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What's on next week?

- **22 October:** CEJA staff [workshop](#)
- **22 October:** COMAGRI [meeting](#)
- **26 October:** CDG Rural Development

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!

Please note that:

- **8 November:** SMA ČR will provide a **bus** in the morning from Vienna Airport (Austria) and Brno (Czechia)
- **9 November:** Conference.
- **10 November:** farms visit and then bus from the airports.
- **11 November at 8:00 am:** CEJA WG
- SMA ČR will cover the costs of **2-3 nights** for **2 participants** per member organisation (double room).
- All the **rooms** (including the ones for additional participants coming from the same organisation) will be **booked by SMA ČR** (extra nights available for ca 40 €/double room).

CEJA Anniversary- deadline fast approaching!



3-4 December: Join us in Ypres (Belgium) to celebrate CEJA's 60th birthday! The deadline to [register](#) is 31 October. Make sure you take part in our **photo exhibition** and send us your **farm products** too!

What's new with CEJA?

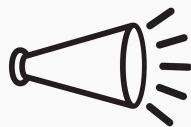
CEJA at the 5th EPP European Congress of Young Farmers





17-18 October: The 5th EPP Congress of Young Farmers took place at the European Parliament this week. CEJA President Jannes Maes emphasised **the need for young people to be politically involved**. President of the European Parliament, Antonio Tajani, stressed the **importance of young farmers** in the agricultural sector. The event ended with an **award ceremony** for young farmers. You can watch the Facebook live recording [here](#).

Calls & Opportunities

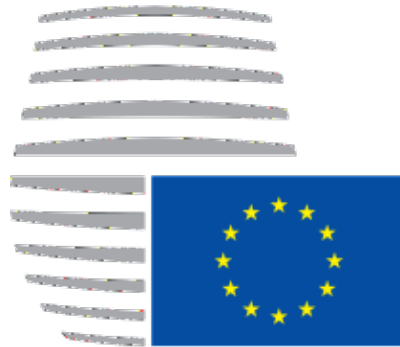


- If you or your organisation was involved in the [LULUCF negotiations](#), the University of Helsinki would like to invite you to participate in its [survey](#) on what enabled different actor groups to **collaborate for particular policy outcomes**.
- The European Commission has published a [call for 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.

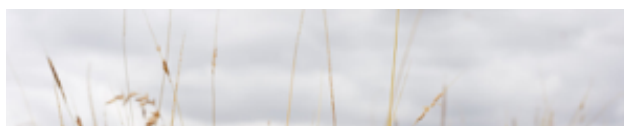
What's happening in the EU?

This week at the AGRIFISH Council



15-16 October: EU agriculture ministers met in Luxembourg. There was general support among them to transition to a **performance-based CAP**, though they called for a **balance in responsibilities** between the Commission and Member States under the new delivery model. Additionally, there was **broad support** for a level playing field across the EU in the application of greening rules though this should not lead to an increase in the **administrative burden for farmers** and national administrators. The main results are [here](#).

EU agri-food promotional budget revealed





16 October: It was announced this week that the EU budget dedicated to promoting EU agri-food products at home and further afield will be **€172.5 million**. It will include [79 campaigns](#) to be implemented over the next three years. The budget will **co-finance programmes at rates of 70-85%** on the internal and external markets. There will also be a greater focus on campaigns aimed at regions such as China, Japan, Canada, the US, Mexico, Colombia, South Korea, Taiwan, South-East Asia and Southern Asia.

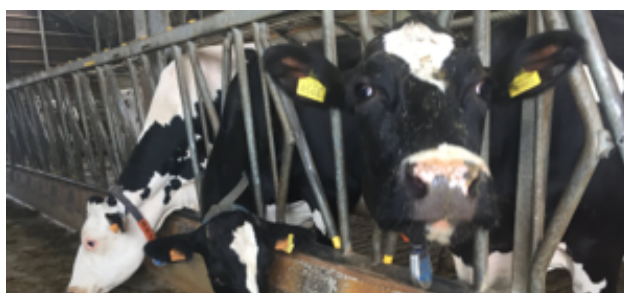
International trade updates

17 October: The European Commission adopted the [EU-Vietnam](#) trade and investment [agreements](#). The trade agreement **eliminates almost all tariffs on goods traded**, with a legally binding commitment to sustainable development, respect for human rights, the environment and the fight against climate change.

Foreign Ministers from around the EU gave the green light for **the conclusion of two agreements** with [Singapore](#). One of these covers free trade, while the other concerns investment protection. The EU and Singapore are expected to sign the two deals, as well as a partnership and cooperation agreement.

For **further details**, read CEJA's briefing notes on [international trade](#) and [EU trade policy](#).

EU Budget for the future Conference





12 October: At the '[EU Budget for the future- The Road Ahead](#)' conference in Brussels, it was restated that the CAP and Cohesion policies would take the greatest hit in budget cuts. Commission Vice President Jyrki Katainen responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, reassured those present that budget cuts **will not result in radical reforms to the CAP**. He also reminded the audience that cuts are inevitable because of Brexit.

ASF ministerial announced

12 December: An informal ministerial on 19 December will address the long-term efforts needed to manage African Swine Fever (ASF), including the reduction of wild boar populations in and around ASF-free zones. The **human factor**, as well as hay and straw, are key possible threats to the spread of the virus.

New bio-economy strategy

11 October: The EU has promised **€100 million** in investment in the circular bio-economy. This strategy has the goal of ensuring sustainable systems in food and farming as well as forestry and increased monitoring to ensure the blueprint is achieving real progress. The **strategy report** can be found [here](#).

Photo of the week!



We found this gem from an old CEJA seminar! Recognise the location or the participants? 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 [link](#).

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