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What's on next week?

- **23-25 September:** [Informal meeting](#) of agriculture ministers (Schloss Hof, Austria)
- **24 September:** [COMAGRI](#)
- **24-30 September:** [European Biotech Week](#)
- **24 September:** Digital and Precision Farming: Challenges and Opportunities for Smart Villages
- **25 September:** [Innovation in Agriculture](#): Reflections on science, regulatory developments, and communication
- **25 September:** Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster visit the CEJA Office
- **25 September:** Milk Market Observatory
- **28 September:** CDG HOS: Fruit & Vegetables

REGISTER!

- **LAST DAY!!! 1-2 October: CEJA Working Group;** Deadline to [register](#) is 21 September
- **12 October: Grow Your Own Entrepreneur Conference;** Deadline to register is 30 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?

Open Farm Day in Flanders



A Young Farmer at the Mansholt lecture



10 September: CEJA Vice President

16 September: Last Sunday, the CEJA Secretariat enjoyed a day visiting Flemish farms on their annual open day. There were some wonderful products to taste too!

19 September. CEJA vice president Iris Bouwers was in Brussels, representing young farmers in a panel discussion on circular agriculture, hosted by Wageningen University.

Conversations on the future of farming



19 September: CEJA President Jannes Maes spoke about the importance of animal well-being at an event in Wageningen centred around the future of farming.

Calls & Opportunities



- Have your say on **EU networking!** The European Commission would like to hear your opinion on the functioning, accessibility and visibility of EU networks. Fill in [this](#) short survey by **23 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 one addressed to consumers can be found [here](#). For both, the **deadline is 30 September**.

What's happening in the EU?

Commission adopts measures to ease drought impact



19 September: The Commission adopted [further measures](#) to help farmers hit by the summer's drought, confirming an earlier package of actions aimed at increasing the **availability of fodder** which is a major challenge for livestock farmers. The Commission has included derogations on greening measures mostly related to the **timing and allowance** of types of catch crops.

Cases of ASF detected in Belgium



13 September: The Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain [confirmed African Swine Fever \(ASF\) in two wild boars](#) in the south of the country. 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 being undertaken. Several governments have already called for specific actions to be implemented at EU level.

CAP reform: update on timing

19 October: Spanish MEP Esther Herranz García (EPP), rapporteur on the CAP Strategic Plans, French Socialist MEP Éric Andrieu (CMO, quality schemes and aromatised wines) and German Liberal MEP Ulrike Müller (Horizontal Regulation - CAP financing and management) are expected to submit a **first draft of their future CAP reports** for translation on 19 October.

EU reveals plans for WTO reform



18 September: The Commission has published [a set of proposals](#) for the modernisation of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), **seeking to make international trade rules suitable for the challenges of the global economy**. The WTO is facing a crisis. It struggled to settle rules for international trade and to deliver effective dispute settlements. The paper essentially states that **the system's approach is antiquated**, and if not addressed, will be in paralysis in the coming months.

Update on hormone-free beef TRQs



14 September: Member States broadly backed a Commission proposal seeking a negotiating mandate to modify an agreement with the US on the import of hormone-free beef including the introduction of a country-specific allocation at the most recent [Trade Policy Committee](#) meeting. The agreement will **increase the allotted hormone-free beef imported to Europe from the US**, but does not increase overall hormone-free beef imports. It is hoped that the agreement will ease tensions with the US.

Tackling dual standards in food products



13 September: MEPs have [recommended some measures](#) designed to tackle dual standards, insisting that a product sold in different Member States under the same brand and in the same packaging should be **identical**. This comes after a series of tests have uncovered that certain products in Eastern Europe are of **lesser quality**, compared to those same products with the same labels, elsewhere.

MEPs say pesticide legislation is not doing its job

13 September: MEPs say plant protection legislation is failing to fulfil the aim of protecting human and animal health and the environment. A 588-page **evaluation report** on the implementation of EU plant protection product legislation (adopted by 529 votes to 34, with 63 abstentions), calls for **more transparency in the way pesticides are authorised**. The European Parliament's next [PEST committee](#) meeting will take place on 27 September.

Photo of the week!





We recreated one of our favourite photos from the CEJA archive this week!

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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