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What's on next week?

- **20-23 May:** World Farmers' Organisation General Assembly (Luxembourg)
- **22 May:** [2019 ECPA Regulatory Conference](#)
- **22 May:** [IUPAC International Congress](#)
- **23 May:** NEWBIE project conference (Bulgaria)
- **23-26 May:** [2019 EU Elections](#)
- **27-28 May:** CEJA Presidium and working group
- **27-29 June:** CEJA General Assembly and working group (Sweden)

Save the date - CEJA General Assembly

The CEJA General Assembly will take place in Sweden this year in collaboration with LRF and DeLaval.

Here's what you need to know in terms of the practicalities:

27 June: arrival and welcome dinner in Stockholm

28 June: conference in the morning and general assembly in the afternoon (all at Hamra Farm, 30 minutes from Stockholm)

29 June: farm visits

30 June: departure

More information will be sent to you in due course.

What's new with CEJA?

CEJA Presidium and working group - last chance to register!



The CEJA Presidium and working group will take place **in Brussels on 27 and 28 May**. [Here](#) is the **draft agenda**. Make sure you [register](#) before **20 May**.

Only **two representatives from each member organisation can attend the Presidium**, a third representative may be accepted subject to the prior agreement of the Presidency (in this case, a written request must be sent to the Presidency at least one week before the meeting).

National organisations must **select a head of delegation**, preferably a farmer (see Article 8.2 of CEJA's [Internal Regulations](#)).

CEJA Presidency around Europe





11 and 13 May: CEJA Vice President Iris Bouwers attended associate member the Serbian Young Farmers' Association (SUMP)'s conference titled "**Young farmers from Serbia and EU**" in Novi Sad last weekend as part of the town's international agricultural fair.

CEJA President Jannes Maes spoke at "**The Common Agricultural Policy and Challenges for Young European Farmers**" conference in Brussels hosted by the EU Council's Romanian Presidency.

New CEJA Statistical Toolkits



CEJA has prepared **two new statistical toolkits** based on the fi-compass [survey](#) on financial needs and access to finance of EU agricultural enterprises. The documents gather **data on national situations and young farmers**.

These toolkits form part of CEJA's **policy package on the CAP reform** and are a solid statistical basis both for your **everyday advocacy** and contributions to the **SWOT analyses** and national **Strategic Plans**.

Download them here:

[National data](#)

[Data on young farmers](#)

News from our members

CEJA members attend AgriCord AGM





15-16 May: A group of CEJA delegates attended the [AgriCord](#) AGM in Rotterdam this week. The programme included a **panel debate** with CEJA Vice President Iris Bouwers and Commissioner Hogan, as well as a presentation of the [Task Force Rural Africa](#) and its final report. Young farmers from Europe and Africa then discussed how best to implement the report's advice and outcomes.

Read the AgriCord press release [here](#).

What's happening in the EU?

Agriculture and Fisheries Council



14 May: During the Agriculture and Fisheries Council that took place in Brussels on Tuesday, Ministers discussed the CAP reform package focusing on **reporting milestones and the performance review**. The Romanian Presidency will try to **get a partial general approach to the package in June**.

Regarding trade issues, a few Member States asked the Commission to **respect EU climate goals, EU values and standards in trade negotiations**, in relation to food safety and animal welfare.

They also **asked to stop granting concessions** on products which are highly sensitive for the EU, such as **beef, dairy, poultry and rice** and to better consider the cumulative effects of the concessions made and **not to sacrifice agriculture to the benefit of other sectors in international negotiations**.

In particular, talking about **Mercosur**, the **Commission is having this week in Buenos Aires** a new meeting **to solve technical issues** and to agree on a new round of negotiations soon.

Estonia and the Netherlands raised the topic of **GMOs and mutagenesis** asking the Commission for action in terms of their implementation but the Commission answered that this will be a task for the next Presidency's mandate.

Talking about **the fruit sector**, Belgium and Poland **asked for additional resources and measures to help the apple and pear sector**. Hogan stated that DG AGRI is analysing the requests and there will soon be a response.

You can read the **meeting outcomes** in detail [here](#).

