharing of good animal feeding practices. A first step would be to include the feed industry in the announced "One-Health AMR Network".

### The Feed Chain in Action

*Time to recognise the role of animal  
nutrition science in boosting disease  
resistance in farm animals*

Chair of the Animal Nutrition Committee Predrag Persak recently took part in the CODEX Physical Working Group on AMR in London (29 November – 2 December 2016), where he highlighted the role of animal nutrition in the fight against antimicrobial resistance. In the latest edition of the [Feed Chain in Action](#), he calls for recognition of animal nutrition science as part of the solution to preserve animal health and reduce the need for medical treatment, including antibiotics. Persak recalls that it is not much different from

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human beings where the basis for optimal health lies in balanced nutrition, hygiene and proper living conditions. A healthy animal is an efficient animal, and an efficient animal will not need medical treatment to stay performant.

## FEFAC brings the EU Protein Supply Debate to the European Parliament

***Tony Bell and Pavel Musil highlight need for a comprehensive EU protein balance sheet as a new monitoring tool***

At the two events on 12 October and 29 November 2016 in the European Parliament, both organised in cooperation with COPA-COGECA and COCERAL, Tony Bell (FEFAC Praesidium member) and Pavel Musil (Chair of the FEFAC Industrial Compound Feed Production Committee) elaborated on the EU's strategic raw material supply as regards proteins. Correctly monitoring the production, consumption, imports and exports of the different types of protein sources in the EU with a comprehensive EU protein balance sheet was also stressed by Damien Plan, team leader on Cereals, Rice, Oilseeds & Protein Crops at DG AGRI. FEFAC, COPA-COGECA, COCERAL and FEDIOL have declared their willingness to contribute to this task.

In an [interview with Feednavigator.com](#), Pavel Musil provided the feed industry's insight on how to increase the feed use of pulses as a source of vegetable protein, which currently hold a share of only 1.5% of the total raw materials consumption.



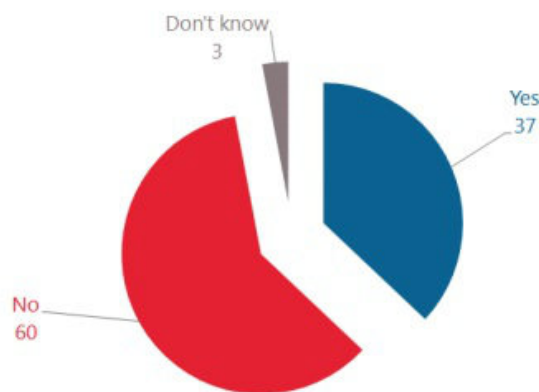
**Pavel Musil at the European Parliament workshop on the International Year of the Pulses on 29 November 2016**

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***“Only 37% of Europeans aware of ban on antibiotic growth promoters”***

A Eurobarometer publication from April 2016 has shown that only 37% of Europeans claim to be aware of the fact that since 2006 antibiotics are not allowed anymore in animal feed as growth promoters. The [publication](#) confirms the knowledge gap in the public domain about the routine presence of antibiotics in animal feed. A clear signal that we need to step up our public communication!

**QB14** Do you know that using antibiotics to stimulate growth in farm animals is banned within the EU?  
(% - EU)



Total base (N=27,969)

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## Showcasing the EU Feed Industry from Brussels to Beijing

**FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens presents the role of the feed industry in the circular economy through valorisation of co-products and former foodstuffs**

On 16 November 2016 he spoke at the 6<sup>th</sup> Animal Task Force seminar in Brussels and on 22-24 November 2016 he joined the EU mission on Circular Economy to China, on invitation



by DG ENVI Director General Daniel Calleja-Crespo. At both occasions he presented the EU feed industry's capacity to convert co-products into feed resources as a

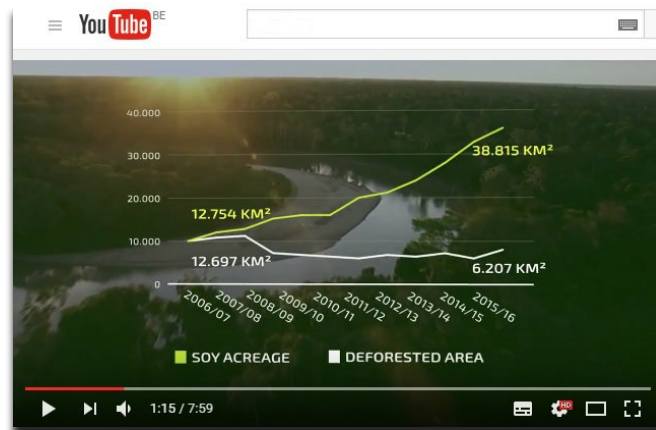
successful business model for a sustainable livestock sector. Next to the environmental gains, he highlighted the financial attractiveness of creating food chain resources out of secondary raw materials, as opposed to costly waste management operations. He also stressed these gains should never be made at the cost of feed and food safety, as the borderline between what is waste and what is feed has caused safety incidents in the past. While explaining former foodstuff processing, he welcomed the proposal from the Commission in the Circular Economy package to make clear that former foodstuffs placed on the market as feed (under Regulation (EC) No 676/2009) should not be seen and classified as waste. All presentations given at the 6<sup>th</sup> Animal Task Force seminar can be found [here](#).

## 10 Year Anniversary of the Amazon Soy Moratorium

**Decade of Soy Moratorium shows soybean cultivation is not a driver of illegal deforestation in the Amazon Biome**

On 19 October 2016, the 10 year anniversary of the Amazon Soy Moratorium was commemorated with an event in São Paulo, Brazil. The Soy Task Force (GTS), consisting of the private sector, the public sector and environmental NGOs, [looked back positively](#) on a decade of Soy Moratorium, as satellite analysis shows less than 1% of the deforestation not compliant with the moratorium can be linked to soy. The Soy Moratorium will remain in force until the legal enforcement tools to combat illegal deforestation are fully operational. For completion of the CAR (the Rural Environmental Registration), the most vital part of this mechanism, the deadline has been set on December 2017.

As of October 2016, 93.38% of all rural properties in the state of Mato Grosso, where more than 30% of Brazilian soy cultivation takes place, have been registered under the CAR, illustrating most of the work is to be done with small scale farmers in the north-eastern part of Brazil (71.2% complete). The Soy Task Force published a [video](#) on how the Moratorium has worked as a powerful tool that allowed for expansion of agricultural production while upholding environmental protection.



**Video still from GTS video on the Soy Moratorium, illustrating deforestation has been reduced despite an increase in soy acreage**

ABIOVE, the Brazilian Vegetable Oil Industries Association, has [contested](#) calls for an extension of the Soy Moratorium to the Cerrado Biome, stating environmental legislation is now developed far enough to ensure soy cultivation on embargoed areas is penalised, as opposed to 10 years ago when the Soy Moratorium was initiated.

### AGENDA:

- **20 January 2017:**  
IACA/FEFAC Sustainability workshop (Lisbon, Portugal)
- **29 March 2017:**  
EFFPA Workshop on Food-to-Feed Valorisation (Brussels, Belgium)
- **25 April 2017:**  
Re-veal your mind – New challenges for the veal sector (La Baule, France)
- **8-9 June 2017:**  
XXVIII FEFAC Congress (Cordoba, Spain)
- **13-14 June 2017:**  
VICTAM (Cologne, Germany)

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