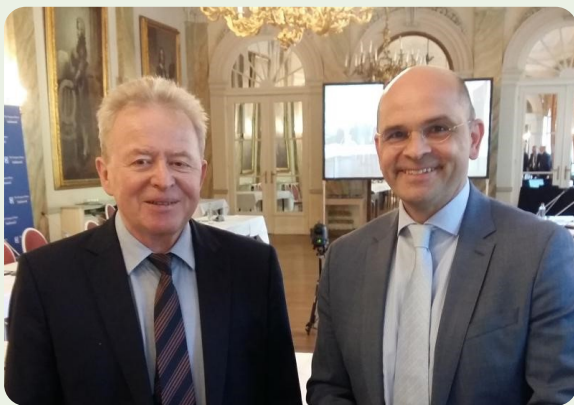


The pathway to sustainability and resilience in the EU agriculture and food systems

Last week, EDA secretary general Alexander Anton met with EU Commissioner for Agriculture Janusz Wojciechowski and Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle at The European House-Ambrosetti for a debate on all issues encountered when linking the CAP and Green Deal, illustrating how the Farm-to-Fork and the Biodiversity strategies will, together with the CAP reform, provide a comprehensive answer to the environmental, social and economic challenges of our time.

"Agriculture and food systems, hence farmers and processors are essential for resilience and sustainability in Europe."



EDA secretary general Alexander Anton met with EU Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski

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EDA Trade and Economics Committee meeting

The EDA Trade and Economics Committee organised its quarterly meeting last week. It turned out to be an excellent opportunity to take, together with EU Commission officials, stock of what can be described as several tumultuous months.



The impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the market offered a fertile ground for discussions. We have seen that the coordinated response by the European Commission and the dairy sector has supported the markets to a certain extent but that it is now crucial to work towards a structural recovery. We took the opportunity to discuss EU's trade relations with third countries, including the **tense relationship with the US and the dark Brexit cloud** hanging above our heads. We also touched upon the ongoing negotiations on the reform of the CAP. It is altogether clear that it will be 'all hands on deck' in the second half of 2020.



CAP reform: the clock is ticking!

With the ongoing discussions at EU level, EDA presented and discussed with its members the last updates on the CAP Reform Package composed of the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation, the Horizontal Regulation, and the Common Market Organization Regulation (CMO).

Due to the slow progress on the MFF negotiations and the COVID-19 outbreak, the Croatian Presidency of the Council has not been able to achieve a partial political agreement by June 2020, presenting a progress report instead. However, an agreement could be expected under the German Presidency of the Council. Indeed, **Julia Klöckner**, German Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture, stated the willingness of her government to strike a general approach on the CAP Reform package by October this year, paving the way for triologue negotiations with the European Parliament and the Commission in Autumn 2020.

The proposed European Parliament compromise amendments on the CMO regulation were carefully examined by EDA and its members as they are being discussed in the European Parliament.

DG TRADE - defending our interests and expanding our exports

In light of the upcoming nomination of a Chief Trade Enforcement Officer, DG TRADE announced that it will re-shape its structure. The important work on market access will, as from mid-July, fall under the new enforcement directorate, DG TRADE Head of Unit **Joanna Krzeminska-Vamvaka** and Deputy Head of Unit **Carolina Cumbo Nacheli** will lead unit F1 and its Market Access Strategy work.

EDA congratulates the unit's new leadership and looks forward to pursuing combined efforts in meeting the global and increasing demand for our healthy and nutritious dairy products.



European Dairy Association



First physical meeting at the European Dairy Association since COVID19: DG Sante Director Dr Sabine Jülicher exchanges with Jørgen Hald Christensen, Alexander Anton and our EDA FEP committee.

"We will define the criteria for sustainable food systems according to the latest science and modify when adequate!"



MEP Alexander Bernhuber and his team meeting with EDA secretary general Alexander Anton today in Brussels: "Biodiversity is one of the key topics for our future, not only at European, but at global level!"



Making dairy an integral part of the Green Recovery

A thought leadership piece by CEO of Arla Foods Peder Tuborgh was published in the EU Parliament magazine. Applying sustainability throughout the entire dairy value chain can help ensure Europe's green transition.



"We believe European dairy farming is part of the solution and we are committed to speeding up the transition to sustainable dairy"

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In defense of the Single Market

MEP **Andreas Schwab** (EPP, DE) has been publishing a list of recently adopted national measures violating the Single Market principle in the consumer good sector.

"For a speedy post-COVID19 recovery, spending money is not sufficient. We must protect the basis of our economic success: the Single Market. Today, we are on a wrong way!"

MEP Andreas Schwab's list includes the Bulgarian law obliging the retail sector to source 90% of all dairy produce at national level, ► [the Polish 'name & blame' website for dairy importers](#), ► [the French agricultural minister's call for food-patriotism and milk origin labelling labelling decree](#) and many other initiatives.

"We are grateful for this call for action to the EU Commission that missed in the past many



opportunities to take its role as guardian of the treaty, seriously. MEP Andreas Schwab and his team highlight the problems that the EU Commission's communication 'Identifying and addressing barriers to the Single Market' of March 2020 did not really tackle", congratulated EDA secretary general Alexander Anton

German EU Presidency: a pivotal time for Europe & European Dairy

Yesterday, Germany just took over the rotating EU Council Presidency. In disruptive times, the German Presidency opted for a logo (Möbius band) that symbolises an "innovative and integrated Europe in which unity is created through exchanging and converging different interests. A strong band for a united Europe. A Europe rooted in a shared spirit of solidarity".

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