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What's on next week?

- 2-4 June: Informal AGRIFISH Council (Romania)
- 3 June: Farmland Market Regulations workshop
- **4-5 June:** EAFRD <u>conference</u> (Romania)
- 7 June: Working Group on Olives
- 7 June: CDG HOS: Olives
- 27-29 June: CEJA General Assembly (Sweden)

What's new with CEJA?

CEJA General Assembly - registration open!



CEJA's General Assembly and Seminar will take place at Hamra Farm, just outside of Stockholm, Sweden, on 27-29 June. Make sure you <u>register</u> **before 13** June!

Here is the <u>provisional agenda</u> and explanatory <u>slides</u> presented during the CEJA Presidium.

Twin **rooms for two participants per member organisation** have been prebooked at the <u>FIRST HOTEL - Fridhemsplan</u>. Additional rooms and nights have to be booked directly with the hotel.

If you have questions, make sure you **read the slides** first. If you can't find the answer there, email <u>allusers@ceja.eu</u>.

CEJA Presidium and working group a success

27-28 May: CEJA delegates gathered in Brussels this week for a working group on **forms of cooperation** and the annual CEJA Presidium.

A panel discussion was held with experts from DG AGRI and Copa-Cogeca. During the Presidium, **Commissioner Phil Hogan** gave a speech and delegates had the chance to thank him for his **dedication to young farmers** over the course of his mandate.

The next CEJA meeting will be the **General Assembly** and it will be held in **Sweden** on **27-29 June**.

Comparative study - call for participants!

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<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>.

What's happening in the EU?

EU elections results



23-26 May: More than 50% of EU citizens eligible to vote took part in last

weekend's EU elections, the highest percentage in 20 years.

The result was a **decrease in support for the two majority parties, the Socialists & Democrats (S&D) Party and the European People's Party (EPP).**

The elections were a **success** for the **ALDE group and Greens** who increased their seats in the European Parliament. On the other hand, the eurosceptic group also grew and was the overall winner in Italy, Hungary and France.

The pro-European forces, however, **remain a clear majority compared to the populists** who, despite their efforts, are still a minority in the European Parliament.

For the first time, the coalition of S&D and EPP will not have an absolute majority, and the **Liberals will have a greater say in the balance of power**.



<u>Here</u> are all of the results.

27 May: The European Commission published an <u>external study</u> evaluating the impact of certain measures of the CAP regarding climate change.

In particular, the study provides an **impact assessment of greening, rural development programmes and organic farming**. while also recognising that a transition to greener agriculture is needed and much remains to be done.

Commissioner Hogan said that post-2020 CAP set higher environmental and climate ambitions, necessary to respond to environmental challenges and climate change, but it's also fundamental to ensure that **farmers get rewarded for the work they do.**

May to resign in June



7 June: UK Prime Minister Theresa May announced that she will resign on 7 June.

The choice is due to the fact that she was **unable to find a majority** on the agreement with the European Commission for Brexit.

May had already **tried three times** to bring the text to the House of Commons, but none of the times she managed to get a majority.

The crucial issue now will be to see who will be able to replace May.

In the European elections last weekend, support for both the Labour and the Conservative party decreased and the new party of Nigel Farage won the elections.

The person chosen to govern the UK will still have **conclude Brexit** and the date is set for 31 October, a "Halloween Brexit" as some have called it.

Calls & Opportunities

• 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**.

- The European Commission is calling for feedback on its <u>implementing</u> regulation on market transparency and its <u>document</u> on how funding from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) has promoted balanced development in rural areas. The deadline 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**.

Photo of the week!



Young farmers from across the EU attended CEJA's annual Presidium in Brussels this week

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GIVIT 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 and download.

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