

[Click Here to Subscribe](#)

What's on next week?

- **8 October:** Special Committee on Agriculture [meeting](#)
- **8-9 October:** [SEMA II](#) project meeting
- **8-9 October:** [COMAGRI](#)
- **9 October:** CDG Olives
- **10-12 October:** Copa-Cogeca [Congress](#)
- **11 October:** Joint meeting on the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
- **11-12 October:** [CEF](#) project meeting
- **12 October:** CEJA presentation to Chinese young farmers

REGISTER!

CEJA seminar in Czechia - registration open!





8-10 November: Registration for the **CEJA seminar in Czechia** is [open](#) and the **deadline is 22 October**. Here is the [draft agenda](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

3-4 December: CEJA's **60th anniversary celebration**. The deadline to [register](#) is 31 October!

What's new with CEJA?

Successful CEJA working group in Brussels!



1-2 October: CEJA delegates gathered in Brussels this week for a working group dedicated to **international trade** and **risk management tools**. Guest speakers at the meeting were Tomás García Azcárate from Madrid's Instituto de Economía, Geografía y Demografía and Breffni Carpenter of the Irish Permanent Representation to the EU. Delegates approved a list of general principles on international trade and will meet again for the **CEJA seminar in Czechia** in November.

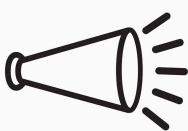
CEJA around Europe



3-4 October: The CEJA Secretariat and CEJA President Jannes Maes participated in a presentation and panel discussion for students from the Masters in Organic Agriculture at [Wageningen University](#) in the Netherlands. The topics focussed on included the **challenges encountered by young farmers in the EU** and students had the chance to experiment with some policy work.

Jannes also attended an event organised by ASAJA in Spain concerning entrepreneurial initiatives in the agricultural sector. Three young farmers from León were this year's winners. They are involved in the **production, processing and commercialisation of ecological hops** for the craft brewing industry.

Calls & Opportunities



- The 5th EPP [Congress of Young Farmers](#) will take place on **17-18 October** in Brussels. If you want to register, contact the MEP for your specific country. [Here](#) is the list.
- 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 has been extended to 14 October**.

- The European Commission has published a [call for proposals](#) under the European Solidarity Corps to fund **volunteering activities, traineeships, jobs, and solidarity projects** intended for young people. Its deadlines fall between 16 October 2018 and 18 February 2019, depending on the type of activity.
- Calls for proposal under [Horizon 2020](#) have been published concerning ‘[Rural Renaissance](#)’ and ‘[Sustainable Food Security](#)’, as part of the 2018-2020 work programme. The EU is looking to **invest approximately €1 billion in sustainable resource management and smarter, greener and more circular rural economies**.

What's happening in the EU?

AGRI Committee votes to ban Unfair Trading Practices

1 October: The European Parliament's COMAGRI [agreed](#) to new rules to combat **Unfair Trading Practices (UTPs)** in the food supply chain and is pushing for a deal on the file before the end of the year. The draft report includes a **ban on the following practices**:

- **Payments** made more than **30 days late** for perishable products
- **Payments** made more than **60 days late** for non-perishable products
- Unilateral **cancellation of contracts** for perishable goods less than 60 days from the delivery date
- **Refusing** to give food producers a **written contract**
- **Misuse** by buyers of **confidential information** relating to the contract
- Buyers making **sales below cost** and expecting the supplier to make up the difference
- The creation of a **complaints procedure**

Read CEJA and other stakeholders' joint statement [here](#).

Council agrees negotiating position on UTPs



1 October: Attendees at the Council's Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) meeting [agreed](#) on a negotiating position on the Commission's proposal on UTPs. Slovakia voted against, while the Austrian Presidency managed to secure the necessary qualified majority in favour of the proposal. The Council will negotiate to maintain the bulk of the **original proposal** the same. A tentative date for the first trilogue has been set for **24 October**.

DG AGRI report on drought impact



3 October: A [report](#) by DG AGRI indicates the **drought** this summer has had **devastating impacts** on **cereal production**, dropping the harvest by 5% compared to last year's. **Cereal prices** in the EU peaked during August, reaching levels **far higher than last year**.

Additionally, the **dairy industry** has been hit by the drought, due to the decrease in grass and fodder production this past summer. **Beef**, on the other hand, is growing more than anticipated due to increases in slaughtering

...and, is growing more than anticipated, due to increases in slaughtering because of shortages in fodder. Relative to last year, **poultry production** is growing thanks to a high recovery rate from last year's bird flu. **Apple production** is set to reach record high levels of production for the past five years. Finally, **Olive oil** is rising and is expected to continue rising for the next year.

Projects

Project meetings next week



8-12 October: The coming week will be a busy one for CEJA with two important meetings scheduled concerning the **projects the organisation is involved in**. The first is for [SEMA II](#) which will take place in Granada (Spain). The second is for [CEF](#), which will take place in Warsaw (Poland).

SEMA II is focussed on **multifunctional agriculture** and CEF aims to promote and support those involved in **short food supply chains**. The CEF meeting will precede the '[Grow Your Own Entrepreneur](#)' conference that will include a contribution from CEJA Vice President **Tomáš Ignác Fénix**.

Photo of the week!





Thank you to all of the delegates who attended our working group and to Christian Hahn for the pumpkins!

Civil Dialogue Groups

Milk Market Observatory report

CEJA expert Atso Ala-Kopsala from MTK in Finland has kindly provided a [report](#) summarising the most recent Milk Market Observatory meeting. If you have **notes to share** from CDG or Market Observatory meetings, send them to allusers@ceja.eu.

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](#).

Disclaimer

CEJA's weekly newsletter **is for internal use only**. The board, staff and members of CEJA's member organisations are the only people entitled to view its content. It is forbidden to copy, forward, or in any way reveal the contents of this newsletter to anyone who is not part of a CEJA member organisation. The integrity and security of this newsletter cannot be guaranteed over the Internet. Therefore, CEJA will not be held liable for any damage caused by the message. If you wish to **unsubscribe** from the CEJA newsletter please email: allusers@ceja.eu.



Like the CEF
Project [Facebook](#)
[page](#) and follow
the project
on [Twitter](#)!



Visit the [FAO](#)
[Family Farming](#)
[Knowledge](#)
[Platform](#) (FFKP) to
find out recent
developments and
follow the
FFKP on [Twitter](#)!



Visit the SEMA II
Project [website](#)!



Copyright © 2017 - LIST: CEJA

All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is: allusers@ceja.eu

Belgium
1040 Brussels
67 Rue de la Loi, 7th Floor
CEJA

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

This email was sent to margita.tornroth@slc.fi
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)
CEJA · Rue Belliard, 23a, CEJA bte 8 · Brussels 1000 · Belgium

MailChimp