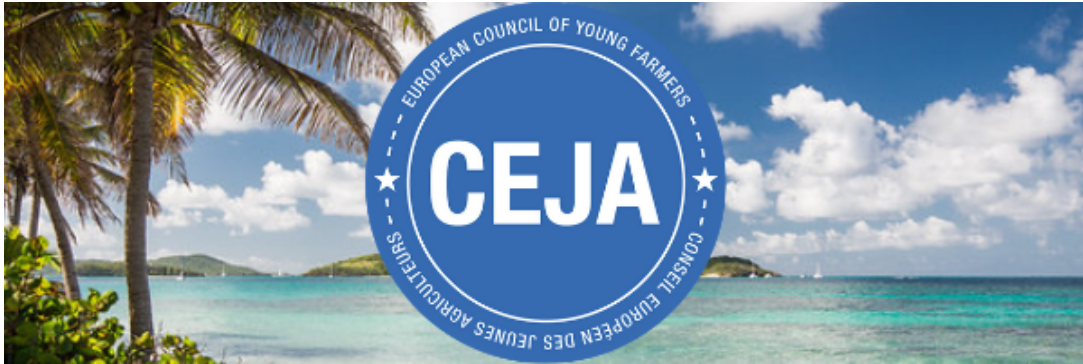


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What's on next week?

12-19 August: CEJA office closed for the summer holidays

This is the last CEJA newsletter you will receive before the summer break. The next edition will be sent on 30 August.

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](#). Below is the provisional calendar for 2019-20.

Provisional Calendar 2019-20

2019:

- **16-17 September:** CEJA working group (Brussels)
- **21-22 October:** CEJA working group (Brussels)
- **October:** Second edition of the staff workshop (date to be communicated at the beginning of September)
- **13-14 November:** CEJA working group and Climakers regional workshop (Brussels)
- **12-14 December:** Young Farmer Symposium in collaboration with Wageningen University and CEJA working group (Wageningen, The Netherlands)

2020:

- **4-6 February:** NEWBIE Conference and CEJA working group (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- **March:** CEJA working group (Brussels)
- **April:** CEJA working group and seminar (France)
- **May:** CEJA working group and Presidium (Brussels)
- **June or July:** CEJA working group and General Assembly

First meeting of the new CEJA Presidency



29 July: The newly elected board had its first Presidency meeting in Brussels to discuss the topics CEJA will be focusing on in 2019, as well as **CEJA's aims for the coming two years.**

The meeting started with an introduction by the President, an update about the previous Presidency period and pending points and decisions.

The **board divided its tasks and its internal and external roles** for the mandate, and also defined the **political agenda for 2019-21.**

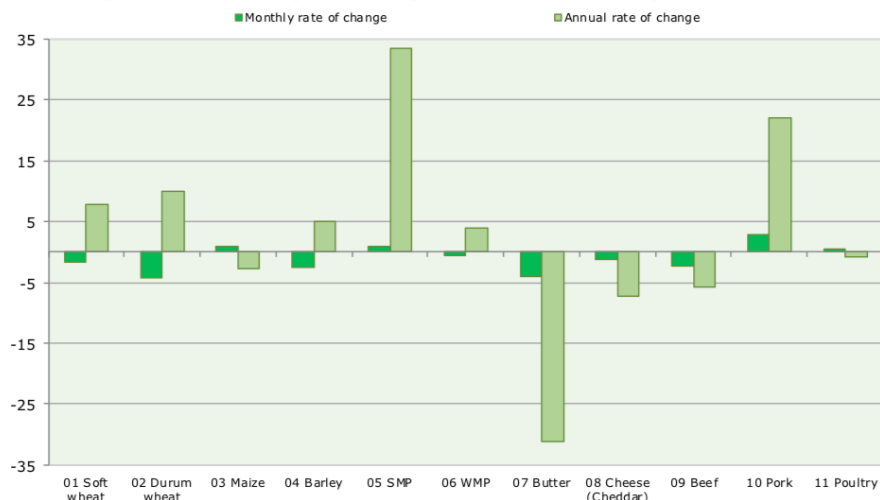
In the final part of the meeting, the Secretariat introduced its tasks and gave guidelines to the Presidency regarding **lobbying, advocacy and communications.**

All the details discussed and CEJA's activities will be presented and explained at the next working group on 16 and 17 September in Brussels.

