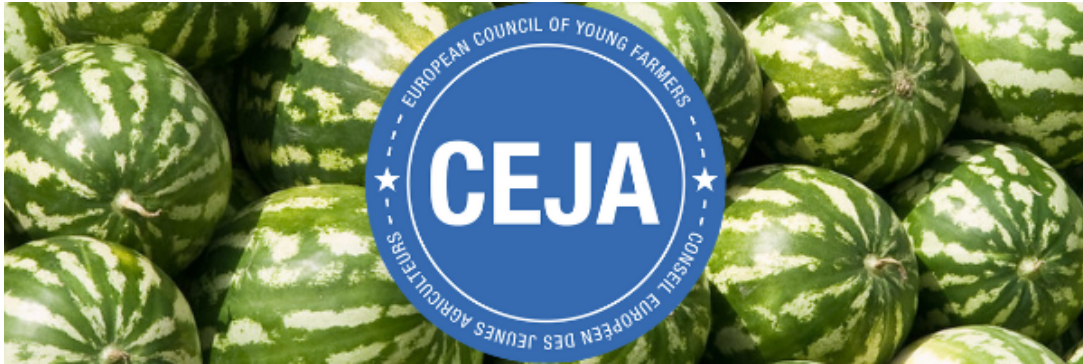


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What's on next week?

- **29 July:** CEJA Presidency meeting

What's new with CEJA?

Registration open for September working group!



Registration is [open](#) for CEJA's next working group in Brussels on 16 and 17 September!

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.

The draft agenda is available [here](#).

What's happening in the EU?

Commission offers to assist farmers affected by hot weather



25 July: The European Commission has announced that it will offer **advances on CAP direct (70%) and rural development payments (85%) by mid-October** to farmers affected by the heat wave that swept across Europe in recent weeks.

Greening requirements will be relaxed in certain cases and farmers will also be allowed to use land that would normally be left to lie fallow, to produce feed for animals.

More information (in French) is available [here](#).

Last COMAGRI meeting before the summer



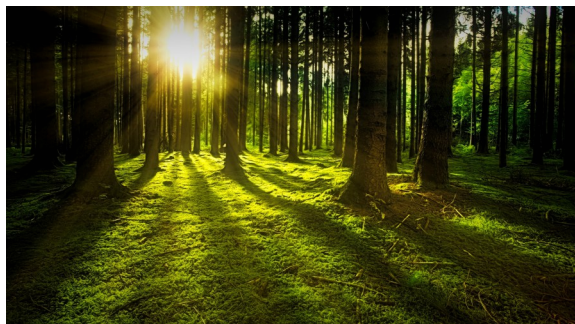
23 June: At the final COMAGRI meeting before the summer recess, MEPs [elected](#) the two remaining Vice Chairs. Spanish MEP **Mazaly Aguilar** (ECR) and Finnish MEP **Elsi Katainen** (Renew Europe) were elected **third and fourth Vice Chairs** respectively.

Members held an exchange of views with Agriculture and Rural Development Commissioner Phil Hogan on the **CAP**, calling for the adoption of **transitional measures** for 2021. They also voiced harsh [criticism](#) on the political agreement-in-principle for a trade deal with the **Mercosur** bloc. Commissioner Hogan replied that “it takes account of concerns of European farmers and consumer preferences”.

CEJA sent **welcome envelopes** to AGRI MEPs, and CEJA President Jannes Maes and Policy Officer Marion Picot met with key actors to discuss **young farmers’ priorities** for the years ahead.

The next COMAGRI meeting will take place on **4-5 September** in Brussels.

Stepping up EU action to protect and restore the world’s forests



23 July: The European Commission adopted a [communication](#) on stepping up EU action to protect and restore the world’s forests.

The communication's objective is to protect and improve the health of existing forests and **sets out five key priorities:**

- Reduce the footprint of EU consumption on land and encourage the consumption of products from deforestation-free supply chains in the EU;
- Work in partnership with producer countries to reduce pressures on forests and to “deforest-proof” EU development cooperation;
- Strengthen international cooperation to halt deforestation and forest degradation, and encourage forest restoration;
- Redirect finance to support more sustainable land-use practices;
- Support the availability and quality of information on forests and commodity supply chains, the access to that information, and support research and innovation.

The **destruction of forests is a major cause of climate change and species extinction**, so restoration of them to provide clean air, regulate the water cycle, capture CO₂ and prevent soil erosion is a priority.

Besides, Commission services and the Member States have agreed on a [FLEGT Work Plan 2018-2022](#), which is guiding the work on this topic for the coming years.

Boris Johnson takes over as UK Prime Minister

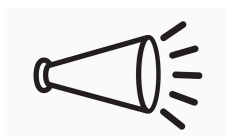


24 July: Boris Johnson is the new UK Prime Minister. He has replaced Theresa May who formally resigned after her Brexit deal was rejected three times by Parliament.

Boris Johnson was appointed as the Conservative Party leader on Wednesday. From now on Johnson will lead the Brexit negotiations, but there is no guarantee that a revised deal can be agreed before the **deadline on 31 October**.

Johnson stated that if there is no agreement, the UK will leave the EU anyway.

Calls & Opportunities



- 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.**
- The European Commission's DG SANTE has launched a [consultation](#) to interested stakeholders on the evaluation of the legislation on feed additives. **Those interested in completing the survey have until 7 September to do so.**
- The European Commission has launched a public [consultation](#) on the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme for 2021-2027. It supports trans-European networks and infrastructures in the sectors of transport, telecommunications and energy. **Stakeholders are invited to express their views until 11 September.**
- The European Commission has launched a public [consultation](#) on the evaluation of the EU's marketing standards. **Farmers and consumers are invited to send their feedback until 14 October.**

Photo of the week!



CEJA Secretary General Alessia Musumarra participated in The Good Lobby's summer school in Bilbao!

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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