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What's on next week?

- **10-13 September:** [Strasbourg Plenary](#)
- **10 September:** [Special Committee on Agriculture](#) meeting
- **11 September:** Civil Dialogue Group on CAP
- **12 September:** Jean-Claude Juncker's State of the Union [statement](#)

REGISTER!

- **1-2 October:** **CEJA Working Group**; Deadline to [register](#) is 21 September
- **22 October:** **Staff Workshop**; Deadline to [register](#) is 1 October
- **3-4 December:** **CEJA's 60th-anniversary celebration**; Deadline to [register](#) is 31 October

See below for additional event information

Dear member organisations,

CEJA would like to invite you to the **"Grow Your Own Entrepreneur" conference** on **12 October** (9:00 - 15:00) at the University of Warsaw's School of Economics in

Warsaw, Poland.

Organised as part of the [Creating Entrepreneurs in Food project](#), the main focus of the event is to address the demand for **innovation and entrepreneurship** within Europe's agri-food sector.

The CEF project outputs will be presented. These promote and support those involved in **short food supply chains** by providing them with **entrepreneurial work-based training** and collaborative opportunities.

Speakers include **CEJA Vice president Tomáš Ignác Fénix** and **former CEJA President Matteo Bartolini**.

€100 will be reimbursed to the first 10 registered participants from CEJA not based in Poland.

Interested in attending? Send an email to allusers@ceja.eu by 30 September.

What's new with CEJA?

Digitalising the farming sector



5 September: CEJA President **Jannes Maes** spoke at a **digitalisation workshop hosted by COPA-COGECA**. Experts in the field agreed that there need to be efforts on the part of industry and the EU to make information about technology and data sharing more streamlined. In other words, *farmers should not be required to be IT specialists* to use new and efficient machinery.

The workshop took place in the context of [Agriculture and Space Day](#), an event showcasing how Europe's space programme is revolutionising agricultural production

CEJA was also one of the original signatories of the **EU Code of conduct on agricultural data sharing by contractual agreement**, published last April. Read it [here](#) in full.

Working group and 60th anniversary updates!



The next **CEJA working group** will take place on **1 and 2 October** in Brussels. You can register [here](#) for it, the deadline is 21 September. On the agenda are **international trade, risk management tools** and **insurance**. We look forward to seeing you there!

CEJA is also organising a **workshop for the staff of its member organisations** on **22 October** in Brussels. This will be a great opportunity to exchange ideas on **lobbying and advocacy, budgets, communication** and **participation**. Register [here](#) before 1 October.

The Secretariat is busy preparing for **CEJA's 60th-anniversary celebration!** Register [here](#) by 31 October. More details can be found in CEJA's dedicated anniversary newsletter.

Calls & Opportunities



- **Final call for experts for two new EIP-AGRI Focus Groups on non-chemical weed management in arable cropping systems, and pests and diseases of olive trees.** The groups are expected to work for around 12 months and meet face-to-face twice.

Further information is available [here](#). If you are interested, you have **until 10 September** to submit your application following [this link](#).

- EIP-AGRI is also organising a **seminar on multi-level strategies for digitising agriculture and rural areas** on 12 and 13 December in Antwerp (Belgium). Find more information [here](#). The deadline for [expressions of interest](#) is **10 September**.
- The European Commission is inviting stakeholders to complete a [questionnaire](#) on **market transparency in the agri-food supply chain** addressed to undertakings and specific organisations. The **deadline is 30 September**.

What's happening in the EU?

Informal Council in Austria to focus on rural vitality





23-25 September: Driven by the agricultural context of Austria's mountainous farmlands, the [Informal Council](#) of agriculture ministers later this month will discuss the best instruments for helping farmers in rural areas to produce, specifically, high-quality and sustainable food products.

Due to the fact that rural and intermediate areas make up more than 80% of Europe's total area, the Austrian Presidency wants to **safeguard and develop the vitality of rural areas** as it is "crucial for the future of communities and traditions and cultures associated with them."

Jannes will also address the ministers **on behalf of Europe's young farmers** on 24 September.

Find more information on Austria's Presidency of the Council of the European Union [here](#).

The meat of the matter on EU beef imports from the US

3 September: The Commission has [recommended](#) to the Council to **open negotiations with the United States** in order to settle a longstanding World Trade Organisation (WTO) dispute on exports of US hormone-free beef. This comes following the [Joint Statement](#) agreed on 25 July by Presidents Juncker and Trump. While there will be **no changes in either the established quota of beef imports or Europe's health and safety standards of hormone-free beef**, the US will gain from a re-distribution of established quotas previously divided among other exporting countries. Click [here](#) for the Commission's press release.

Photo of the week!



CEJA's 60th birthday is only three months away and we're revisiting the photographs in our archive! Recognise anyone in this one?

Civil Dialogue Groups

CDG and MO documents available

The **documents and presentations** concerning all the CDGs that CEJA experts attend are available on the European Commission's website to view and download. You can access all the CDG documents and presentations divided according to sector using this [link](#).



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