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What's on next week?

- 19 September: Mansholt lecture on circularity in agricultural production
- **20–21 September:** Pan–Hellenic Conference for Young Farmers

REGISTER!

- 1-2 October: CEJA Working Group; Deadline to <u>register</u> is 21 September
- 12 October: Grow Your Own Entrepreneur Conference; Deadline to register is 30 September
- **22 October: Staff Workshop**; Deadline to <u>register</u> 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 <u>Creating Entrepreneurs in Food project</u>, 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.

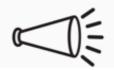
Interested in attending? Send an email to allusers@ceja.eu by 30 September.

What's new with CEJA?

We need you for our 60th anniversary!

We're looking for **photos**, **videos** and **testimonies** from CEJA representatives (past and present) and young farmers in the run-up to our 60th anniversary celebration! Send your submissions to <u>allusers@ceja.eu</u>, we would love to hear from you!

Calls & Opportunities



- The European Commission is inviting stakeholders to complete a <u>questionnaire</u> on market transparency in the agri-food supply chain addressed to undertakings and specific organisations. The one addressed to consumers can be found <u>here</u>. For both, the deadline is 30 September.
- On 21 September, there will be a conference on the contribution of producer organisations to an efficient agri-food supply chain organised by the European Commission. You can register or follow it live here.

What's happening in the EU?

Two cases of African Swine Fever (ASF) in wild boar confirmed in Belgium

13 September: The Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC) confirmed ASF in two wild boars in the Southern Province of Luxembourg. Since the outbreak of the virus in Georgia and Armenia in 2007, it is the first time Western Europe is concerned. The village where the two wild boars were found is located near the borders with France, Luxembourg, and Germany. No case has been found in the farms of the region, and preventive measures are undertaken. Several governments already called for specific actions to be implemented at EU level.

Juncker's final State of the Union address



Strasbourg Plenary session Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker addressed EU citizens with a final reflection on his term, promises of a new alliance with Africa, immigration, environmental challenges, and emphasised the strength of a united Europe. He also highlighted how the recent droughts are a "stark reminder" and that the future must be safeguarded for the next generations of Europeans.

Agri-food Coalition Publishes Additional Points Against Unfair Trading Practices (UTPs)

10 September: Ahead of Monday's <u>Special Committee on Agriculture</u>, a coalition of agri-food stakeholders, including CEJA, published a document calling for all actors in the food supply chain to be protected against Unfair Trading Practices (UTPs) in business-to-business relationships. This followed April's <u>joint</u> statement on UTPs.

Support for Livestock Production



13 September: Rural Investment Support for Europe (RISE) published a report outlining the need to move European livestock production to more sustainable production levels. The shifts proposed are meant to span over several decades, and involve changes at the farm and consumer level. Led by Emeritus Professor Allan Buckwell, this report is a call to Europe to encourage the transition of the sector to what is defined as a "safe operating space".

Photo of the week!



Looks like a fun trip to a Klompenfabriek somewhere in the Netherlands! Recognise anyone in the photo? Let us know!

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 <u>link</u>.

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