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### Publication European Protein Plan

*Presentation by FEFAC President Nick Major at EU Protein Conference in Austria*

On 22 November 2018, the European Commission published its [report](#) on the development of plant protein in the European Union. FEFAC [welcomed](#) the publication, hoping the new political interest at both EU and national level will create the momentum to stimulate the availability, quality and competitiveness of EU plant protein production. FEFAC President Nick Major presented the views and recommendations of compound feed manufacturers at the EU Protein Conference, held on 22-23 November 2018 in Vienna, Austria. In his [presentation](#), he stated that the ambition to stimulate EU protein crop production is very sensible given the reduced importance of the EU as an importer on the global market of soybean meal in combination with the dependency on very few exporting countries, while encouraging the European Commission to harmonise the rules for product claims for food of animal origin fed on “non-GM feed” in order to guarantee a level playing field and increase market transparency. FEFAC now awaits the publication of the external DG AGRI market study on plant proteins foreseen for early 2019.



FEFAC President Nick Major at the EU Protein Conference

### FEFAC Publishes position on way forward for PEF

*PEFCR Feed should be the Key Reference for Measuring Environmental Performance of Feed*

On 18 December 2018, FEFAC submitted its contribution to the European Commission public consultation on potential policies implementing the Environmental Footprint methodology. FEFAC attached a [position paper](#), highlighting that any future EU policy (or market) initiative linked to measuring the environmental performance of feed production should use the PEFCR Feed for Food-Producing Animals as the key reference to come to transparent and comparable results as regards product claims. The full FEFAC contribution to the public consultation can be downloaded [here](#). FEFAC has started to internally circulate a draft Q&A to facilitate better understanding of FEFAC's involvement in PEF and GFLI (Global Feed LCA Database) as well as their value in measuring environmental performance of feed production.

### Outcome MoU Steering Group on EU-Brazil Partnership for Sustainable Soy

*Brazilian Soy Delegation Week-Long Visit to Present Responsible Soy Production*

From 19-23 November 2018, a Brazilian delegation comprising APROSOJA (soy farmers association), ABIOVE (Association of Vegetable Oil Industries) and a government representative attended several meetings and events in Brussels, Paris and Berlin to provide a state of play of responsible soy production and environmental legal enforcement. At a FEFAC-FEDIOL [stakeholder workshop](#) on 19 November 2018, the delegation presented the state of play as regards government action to enforce and monitor progress of Brazil's Forest Code implementation, the challenges for the Brazilian soy value chain and the contribution of Soja Plus to good agricultural practices. On 20 November 2018, the Amsterdam Declaration Partnership organised a [workshop](#) on sharing responsibility for deforestation-free, sustainable soya with representatives from

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producer countries including Argentina (AAPRESID) and Brazil (APROSOJA).

The [MoU Steering Group meeting](#) on 21 November 2018 brought together representatives from APROSOJA, ABIOVE, FEDIOL, FEFAC and IDH (the Sustainable Trade Initiative) to assess progress on their common agenda. The meeting noted that the Soja Plus scheme is progressing to an advanced stage of the independent ITC benchmarking process against the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines.

On 7 December 2018, an interview with FEFAC Secretary General Alexander Döring and FEDIOL Secretary General Nathalie Lecocq was published on [Feednavigator.com](#).



**MoU Soy Steering Group with representatives from APROSOJA, ABIOVE, FEDIOL, FEFAC and IDH**

## FEFAC Milk Replacers Committee visits the European Parliament

### *Discussion with MEP Jan Huitema on the Relevant Committee Topics*

On 16 October 2018, the FEFAC Milk Replacers Committee visited the European Parliament upon kind invitation by the MEP Jan Huitema (ALDE, NL). Chair of the Milk Replacers Committee, Mr Erik Fernhout (ASSALZOO), gave a [presentation](#) about the most important topics discussed by the Committee and explained the development of milk replacers production over the past decade. He highlighted the strongly reduced use of skimmed milk powder in milk replacer feed formulation over the years, with currently greater use of vegetable protein. Also, the increased use of concentrate feeds has meant a reduced overall use of milk replacers for calves.

Member of the European Parliament Jan Huitema, who is also a dairy farmer, welcomed the input of the Committee and showed interest in the Committee member activities in veal production practices to reduce the need for antibiotics. He explained current legislative standings as regards animal transport and the Common Agricultural Policy, while the Committee members highlighted some best practices in terms of animal welfare management.



**FEFAC Milk Replacers Committee at the European Parliament**

## Continued support for the role of animal nutrition to tackle AMR

### *FEFAC co-hosts AMR Workshop in Lisbon and attends FAO AMR Side Event in Busan*

On 10 December 2018, the FAO organised a side event on "Animal Nutrition and Feed Strategies and Options to Decrease Antimicrobials Use in Animal Production" at the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (CODEX TFAMR6) in Busan (South Korea). [FAO](#), [Professor Johanna Fink-Gremmels](#) (Utrecht University) and [IFIF](#) presented the scientific background to the animal nutrition solutions that can enhance farm animal health and reduce the need to use antibiotics in animal production.



**From left to right: Alexander Döring (FEFAC), Karine Tanan (IFIF), Leah Wilkinson (AFIA), Philippe Becquet (IFIF), Reinder Sijtsma (IFIF)**

On 9 October 2018, FEFAC organised a joint event on the same topic in Lisbon together with IACA, the Portuguese Feed Manufacturers Association, with contributions from Predrag Persak (FEFAC Chair Animal Nutrition Committee) and Reinder Sijtsma (FEFAC Chair Premix & Mineral Feed Committee). The presentations are available [here](#).

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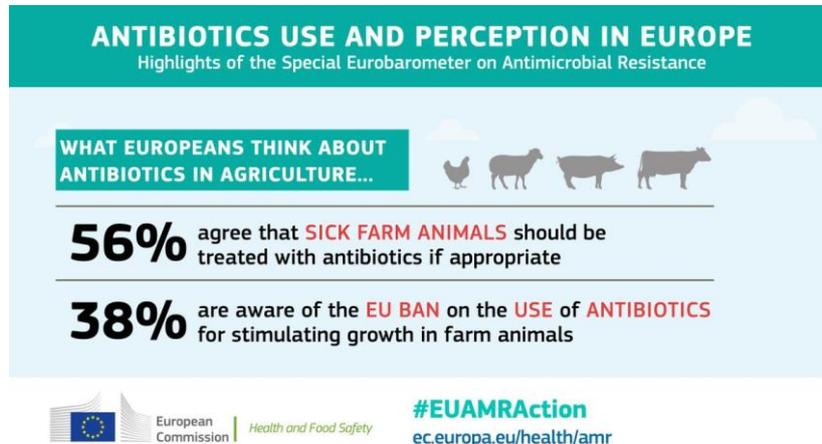
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## FEEDfact

### “Only 38% of Europeans aware of ban on antibiotic growth promoters”

A renewed Special Eurobarometer on antimicrobial resistance [published](#) on 15 November 2018 has shown that there is still low awareness of the fact that since 2006 antibiotics are not allowed anymore in animal feed as growth promoters. This is a very moderate increase compared to [two years ago](#), when the Special Eurobarometer found the figure to be 37%.



#### AGENDA:

- **11-13 March 2019**  
6<sup>th</sup> Global Food & Feed Congress (Bangkok, Thailand)
- **6-7 June 2019**  
FEFAC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event (Brussels, Belgium)