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## What's on next week?

- **1 November:** CEJA office is closed
- **8-10 November:** CEJA seminar in Czechia

## What's new with CEJA?

### Unfair Trading Practices campaign success



**24-25 October:** The European Parliament [voted](#) in favour (428 for; 170 against; 18 abstentions) of **fast-tracking the report on Unfair Trading Practices**. After 10 years of fighting for a framework at EU level, lead rapporteur **Paolo de Castro** applauded this major step towards achieving a fairer food supply chain. CEJA in collaboration with Jeunes Agriculteurs, FNSEA and Copa-Cogeca, took part in a **demonstration outside the European Parliament buildings** in Strasbourg on 24 October to **raise awareness** about the vote. The press release is available [here](#).

### First CEJA staff workshop



**22 October:** CEJA hosted its first staff workshop in Brussels this week, gathering employees from its member organisations and sectorial partners. They had the opportunity to share best practices on lobbying and advocacy, fundraising, and communications. **Andrea Boccuni**, from [The Good Lobby](#) and journalist, **Angelo Di Mambro**, also gave presentations.

We look forward to organising another staff workshop soon and are always open for suggestions and ideas. **Thank you to those who attended!**

## REGISTER!

**CEJA seminar in Czechia - last chance to register!**



**8-10 November:** Registration for the **CEJA seminar in Czechia** is [open](#) and today is the last chance to register! 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:** Working group and conference
- **10 November:** Farm visits and buses to the airport

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!



- 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?

**MEP Herranz Garcia calls for Strategic Plans delay**





**18 October:** Spanish MEP Esther Herranz Garcia (EPP, ES) who is the rapporteur responsible for the Strategic Plans in the CAP legislative proposals has called for **delaying the application of Strategic Plans until 2023.**

Among the **450 amendments** proposed by Herranz Garcia were the maintenance of the **CAP budget** at current levels, increasing **productivity**, maintaining a **fair standard** of living for farmers, linking the proposed definition of “**genuine farmer**” with agricultural activity, and raising the upper age limit for a **young farmer from 40 to 45 years.**

The three draft reports on the CAP legislative proposals are to be discussed in COMAGRI on **22 and 23 November.**

### **Stable performance for EU agri-food exports**



**26 October:** EU agri-food exports' year on year performance **remains stable** with the September 2017 - August 2018 period representing a 0.1% change on the previous 12 months, according to the latest EU agri-food trade [report](#). The **highest increases in monthly export values** were for Algeria (up €31 million), Saudi Arabia (an increase of €30 million) and Singapore (a gain of €27 million).

### **Key steps for CAP Strategic Planning**





## European Network for Rural Development

**23 October:** An [ENRD Seminar](#) was held in Brussels to allow EU **Member State representatives** to exchange views on the practical implications of **designing and drafting** the post-2020 CAP Strategic Plans. The representatives were from Rural Development Programme Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies and the European Commission.

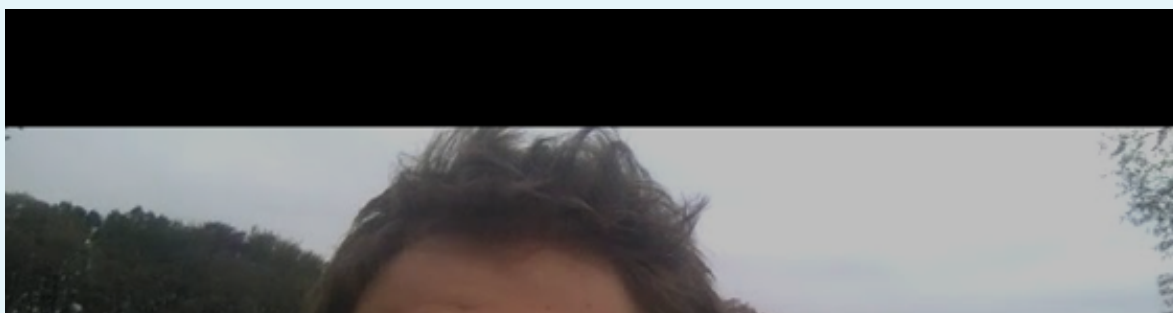
### **2019 Work Programme launched**

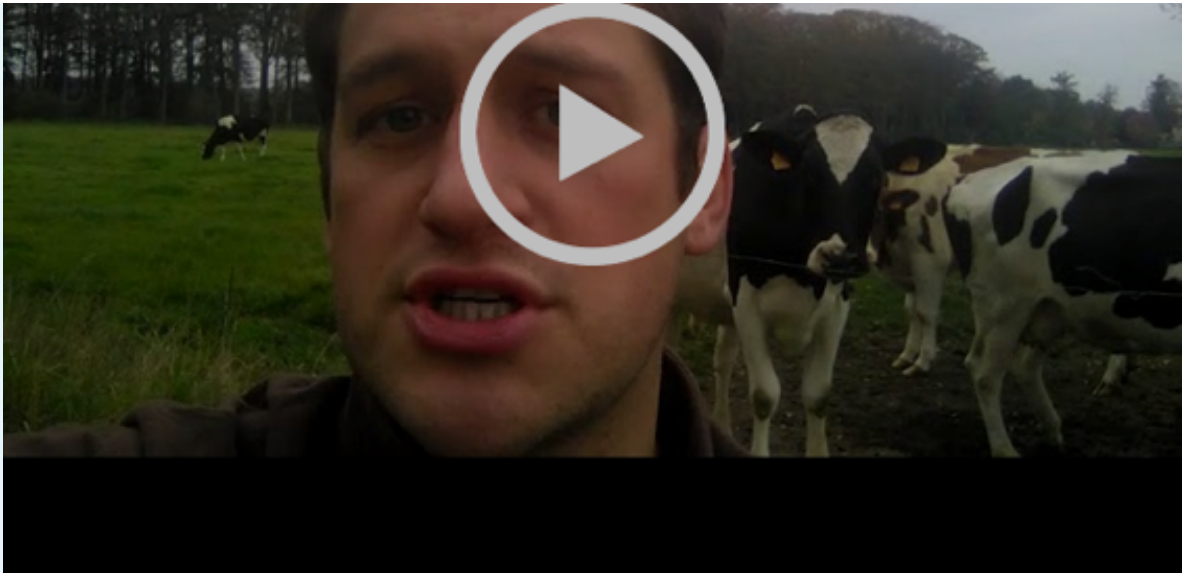
**23 October:** The Commission launched a [work programme](#) for 2019. The **report** lists over **40 pending priority** proposals that the Commission wants to wrap up **before the European Parliamentary elections** on 23-26 May. These priorities include the **MFF**, the future **CAP framework**, the Circular Economy and Clean Energy packages, transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain, **UTPs** and Comitology reform.

### **MEPs agree budget resolution**

**24 October:** MEPs agreed on setting the [2019 EU budget](#) at **€166.34 billion** for commitments and €149.3 billion in payments at the Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg. An additional €50 million was set aside for Member States affected by **African Swine Fever (ASF)**, €15 million for the **fruit and vegetable sector** and €6.5 million for halting and **reversing biodiversity loss**. The final EU budget for 2019 is expected to be adopted by the end of the year.

## Video of the week!





CEJA President Jannes Maes's call to MEPs to vote in favour of moving the UTPs dossier to the next stage

## 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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