What's happening in the EU?

Latest commodity price dashboard published

Chart 1 Monthly and annual changes in agricultural commodity prices in EU-28 (% , June 2019 compared to May 2019 and to June 2018)



30 July: The [latest commodity price dashboard](#) for **June 2019** has been published by the European Commission.

Compared to last year (June 2018), commodity prices of **white sugar, butter and barley decreased**, by 13%, 31.2% and 4.1% respectively.

On the contrary, commodity prices of **Japonica rice, pork and skimmed milk powder** increased by 26.2%, 22.1% and 33.5% respectively.

Compared to one month ago, the commodity prices of **durum wheat** (especially in Greece), **butter** (especially in the Netherlands, Belgium and Poland) and **barley** (especially in Croatia) **decreased**, by 4.3%, 4%, 2.5% respectively. Instead, in the EU-28 the price of **pork** this month **increased** by 2.8% compared to May 2019, especially in Slovenia and Cyprus.

In June 2019, **food consumer prices of vegetables increased** by 9.7% compared to June 2018, while the ones of **fruits and oils and fats decreased**, by 4.5% and 2.4% respectively.

Vote on transparency initiative postponed



26 July: The vote on a Commission proposal to improve **market transparency** on agri-food products, scheduled for 26 July, has been **postponed** until September.

A few **adjustments** have been put forward: the proposed measures will cover the meat, eggs, dairy, fruit and vegetables, arable crops, sugar and olive oil sectors under the Common Market Organisation (CMO) and include processors, wholesalers and retailers under the framework for the weekly collection of representative prices.

Each Member State will be responsible for the collection of price and market data, keeping the **administrative burden to a minimum for small and medium-sized enterprises**.

Once formally adopted, the draft legislation will enter into force six months later.

EU-US Joint Statement – one year on



25 July: This week, the Commission published a [progress report](#) to celebrate the first anniversary of the implementation of the **EU-US Joint Statement**, signed by President Jean-Claude Juncker and President Donald Trump on 25 July 2018. The US and EU have a \$1 trillion bilateral trade relationship, representing the **largest economic relationship in the world**.

The progress report indicates that **EU imports of US soybeans** increased by almost 100% from July 2018 to July 2019. Following the recognition of the US soybean production scheme (the Soybean Sustainability Assurance Protocol) as compatible with EU sustainable energy requirements, US soybeans can be used in biofuels in the EU. Besides soybeans, the report shows that the EU has increased its **imports of liquified natural gas (LNG) from the US** by over 367%.

The Council gave the Commission the green light for discussing with the US on **eliminating tariffs on industrial goods**. However, they have not been launched yet due to “**diverging objectives** on the two sides”, most notably in the chapter concerning agriculture.

EU-Canada back interim appeal arbitration arrangement



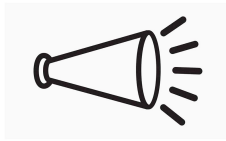
25 July: Leaders from the EU and Canada reaffirmed, through an [interim arrangement](#), a shared commitment to the rules-based international order and to **preserve and safeguard a functioning World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement system**.

The Dispute Settlement Body has been notified of the EU-Canada interim appeal arrangement, which has been circulated to the 164-strong membership base.

The EU and Canada want to continue to address longstanding and unprecedented

challenges facing the multilateral trading system **on ideas and potential solutions that seek to modernise and strengthen the WTO.**

Calls & Opportunities



- The European Commission has published a [roadmap](#) assessing the extent to which the CAP has helped farmers **manage soil more sustainably. Opinions can be submitted until 27 August.**
- 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!



The CEJA Secretariat wishes you happy holidays!

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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