

EDA Virtual Annual Convention

Last chance to register!

Next week on **Friday 20 November 2020**, EDA will host its Annual Convention under the headline **'Milk and Dairy: Essential for your Life!'**. We will have the pleasure to bring together (*virtually*) our **EDA President Michel Nalet**, **Prof Dr Peer Ederer** from the Global Food and Agribusiness Network, **Claire Bury**, Deputy Director General at DG SANTE in charge of **"FOOD SUSTAINABILITY"**, **Dr Judith Bryans**, CEO DairyUK and **George Morrison**, Director of Global Affairs at Arla Foods.

► [Last chance to register before the end of this week!](#)



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Follow up of our EDA Brexit workshop

The EU Commission delivers.

The negotiation teams on both sides make an unprecedented effort to reach a compromise to manage the end of the transition period that is less than 50 days ahead. The competent EU Commission services followed up on our EDA Brexit workshop of 9th October 2020 and went through the burning questions of the dairy industry.

"We raised our dairy concerns with the negotiating teams. Even if many of the questions remain unanswered for the time being, since they were addressed to the UK government, and even if some of the answers from the EU Commission are not as precise as we would have wished, the EU Commission services underlined their commitment to the European lactosphere in taking the time to answer our questions. Our concerns were heard!", stated **EDA President Michel Nalet**.

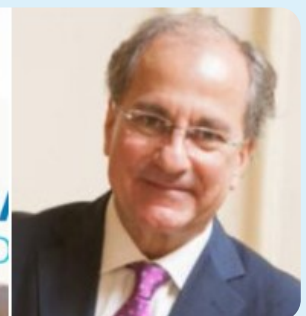


European Dairy Association

Para una sociedad sana, un sector lácteo en forma - in today's Board meeting of our Spanish EDA member FeNIL, the sustainability efforts of the lactosphere were high on the agenda [@AntoniBandres](#) [@dairyanton](#)



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UN SECTOR LÁCTEO
EN FORMA



FeNIL Board meeting: Sustainable Spanish dairy !

The president of our Spanish member association FeNIL, **José Armando Tellado**, and our Spanish EDA Board member **Antoni Bandrés** scheduled a virtual FeNIL Board meeting focussing on the transformational agri-food policy approaches of the European Commission. **EDA secretary general Alexander Anton** exchanged on the Green Deal implications for the future of milk and dairy:

*"The future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is for sure part of the solutions when it comes to the European Green Deal ambitions. And here, the leadership of **Luis Calabozo**, CEO of FeNIL and chair of our EDA CAP Task Force, in our EDA work on the future Common Agricultural Policy is crucial for aligning the European lactosphere on the core topics and to voice our concerns and interests at EU and national levels".*

Estonian Dairy Forum 2020 in Rakvere, Estonia

The annual Estonian Dairy Forum is the focal point for exchange on dairy policies, technology, quality, trade and environmental topics for the vibrant Estonian dairy sector.

In the opening session, **Pilleriin Puskar**, Head of the Estonian Dairy Committee, underlined the vital importance of the Estonian dairy sector, that delivers with its high export rate best quality nutrition around the world. In their speeches, GIRA CEO **Christophe Lafougère** and EDA secretary general **Alexander Anton** gave an insight into the '(Green) Economic Environment' for milk and dairy at EU and global levels.

Protection of Dairy Terms

U.S. Dairy calls for immediate action



European Dairy Association

#EuropeanParliament votes the protection of dairy terms like 'milk', 'butter', 'whey' & alike ! A good day for dairy, for European consumers and citizens and for Europe !



After last month's clear support of the European Parliament for the European legal framework to protect milk and dairy names, the U.S. lactosphere has urged the U.S. authorities to take immediate action.

"In the U.S., non-dairy foods are positioned as 'plant-based' dairy foods to be used as substitutes for milk, yogurt, cheese and other dairy products. But as proved by evidence virtually all of these non-dairy foods are nutritionally inferior to the referenced dairy food they are positioned to replace," as the letter by the National Milk Producer Federation (NMPF) reads.

*"For good reasons, dairy is the only sector, where the protection of denominations is enshrined in the global FAO/UN Codex Alimentarius standard. This global framework for milk and dairy terms has been translated in the European Union via the CAP-Regulation and confirmed by the European Court of Justice in 2017 and by the EP vote of 23 October 2020. We fully support the call for action of our U.S. colleagues to their administration", stated **EDA secretary general Alexander Anton**.*

EU-NZ dairy offer: imprudent and untimely

On Tuesday, **EDA Secretary General Alexander Anton** participated to the EU Commission's Civil Society Dialogue on New Zealand where he took the opportunity to share his disappointment about the EU offer regarding preferential access for New Zealand's dairy products, with **EU Chief negotiator Peter Berz**.

