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## What's on next week?

- **15-16 October:** AGRIFISH [Council](#)
- **16 October:** CDG International Aspects of Agriculture
- **17-18 October:** [5th EPP Congress of Young Farmers](#)
- **18-19 October:** EIP-AGRI Subgroup on Innovation [meeting](#)
- **19 October:** CDG Pig Meat

## 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:** Join us in Ypres (Belgium) to celebrate CEJA's 60th birthday!  
Deadline to [register](#) is 31 October!

## What's new with CEJA?

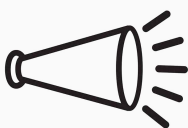
### CEJA at the Copa-Cogeca Congress in Austria



**10-12 October:** CEJA President János Mészáros and Secretary General Alessia

**10-12 OCTOBER.** CEJA President JAMES MAES and Secretary General ALESSIA Musumarra attended Copa-Cogeca's [Congress of European Farmers](#) in Linz (Austria). Discussions focussed on **solutions for the future of farming**. Jannes took part in the session on "Investment as a Driver of Competitiveness" and spoke about the need for young farmers to **receive an adequate salary**.

## 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 is 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.
- [EIP-AGRI](#) is organising a two-day [workshop](#) titled '**Opportunities for farm diversification in the circular bioeconomy**'. It will take place on 6-7 February 2019 in Vilnius (Lithuania). Apply [here](#). The deadline is 31 October.
- Calls for proposal under [Horizon 2020](#) have been published concerning

[‘Rural Renaissance’](#) and [‘Sustainable Food Security’](#), as part of the 2018-2020 work programme.

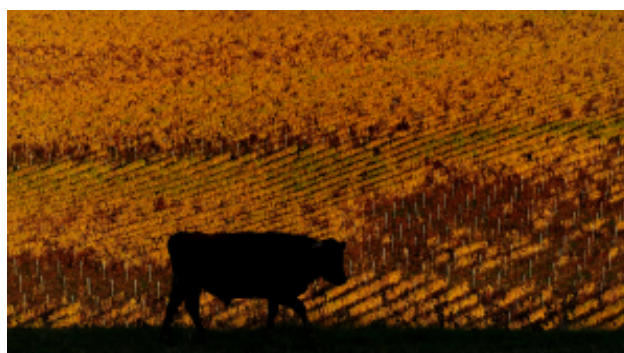
## What's happening in the EU?

### MEPs reject future CAP budget cuts



**9 October:** In an [opinion](#) for the Budgets Committee, COMAGRI MEPs [emphasised](#) that the EU needs a **resilient, sustainable and competitive agricultural sector** to provide high-quality and safe food at affordable prices to consumers, preserve the natural environment and ensure a fair standard of living for farmers. The CAP budget in the 2021-2027 MFF must, therefore, be at least maintained at the current 2014-2020 level in real terms and Member States should increase their contribution to the EU's budget to **1.3% of their Gross National Income (GNI)**. The opinion will be examined by the Budgets Committee on 5 November.

### This week at COMAGRI



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**8-9 October:** External experts and COMAGRI MEPs agreed on the need to **maintain the CAP budget** to make sure the CAP can complete its role effectively at a [Public Hearing](#) on the future of CAP in Brussels, organised during alongside this week's COMAGRI meeting. There were also calls to make sure that the **definition of a "genuine farmer"** avoids ignoring part-time farmers and other producers, who also play an important role.

### Lawyers give Strategic Plans the green light

**1-5 October:** The European Parliament's legal services have confirmed that the New Delivery Model provided for in the CAP [legislative proposals](#) **appears to comply** with Article 38 of the EU Treaty. In the original letter, COMAGRI chair Czesław Siekierski said the new approach “mechanically entails **a reduction of the role of Parliament in the definition of the CAP** and possibly casts doubt over the future usefulness and very relevance of an Agri Committee”. MEPs will likely discuss the legal opinion on 22 October.

## Projects

### Successful SEMA II and CEF Project meetings!



**8-12 October:** It was a busy time for projects CEJA is involved in with **two** meetings scheduled this week: one in Granada (Spain) for **SEMA II** and one in

**meetings** scheduled this week: one in Granada (Spain) for [SEMA II](#) and one in Warsaw (Poland) for [CEF](#). During the SEMA II meeting, partners discussed **implementation, intellectual outputs and dissemination**. The CEF meeting concerned the project's portal and was organised alongside a conference about how to be an **entrepreneur** if you are involved in the **food sector and a panel discussion on best practices**.

## Photo of the week!



**Check our social media to find out how you can participate in our next photo exhibition, this picture won the first prize last time!**

## 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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