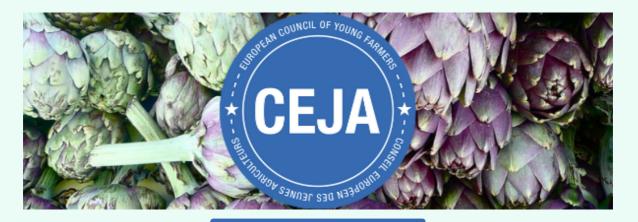
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What's on next week?

- 23-26 May: <u>EU Elections 2019</u>
- 27-28 May: CEJA Presidium and working group
- 28 May: CDG Pig Meat
- 30-31 May: CEJA office closed
- 27-29 June: CEJA General Assembly and working group

What's new with CEJA?

CEJA Presidium and working group next week!





The CEJA Presidium and working group will take place **in Brussels on 27 and 28 May**. Registration is now closed.

Topics of discussion will include **forms of cooperation**, CEJA's **financial balance**, the organisation's **activities in 2018** and a presentation of the **CEJA election process for the new Presidency**.

See the <u>agenda</u> for more.

CEJA General Assembly

The CEJA General Assembly will take place in Sweden 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 (back in Stockholm by 14:00) and departure of delegates

The email about the registration process for the CEJA General Assembly was sent to all member organisations today!

CEJA Presidency speaking engagements



20-22 May: The CEJA Presidency were active in their representation of young farmers this week with CEJA President Jannes Maes attending the World
 Farmers' Organisation General Assembly in Luxembourg and speaking during the IUPAC 2019 conference in Ghent, Belgium.

"I think agriculture will only become more diverse and that **diversity makes us stronger** in the face of sudden economic changes," he said.

Meanwhile, CEJA Vice President Iris Bouwers spoke about **crop protection** during the 2019 ECPA Regulatory Conference, also held in Ghent.

Comparative study - call for participants!



<u>Euromontana</u> is conducting a comparative study on the **sustainable management of mountain grasslands** across Europe.

They are collecting **good practices to sustainably manage mountain grasslands**, considering current economic, social and environmental issues (e.g. depopulation, changes in land use and climate change). For instance, they have been looking into **pastoral schools**, **conservation of mountain pastures**, **tourism diversification**, etc.

They would like to receive **good practices from young farmers** (either agricultural/environmental technical practices or local initiatives).

It would be especially interesting if there is something on **knowledge transfer**, **land mobility** or **generational renewal** in mountain grasslands.

If you are interested, fill in the <u>template</u> and send it to <u>lauren.mosdale@euromontana.org</u>.

News from our members

JA Normandie discussions with candidate MEPs



18 May: In order to encourage young farmers from CEJA's French member organisation, Jeunes Agriculteurs, to vote in the **EU elections**, Jeunes Agriculteurs de Normandie invited candidate MEPs to a meeting at a member's farm.

Although the initiative came late, two Green candidates (Europe Ecologie les Verts) participated in the event. None of the other parties sent candidates to exchange with the young farmers present.

Despite differences between Jeunes Agriculteurs' positions and the agricultural programme of the Greens, the debate was intense and very interesting! The future CAP, commercial agreements, unfair competition, the use of phytosanitary products and more were discussed.

What's happening in the EU?

Informal Agriculture and Fisheries Council Agenda



2-4 June: The Informal Council of the Ministers of Agriculture and Fisheries will

take place in Bucharest, Romania, **between 2 and 4 June**.

The event will be hosted and chaired by the Romanian **Minister of Agriculture**and Rural Development, Petre Daea.

The main topic on the agenda will be **research in agriculture and the bio- economy**, which are a priority for the Romanian Presidency.

The Romanian Presidency prepared a document with two main questions related to research and the bio-economy to steer the discussions.

CEJA President Jannes Maes will address the EU Ministers before the meeting on 4 June.

Further information can be found here.

New price transparency proposal



22 May: The Commission's DG AGRI put forward a **new proposal to improve price transparency on agri-food sector products.** The proposal will cover the meat, eggs, dairy, fruit and vegetables, arable crops, sugar and olive oil sectors.

Each Member State will be responsible for the collection of price and market data which have to be communicated to the European Commission which will make it available on its agri-food data portal and to EU market observatories.

These new rules are the third element put in place by the Commission to improve fairness in the food supply chain after the banning of unfair trading practices and improving cooperation among producers.

Following the Commission's Better Regulation procedure, the draft implementing act will have to wait a **four-week public consultation period** (see the Calls & Opportunities section below) before formally being adopted.

More information is available here.

An update on fertiliser rules



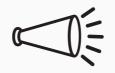
21 May: This week, the **General Affairs Council adopted a** <u>new regulation on fertilisers</u>.

The new regulation replaces the 2003 rules on fertilisers harmonising the requirements for **fertilisers produced from phosphate minerals and from organic or secondary raw materials in the EU**.

According to the regulation, EU fertilising products bearing the CE marking will have to **fulfil certain requirements to benefit from free circulation in the EU's internal market**.

The regulation will enter into force on the twentieth day after its publication in the EU's Official Journal.

Calls & Opportunities



• <u>Calls for proposal</u> 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**.

- The European Commission is calling for feedback on its <u>implementing</u> <u>regulation</u> on <u>market transparency</u> and its <u>document</u> on how funding from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) has promoted <u>balanced development</u> in <u>rural areas</u>. The <u>deadline</u> for both is 19 June.
- **Two new consultations** have been published related to EU state aid: an <u>evaluation</u> of state aid instruments and a <u>review</u> of agricultural state aid guidelines. The **deadline for feedback is 19 July**.

Video of the week!



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 <u>website</u> to view

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