The current EU offer including 40,000 tons of whey protein concentrates at a 0% tariff threatens to undermine the WPC production in Europe and comes at a time of great uncertainty. The EU dairy sector is currently handling the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and has to prepare, at the same time, for the new EU-U.K. relationship.

Opening the door wide open for dairy products from one of our main competitors therefore doesn't seem that well thought through. ► [Check out our New Zealand Trade Focus for more information.](#)

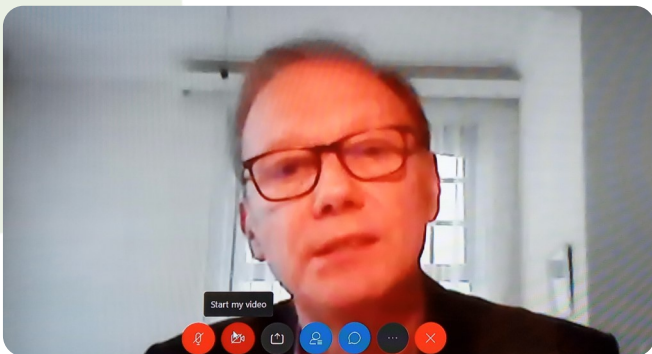


Photo: EU Chief negotiator Peter Berz

Study on GDT auctions and dairy prices published

"Growing integration of global dairy markets is reflected by an increase in correlation between prices of dairy commodities across the world and their higher volatility", states **Dr Jakub Olipra** (Credit

Agricole & Warsaw School of Economics) ► [in his latest scientific study published by the British Food Journal.](#)

In his study, Jakub explains the mechanisms of GDT auctions and analyses their effectiveness while underlining the "significant influence on global prices" of the major seller at GDT auctions, the Fonterra dairy cooperative with a share of 84% of the NZ milk production, that doubled in the last 20 years.

EU – African Dairy Trade & investments

The relationship between the European and the African Union (AU) has been re-launched at agri-food level in 2019 by AU Commissioner **Josefa Sacko** and then EU Commissioner **Phil Hogan**.

In today's meeting of the FAO-AU Task Force on the Covid-19 impact on the African agri-food sector, **EDA secretary general Alexander Anton** highlighted the essential impact of milk and dairy to improve food security and high quality and affordable nutrition.

Irene Quist Mortensen, Head of CSR & Sustainability at Arla Foods, underlines in her speech 'From Aid to Trade' the vital positive importance of both dairy trade and dairy investments to achieve a resilient dairy sector in Africa.

FROM AID TO TRADE

An example of joint efforts to build resilience in the dairy sector in Nigeria



EU strikes back in Boeing/Airbus dispute

The EU decided to hit US goods with tariffs because of the ongoing Airbus-Boeing dispute. This step came after the WTO authorised the Union to hit almost 4 billion of US goods with additional tariffs in retaliation against illegal state aid for Boeing. The measures include additional tariffs of 15% on aircraft as well as additional tariffs of 25% on a range of agricultural and industrial products imported from the U.S. EDA held, in light of the retaliation, a high level meeting with the European Commission and the European retaliation list includes, from a dairy perspective, a targeted selection of U.S. products.

CAP update: you win some, you lose some

The outcome of the CAP votes during the EU Parliament's Plenary Session in October provided a mixed outcome. EDA welcomed the EU Parliament's re-confirmation of the importance of dairy protected terms, but we have seen that the negotiating position also offers some challenges. We believe that the original proposal from the EU Commission offers a more realistic perspective when it comes to matters like contractual relations, market measures, and marketing standards. EDA will remain in close contact with all parties and provide them with our analysis and recommendations as, in the upcoming weeks and months, the EU Parliament, the EU Council under the German Presidency and the EU Commission will continue the interinstitutional negotiations in order to reach a final agreement on the new CAP by Spring / early Summer 2021.

IWC2020 'A Better Whey of Life'

The logo for the IWC 2020 conference consists of the letters 'I W C' in a large, blue, sans-serif font, with the year '2020' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. The text is set against a light green circular background.

The IWC, organised by our sister organisation EWPA together with ADPI, is a unique forum which brings together everyone involved in whey processing, from around the world, for an interactive dialogue on the most relevant aspects of whey production, processing and applications. This year, the 9th International Whey Conference (IWC2020) goes virtual for the first time!

The conference will kick off tomorrow on Friday 13 November 2020, with its first webinar "**Markets: International Whey Sector - current and future state and the 'whey' forward**", bringing together **Ingo Muller**, CEO of DMK Deutsches Milchkontor GmbH, **Kevin Bellamy**, Global Head of Dairy (Rabobank), EWPA **President Luis Cubel**, Vice President & Commercial Director (Arla Foods Ingredients) and **Fraser Tooley**, Strategy Consultant to the global B2B dairy ingredients industry.

► [Check out the conference website for more information.](#)