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What's on next week?

- **25 June:** CDG Cotton, Flax & Hemp, Dried Fodder, Energy & Non-Food Crops
- **27-29 June:** CEJA General Assembly (Sweden)
- **28 June:** CDG Rice
- **28 June:** Milk Market Observatory

What's new with CEJA?

CEJA General Assembly next week!



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!

CEJA engagements this week



The CEJA Presidency and Secretariat participated in a number of conferences and events around the EU this week. CEJA President Jannes Maes spoke at an event in Warsaw on the **role of cooperatives in empowering farmers**. CEJA Vice President Tomáš Ignác Fénix participated at a **Joint Research Centre workshop on the farmers of the future** in Brussels. CEJA Secretary General Alessia Musumarra presented the organisation to a group of visiting young farmers from Croatia. To end the week, Jannes attended the **Third African Union-EU ministerial conference at the FAO's headquarters** in Rome.

AGRIFISH Council summary



18 June: The last AGRIFISH Council under the Romanian Presidency focused on the **post-2020 CAP reform package**, among other subjects.

The Romanian Presidency presented their [progress report](#) carried out on all the Commission proposals, but **the Council didn't reach a partial general approach.**

The majority of delegations welcomed the report thanking the Romanian Presidency for the hard work considering the report a good basis to continue the work under the incoming Finnish presidency, but it became clear that further **discussions regarding implementation and reporting of the CAP Strategic Plans and the green architecture must be had** before reaching an agreement.

The Spanish delegation also presented the outcome of the CAP Green Architecture post-2020 Congress "**Digging deeper into EcoSchemes**", that took place in Zafra (Spain) on 29-31 May. The event was welcomed by the other delegations as a very good opportunity to debate the **environmental and climate change challenges** faced by European agriculture, with a specific focus on the reality of southern Europe.

EU heads of state also met at a summit in Brussels on 20-21 June to discuss the [EU's strategic agenda for 2019-24](#). Leaders did not decide on who would become the **President of the European Commission** nor did they decide on who would get the other top jobs. Discussions will resume on 30 June.

What's happening in the EU?

Mercosur-EU deal update



18 June: Four leaders from France, Ireland, Poland and Belgium sent a letter to Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker on the [EU-Mercosur negotiations](#). They stated that **no further offer of quotas** should be given to the Mercosur trade bloc for sensitive agricultural products such as **beef and ethanol**. Moreover, the coalition stressed that the EU should apply **certification and control** of imported quotas and comply with **sanitary, phytosanitary and environmental standards**.

The EU's Trade chief Cecilia Malmström admitted that **there are still big issues to solve**, notably on **agriculture**. "It is important to conclude, but not at any price of course", she stated. Commissioner Phil Hogan, however, declared that "**with the right circumstances**" **there will be an agreement** on the EU-Mercosur deal at the Ministerial at the end of next week (27-28 June).

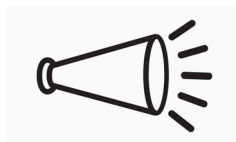
Increased support for beekeeping



17 June: The Commission ring-fenced **€120 million** for the EU **beekeeping sector** for the next three years - an **increase** of €12 million compared to the period 2017-19.

[This EU financial support](#), matched with national contributions, will apply to **national apiculture programmes** running from August 2019 to July 2022. The core measures will be education for beekeepers, support to start a beekeeping business, tackling parasites, research and schemes to improve the quality of honey.

Calls & Opportunities



- The European Commission is calling for submissions for its survey on precision farming: "[Does technology make agriculture in your region smarter?](#)" More information can be found [here](#). The **deadline is 15 July**.

- **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!



Here's CEJA President Jannes Maes meeting the head of member organisation ZZCNMR when he was in Poland 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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