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What's on next week?

- **10 June:** CEJA office closed (national holiday)
- **11 June:** H2020 Thematic Networks in the European Innovation Partnership
- **13 June:** Jeunes Agriculteurs Île-de-France visit
- **13 June:** Copa-Cogeca Presidia
- **14 June:** Copa Presidium
- **27-29 June:** CEJA General Assembly

What's new with CEJA?

CEJA President attends Informal Council





4 June: CEJA President Jannes Maes [spoke](#) at the [Informal AGRIFISH Council](#) in Bucharest, Romania, this week on the subject of **research** and the **bioeconomy**.

“**Young farmers** play a **crucial role** in the future of the agricultural sector. Many of them consider the bioeconomy as a **sustainable** way to combine production and economic growth while reducing negative impacts on the environment. That said, for research to be effective and encourage the uptake of activities related to the bioeconomy, **well-funded tools** must be put in place. These must benefit farmers directly, particularly young farmers who face greater uncertainty starting out” he said.

Ministers emphasised the need for **appropriate instruments to aid knowledge and technology transfer**, as well as the full integration of the primary sector in production chains. Recently re-elected Socialist MEP Paolo De Castro, who also addressed the Council, asked for **more coherence and integration** across policies dedicated to research and innovation in order to develop a viable bioeconomy in rural areas.

The next Informal AGRIFISH Council will be held in Helsinki, hosted by the [Finnish Presidency](#) of the Council of the EU.

CEJA Vice President at the Farmland Market Regulation workshop



3 June: CEJA was active in the representation of young farmers at the **Farmland Market Regulation workshop** organised by the European Commission this week. **Access to land, land concentration and the financial speculation of land** were the main topics in the speeches of institutional, academic and non-governmental speakers.

Vice President Tomáš Ignác Fénix participated in a panel discussion with Olivier De Schutter (Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain) and Tassos Haniotis (Director for Strategy and Policy Analysis at DG AGRI). Tomáš stressed the urgency to tackle **land concentration** and to ensure that **land transfer** is effective everywhere in the EU.

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 [register](#) **before 13 June!**

Here are the [provisional agenda](#) and explanatory [slides](#) presented during the CEJA Presidium.

Twin **rooms for two participants per member organisation** have been pre-booked at the [FIRST HOTEL - Fridhemsplan](#). 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 allusers@ceja.eu.

Comparative study - call for participants!



[Euromontana](#) 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 [template](#) and send it to lauren.mosdale@euromontana.org.

What's happening in the EU?

Time not ripe for a partial general approach



3 June: At the Informal AGRIFISH Council in Bucharest, a dozen delegations agreed that the **time was “not yet ripe”** for a partial general approach to the CAP reform.

They advocated for **more technical work** on key aspects of the CAP reform package. The Presidency acknowledged the presence of **divergent opinions** on the CAP reform package (especially the mandatory nature of eco-schemes and coupled support) and it settled for a **progress report**.

The Commission expressed concerns about the Presidency policy paper on

landing zones for sensitive aspects (especially CAP Strategic Plans), fearing that the **environmental ambitions** of the original proposal **would be watered down**. Officials aired misgivings on **the definition of a “genuine farmer”**, for the possible exclusion of small-holders from the scope of conditionality.

Despite concerns, Commissioner Hogan praised the **outstanding job of the Presidency** for the progress on the three CAP regulations.

2019-2028: The UN Decade of family farming

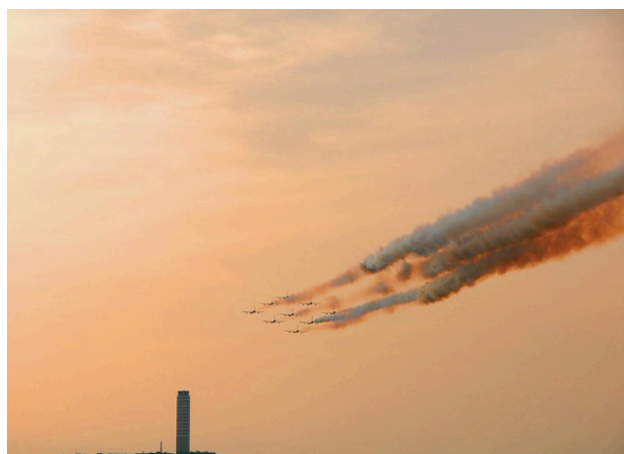


29 May: The FAO and IFAD have launched the [UN Decade of Family Farming](#) for **2019-2028**.

A **Global Action Plan** was released: it advocates for greater support from the international community for family farmers, who deserve more access to social protection, finance, markets, training and income generating opportunities.

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva highlighted that family farmers are “the ones that produce **local and fresh food** and produce it **in a sustainable way**”.

Study shows CAP fails to adequately address greenhouse gas emissions

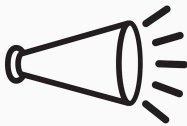


27 May: A [study](#) requested by the European Commission has shown that the **CAP is failing to tackle greenhouse gas emissions** from agriculture and that these have been rising since 2012.

The study evidences the need to better target greenhouse gas emissions from **livestock and crop management**, which count for the majority of all greenhouse gas emissions in farming. There are no CAP measures directly tackling production, through which Member States can compel farmers to take action to reduce their emissions.

In response to this study, Commissioner Hogan highlighted that the Commission proposal for **the post-2020 CAP sets “higher environmental and climate ambitions”**. The new farm policy will contribute to the transition towards a greener agriculture: Member States will be required to prove how their Strategic Plans contribute to climate objectives. More funds will also be allocated to **research and innovation** for cutting emissions.

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 [implementing regulation](#) on **market transparency** and its [document](#) 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 [evaluation](#) of state aid instruments and a [review](#) of agricultural state aid guidelines. The **deadline for feedback is 19 July**.

Photo of the week!



Meet CEJA's new trainee, Alice Minichini, who joins us from Wageningen University!

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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