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**Now online: Dairy Focus I/2015:
Latvian EU presidency**

On 01st January 2015, Latvia will take over the EU Presidency from Italy. This will be the first Latvian EU Presidency ever. The smooth transition to the end of the milk quota era will be one of the dairy priorities of the Latvian presidency.

We are proud to publish our [“EDA Dairy Focus 1/2015: The Latvian EU Presidency”](#) and we thank the Latvian Permanent representation, especially Ms. Dace Arāja, the Counsellor / Agriculture and the Chairman of the Latvian Dairy Committee, Mr. Jānis Šolks for their support and contribution.

The conference will be followed by the ASSIFONTE / EDA Cheese Buffet.

Presentation of the European Commission Work Programme 2015

On 16 December, the College of Commissioners has met in Strasbourg to discuss the Commission Work Programme 2015. Jobs, growth and investment are the key words. 23 new initiatives are launched to make the difference. In parallel, the Commission opted for political discontinuity and proposes to withdraw or amend 80 of the 450 pending proposals. Amongst them, several Commission’s proposals on which EDA has taken position – first of all the school food scheme: *“The whole scheme will be evaluated for subsidiarity, proportionality and better regulation reasons as part of the CAP simplification. Pending this, the Commission recommends to the*

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SAVE THE DATE: 18th March 2015, EDA Conference in Brussels

On 18th March 2015, we will organise our conference “EU Dairy Policy for the 21st Century” in Brussels (14.30 – 18.00).



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co-legislators that work on the amending proposal of 2013 should be put on hold.”

In the meantime, the current School Milk scheme continues to apply. We expect that any new scheme would not be implemented before the 2017/2018 school year at the earliest.

For the organic legislation (see also [Dairy Flash #16](#)), the Commission concludes: *“If not agreed in six month withdraw and replace by new initiative”*. For the package on packaging and packaging waste, the Commission’s conclusion is to *“withdraw and replace by new, more ambitious proposal by end 2015 to promote circular economy”*.

EDA will follow very closely the reactions of the European Parliament and the next steps taken by the Commission on these dossiers.

We wish you a Dairy Christmas and a Happy Moo-Year!

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