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## What's on next week?

- **17 June:** “The role of cooperatives in empowering farmers” event (Poland)
- **18 June:** [AGRIFISH Council](#) (Luxembourg)
- **18 June:** CEJA meets Croatian young farmers
- **18-19 June:** JRC Workshop on “Farmers for the Future”
- **19 June:** Workshop on rural development
- **19 June:** Tartu call for a healthy lifestyle conference
- **21 June:** Third AU-EU Agriculture Ministerial [Conference](#) (Italy)
- **27-29 June:** CEJA General Assembly (Sweden)

## What's new with CEJA?

**Jeunes Agriculteurs visits the CEJA office**

**13 June:** A group of young farmers from CEJA's French member organisation, **Jeunes Agriculteurs (Île-de-France department)**, visited the CEJA office this week.

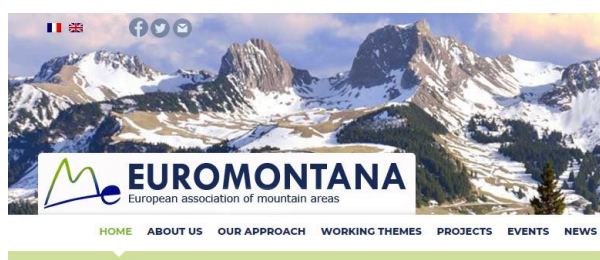
Marion Picot, CEJA's Policy Officer, presented them the organisation and current policy issues CEJA is working on. Fruitful discussions about **EU agriculture** and CEJA's role followed.

## **CEJA General Assembly - registration closed!**



CEJA's General Assembly will take place at Hamra Farm, just outside of **Stockholm, Sweden**, on **27-29 June**. Many thanks to all those of you who registered, we look forward to seeing you there!

## **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](mailto:lauren.mosdale@euromontana.org).

## What's happening in the EU?

### Last AGRIFISH Council under Romanian Presidency



**18 June:** The last AGRIFISH Council under the Romanian Presidency will take place next Tuesday in Luxembourg. The three main topics on the [agenda](#) will be the **European maritime and fisheries fund**, the **state of play of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)** and the **CAP reform package**.

Regarding the CAP, the Council will have a [public session](#) with an exchange of views on a Presidency progress report on the post-2020 reform. The idea of the Romanian Presidency is to get a **partial general approach** from Member States on it.

### Latest Brexit preparedness assessment published



**12 June:** This week the Commission published its latest **assessment of preparedness for Brexit:** the “[Fifth Brexit Preparedness Communication](#)”.

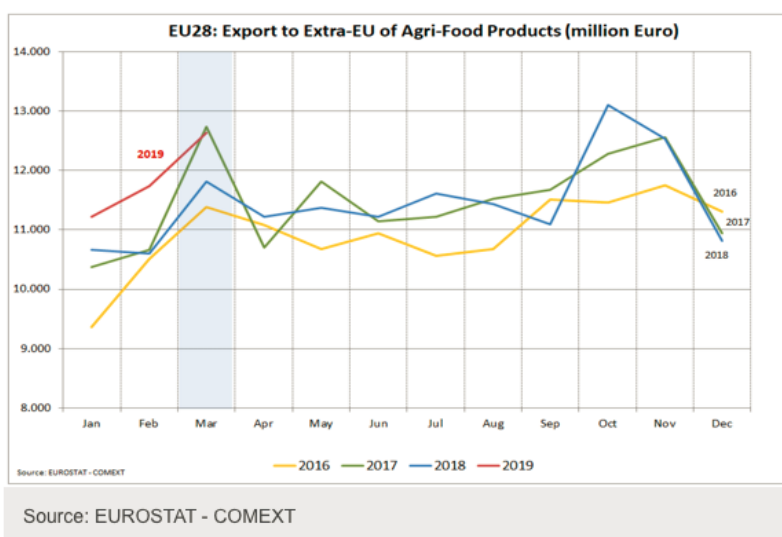
In this document, the European Commission states that, due to the uncertainty over UK ratification of the Withdrawal Agreement, a **no-deal** Brexit “very much remains **a possible, although undesirable, outcome**”.

In this climate of **uncertainty**, the EU has tabled 19 legislative proposals - 18 of which were agreed by the Council and the European Parliament – 63 non-legislative acts and published 93 preparedness notices.

Given the possible option of a no-deal Brexit, officials recommend all stakeholders adopting all necessary measures to prepare for the **UK’s withdrawal** from the bloc.

At the next European [Summit](#) on **20-21 June**, Brexit will be discussed by Heads of State and Government.

## **EU agri-food exports on the rise**



**6 June: €12.6 billion** was the value of **EU agri-food exports** in March 2019. This was **7% higher** than in the same month last year. In total, the EU agri-food surplus for March stood at €2.5 billion, an increase of 34%. These are the most important findings from the [latest monthly trade report](#) published by the European Commission.

The highest increases in monthly **export** values were in China, the USA and Egypt. Instead, exports to Saudi Arabia and Korea saw a significant drop. Sectors that experienced notable increases are wheat, spirits and liqueurs, cotton, flax and hemp, pork meat, fresh chilled or frozen. On the contrary, beet and cane sugar, raw hides and skins experienced notable falls in exports.

The highest increases in **imports**? From the USA, Ukraine, and Ghana. Instead, drops in the values of imports from Argentina, Canada, and New Zealand have been reported. The import values of soybeans, cereals and cocoa beans significantly increased. By contrast, imports of tropical fruits fresh or dried, sheep and goat meat and citrus fruits notably decreased.

### **Agreement on EU budget wanted by the autumn**

**13 June:** The European Commission has urged leaders to make progress on the negotiations concerning **the EU's next long-term budget for 2021-27** so that an agreement can be reached by autumn. While a lot of work still

### **General Food Law review adopted**

**13 June:** The European Council has passed a [review](#) of the "General Food Law regulation". The review was instigated by the European Citizens' Initiative on glyphosate. The new regulation will **mostly apply as of 2021**.

remains to be done, an agreement could be achieved.

Students, farmers and researchers may be affected if there is a delay in reaching an agreement.

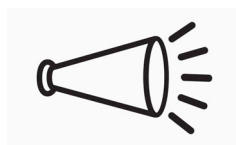
The Commission has called on the European Council to set out a **roadmap for achieving an agreement** and take the work forward as a matter of priority.

More information is available [here](#).

Scientific information supporting risk assessment in the food chain, and communication on food safety will be **more transparent and easier to access** for citizens as a result of the review.

The governance of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) will be strengthened, with **greater involvement of Member States** in its management board.

## 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!



**Thanks to Jeunes Agriculteurs (Île-de-France) for visiting the CEJA office this 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 [website](#) to view and download.

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