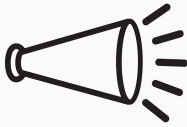
A new Brexit withdrawal agreement vote



15 May: UK Prime Minister Theresa May is **trying to set a new vote on the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement**. May intends to bring the deal back before the Parliament on **June 3**.

It will be probably be May's last chance to approve an Agreement that has already rejected several times. It appears likely that in case of further rejection, May's term of office could come to an end.

Calls & Opportunities



- Feedback on an EU Commission [roadmap](#) for **EU quality schemes** can be submitted **until 27 May**.
- [Calls for proposal](#) for the **LIFE programme** which is the EU's funding instrument for the **environment and climate action**, have been launched, with the **deadline for concept notes on 17 June 2019**.
- **Two new consultations** have been published related to EU state aid: an [evaluation](#) of state aid instruments and a [review](#) of agricultural state aid guidelines. The **deadline for feedback is 19 July**.

Project news

SEMA II meeting in Lithuania

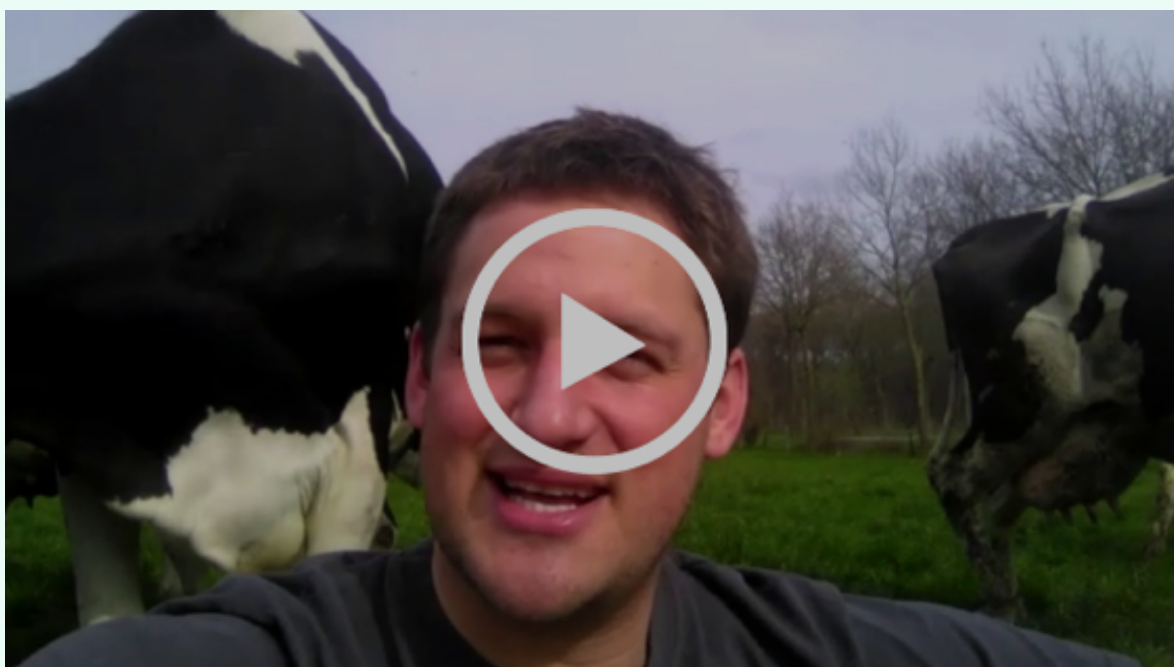




16-17 May: CEJA was present at the SEMA II project meeting in Kaunas, Lithuania, this week to discuss with partners from around Europe the **videos** they had produced on multifunctional farming and entrepreneurial skills over the past year.

The SEMA II project outcomes will be presented at the **final conference to be held in Brussels** in September, as well as the official launch of the project's [website](#).

Video of the week!



With the EU Elections next week, here's CEJA President Jannes Maes on why he will be voting (+ a cameo from some of his cows)

Civil Dialogue Groups

CDG documents available

The **documents and presentations** concerning all the Civil Dialogue Groups that CEJA experts attend are available on the European Commission's [website](#) to view and download.

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