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What's on next week?

- **15 July:** AGRIFISH [Council](#)
- **15 July:** Civil Society Dialogue on the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement
- **15-18 July:** European Parliament [Plenary Session](#)
- **16 July:** CDG Poultry Meat & Eggs

What's new with CEJA?

**Next CEJA working group: 16 and 17 September in
Brussels!**



After a busy General Assembly in Sweden last month and the EU elections in the spring, things in Brussels are slowly winding down for the summer.

That said, you can already **save the 16 and 17 September in your agendas** for the next CEJA working group. The new Presidency will present its **aims for the coming two years** and the **CAP Strategic Plans** will be discussed.

CEJA will also be hosting the final conference of a project on multifunctional agriculture, [SEMA II](#), that it has been a partner in.

Keep an eye out for registration details, they'll be coming your way at the end of July.

What's happening in the EU?

COMAGRI Chair and two Vice Chairs elected



10 July: Constitutive meetings of the standing committees and subcommittees took place in the European Parliament on Wednesday. As anticipated, the biggest **pro-European parties** tried to block the populist and far-right group Identity and Democracy (ID) from getting the chairmanship of certain committees.

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (COMAGRI) [elected Norbert Lins](#) from Germany (EPP) as a Chair. The first Vice Chair is [Francisco Guerreiro](#) from Portugal (Greens/EFA) and the second Vice Chair is [Daniel Buda](#) from Romania

(EPP).

The **third and fourth Vice Chairs will be voted on 23 July** due to a lack of agreement between the political groups.

Finally, some of the coordinators for COMAGRI were appointed by the political groups, [Ulrike Muller](#) from Germany (Renew Europe), [Luke “Ming” Flanagan](#) from Ireland (GUE/NGL) and [Martin Häusling](#) from Germany (Greens/EFA), while the S&D and EPP groups haven't decided on their coordinators yet.

New study shows no increase in CAP administrative burden



8 July: Since the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform of 2013, **the administrative costs linked to the CAP did not substantially increase for farmers.** This is the result of the study [“Analysis of administrative burden arising from the CAP”](#) published by the European Commission. The study examined the costs and administrative burden of current systems for managing and controlling a large share of CAP expenditure.

The cost to farmers is **estimated at 2% of CAP aid received** and the average annual cost for integrated administrative and control systems (IACS) is estimated at 10 euros per hectare of Utilisable Agricultural Area (UUA).

The study highlighted that there are differences between countries such as the size and structure of its agricultural sector, the organisational structure of the national authorities and choices over information technology systems. It also revealed that **small Member States have higher costs than large Member States** and that digitalisation, automation and new technologies for management controls help reduce administrative costs and burdens.

The study encourages Member States to **improve the use of technology to reduce costs** and to add the analysis of these costs in the CAP Strategic Plans post-2020.

2019-2028: Food outputs will rise faster than consumption and prices will go down



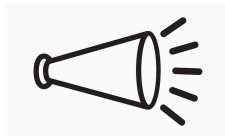
Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

8 July: The FAO and OECD have published the report [“OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2019-2028”](#). According to this joint report, **food consumption growth will be outpaced by production** over the next decade, with real **prices getting lower** (by 1% to 2% per year). “Pronounced” declines of prices are expected especially for beef and sheep.

Contrastingly, prices of vegetable oil, skimmed and whole milk powder, ethanol are likely to be flat or rise slightly. Food commodities expected to grow over the next decade are cereals, animal products, sugar and vegetable oils, pulses, roots and tubers.

OECD Secretary General José Ángel Gurría argued that this **decline of real food prices** is “good news for poor consumers”, but it would put **pressure on farm incomes**. He pointed out that policy should focus on addressing the challenges of feeding a growing population while providing **sufficient income to farmers** and reducing the environmental impact of agriculture.

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**.

- The European Commission is inviting stakeholders to contribute to co-designing and helping shape future research and innovation investment by responding to its questionnaire "[Horizon Europe Co-design 2021-2024](#)". The results will inform the work on the first strategic plan of Horizon Europe. **Submissions will be accepted until early September.**

Photo of the week!



Spotted at the United Nations headquarters in New York City this week: CEJA President Jannes Maes speaking about how no one in the world is more vulnerable to climate change than farmers.

Civil Dialogue Groups

CDG documents available

Here are the latest reports from the [CDG Arable Crops: Cotton, Flax and Hemp](#), [Dried fodder](#), [Energy and non-food crops](#) and [CDG Quality and Promotion](#) from our MTK delegates.

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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