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The new Common Agricultural Policy: A transforming policy tailored for an evolving world

After an intense and constructive journey of three and a half years, the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has been approved today by the European Parliament

The European *lactosphère* celebrates the agreement reached towards a new chapter in the history of European agriculture with the approval of the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) by the European Parliament (EP) today. We express our gratitude especially to EP Agri Chair MEP Norbert Lins (EPP, DE), rapporteurs MEP Peter Jahr (EPP, DE), MEP Ulrike Müller (Renew, DE) and MEP Eric Andrieu (S&D, FR) as well as the EU Council rotating Presidencies that made the agreement possible thanks to their hard work and commitment to deliver a transforming policy tailored for an evolving world.

The European Dairy Association (EDA), representing the European dairy processing industry, has been attentive to every single step of this process and has consistently been a reliable partner during substantial discussions about the current state of play of the CAP and its way forward. The comprehensive and future-proof outcome of the CAP is not only set up to be a resilient and transforming policy in the European Union, but also the new CAP will lead by example at global level.

In a time when sustainability is at the center of discussions in the policymaking process, the new CAP creates the needed momentum and shows flexibility by delivering a policy model capable of mobilizing synergies to integrate the European agricultural sector into the European Green Deal ambitions.

The European *lactosphère* is fully committed to the European Green Deal objectives. As the Farm to Fork Strategy rightly points out, we will have to strengthen the resilience of our dairy supply chain. A chain that, across the three pillars of sustainability, successfully delivers excellent dairy quality for regional, European, and international markets in a competitive and market-oriented environment.

We are looking forward to working together with all EU institutions and stakeholders towards the smooth implementation of the new CAP in the times to come.



"Milk and dairy is among the EU's top agricultural sectors and EDA has been following the negotiations closely. As the voice of the European milk processing industry, EDA has been through all the process in close contact with all relevant stakeholders to ensure a good outcome on the dairy essential parts, especially in the Common Market Organization (CMO). The package as approved today considers the need for a market orientated CAP while giving dairy farmers and processors the needed support to adapt to the new challenges. This is a significant step forward and good news for the dairy industry," stated EDA President Giuseppe Ambrosi.

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION

The European Dairy Association is the voice of dairy processors in the European Union. The membership of EDA consists of the associations of dairy processors in EU Member States.

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