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FUTURE CAP NEEDS TO SHIFT FOCUS ON COMPETITIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT EU LIVESTOCK & FEED SECTOR

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FEFAC will discuss the competitiveness of EU animal production with European Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development, Mr Phil Hogan, at its [XXVIII Congress](#) in Cordoba on 8 June 2017. The attendance of Mr Hogan is the first visit of an EU Farm Commissioner to a FEFAC Congress in 30 years. The FEFAC President-elect, Pekka Pesonen (Secretary General COPA & COGECA), Michel Nalet (EDA President) and Fernando Antunez (CESFAC President) will form an expert panel, discussing key policy and sector options to reconcile the CAP post 2020 agenda and the UN Sustainable Development Goals with the increasing need for resilience and competitiveness of the EU feed and livestock sector.

FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens: “The EU should aim for consistency across the different legal frameworks that govern agricultural, climate change and circular economy policies. This could trigger a virtuous cycle that favours a progressive, incentive-based investment climate for innovation in EU feed production and livestock farming”.

FEFAC has stressed the importance of enhancing the competitiveness of the EU livestock & feed sector in its contribution to the public consultation on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) “post-2020” review ([\(17\) PR 9](#)). FEFAC members highlight the safeguarding of a stable and predictable legal framework that guarantees uninterrupted access to feed materials on EU and global markets as primary concerns for EU feed manufacturers, while also pointing to the need for CAP to take a truly ‘common’ EU Policy framework character again.

Last year’s dairy and pigmeat market crises also illustrated the need for new effective tools that allow livestock farmers to manage their financial risks in volatile markets. The recent Commission publication of the first EU protein balance sheet and the setting up of the Market Observatory on cereals, oilseeds & protein crops will provide additional focus for FEFAC members to share their market expertise in the CAP post 2020 debate.

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 24 national Associations in 23 EU Member States as well as Associations in Switzerland, Turkey, Serbia, Russia and Norway with observer/associate member status. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 persons on app. 3,500 production sites often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
2. Farm animals in the EU-28 consume an estimated 480 million tonnes of feed a year, of which about 30% are produced by the compound feed manufacturers. Turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at € 50 billion.
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