

## The EU suspends all tariffs for Ukraine imports

Already back in 2014, the European Union had committed to take import tariffs from Ukraine to a zero level, but limited then its offer to a provisional implementation of the EU – Ukraine Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA), for which a revision process started in 2021.

Now, the EU Commission goes that extra mile after president **Ursula von der Leyen** promised at her visit to Kyiv on 8 April an extremely speedy process for the evaluation of Ukraine's status vis-à-vis the EU.

As EDA, we are in contact with our colleagues from the Ukrainian Dairy Association (SMPU) since 2014, not least for discussing the EU – Ukraine Free Trade Agreement.

Last week, we had a first (virtual) meeting with the SMPU President, **Vadym Chagarovsky** and his Secretary General, **Arsen Didur**, to define potential avenues for a strengthened cooperation between SMPU and EDA.

## EU trade: New Zealand knocking on EU's internal market door

Over the last months, the New Zealand – EU negotiations have been pushed by both sides with huge energy, but rather below the public radar.

The cadence of New Zealand official delegations travelling to Brussels is reaching a peak in May and June 2022. A clear sign for both, the phasing out of travel restrictions and the perceived decisive momentum in the trade negotiations.

In summer 2020, the EU Commission had tabled a first dairy market access offer and made an 'amended' offer in summer 2021, where some of our key asks were at least taken into consideration.

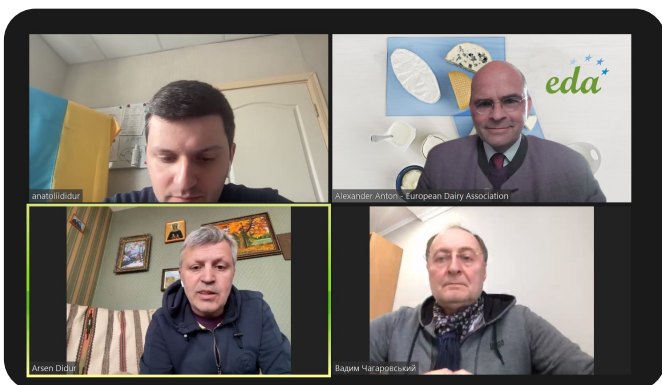
The EU dairy sector invests heavily in its green transformation to fulfil our Green Deal commitments, but faces unprecedented challenges at farming and processing level: studies show that the Green Deal policy on its own will increase the cost of milk production in the EU more than 30% by 2030, and hence risk to undermine the international competitiveness of European dairy.

In today's geopolitical environment, the EU Commission seems ready to give in to major New Zealand requests for dairy market access to our Union, especially on high added value products.

The French EU Presidency, which had a very reluctant approach to these trade negotiations, is coming to an end on the 30th of June ('technically' on the 19th June with France's second round of legislative elections), and hence the main New Zealand delegation visit to Europe seems to be scheduled for July 2022.

We have flagged up our serious concerns with political decision makers, stressing the fact that opening up our EU internal market for third country's dairy now is simply irresponsible.

Check out [here](#) our EDA Trade Focus on New Zealand!



EDA meeting with the Ukrainian Dairy Association (SMPU) on 18 April 2022.



## CAP Strategic Plans: Work in progress

As expected and discussed at our last EDA CAP Task Force meeting, on Thursday 31 March the European Commission sent letters of observation on the 19 draft Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) strategic plans submitted on 31 December 2021. These letters, which have been published today in the EU Commission's [website](#), identify elements of the plans that require further explanation and/or adjustments before the EU Commission is in a position to approve them.

Regarding next steps, member states are now invited to send their reaction on the observation letters to continue with the process. If everything continues as scheduled, the strategic plans should be adopted by September 2022.

Additionally, last 20 April was the 60th anniversary of the CAP, marking the day when it was first introduced in 1962. EDA celebrates that the CAP has always been a pioneer policy leading by example at global level, paving the way for creating a resilient, transforming and vibrant European agriculture capable of mobilizing synergies to face the sector's challenges.

## EU School Milk Scheme: EDA's interview in collaboration with the European Parliament

The European Commission is working on the Revision of the EU School Scheme, and EDA is attentively following this process and contributing to it. Last Tuesday 26 April, we participated in a technical interview collaborating with the European Parliament and delivered our analysis of the current state of play of the program, providing insights towards its upcoming revision. We explained that shaping children's healthy eating habits is the core objective of the scheme, with an emphasis on the educational dimension of it by connecting children to agriculture as well as other important aspects such as health, local food chain, organic farming, sustainable production and food waste.

Besides, we highlighted that the review of the policy should be focused on reducing the administrative burdens inside the program which complicate and sometimes disincentivize the application to the scheme. Regarding next steps, the European Commission is expected to open the second phase of the public consultation on the revision of the school scheme very soon, and we will contribute to it.

Read [here](#) our factsheet on Daily Dairy Recommendations!



3-4 servings/day



2-3 servings/day



3-4 servings/day



Average European daily dairy recommendations.

## Implementation and validation of carbon removals: EURACTIV webinar

The appropriate implementation, measurement and validation of carbon removals in the EU was the objective of a EURACTIV webinar that took place today. **Lukas Visek**, Member of Cabinet of EU Commission's Executive Vice President Frans Timmermans, and MEP **Norbert Lins** (EPP, Germany), chair of the AGRI committee of the European Parliament, discussed the Commission's carbon farming initiative together with representatives from NGOs, industry and research institutions.

It was the opportunity to highlight challenges and opportunities linked to the upscaling of carbon farming practices in Europe. Lukas Visek highlighted that the creation of a voluntary market for carbon removals could help monetise carbon sequestration of EU land, enhancing its contribution to the achievement of the EU climate targets for 2030 and 2050.

MEP Norbert Lins underlined the need to maintain food security and the importance of establishing the right framework to implement this new business model and properly reward land managers.

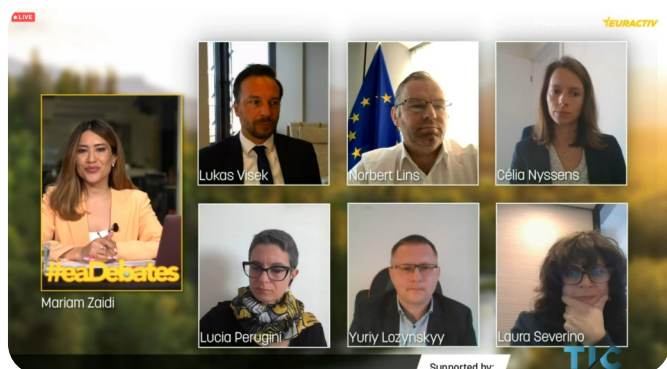
In this context, the EU Commission is currently undertaking a public consultation on how carbon removals should be certified in the EU, and a legislative proposal will be presented by the end of 2022.

EDA is currently coordinating its contribution to the public consultation and will continue to provide input to the work of the institutions on carbon farming, as we have continuously been doing in the last years on this specific initiative.

## EDA/EWPA contribution to EFSA's Exposure Assessment of Food Enzymes

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has launched calls for data for the exposure assessment of food enzymes in whey processing. For this assessment, EFSA requested important data on what type of foods contain whey derivatives as an ingredient and whether the enzymatic treatment is applied to liquid or solid whey. More specifically, for the enzymatic treatments of whey to obtain derivatives such as whey protein hydrolysates.

As EDA and EWPA, we have been contacted directly by EFSA to participate and share our knowledge and expertise to help verify technical factors as well as the selection of foods concerned. The evaluation of the input provided for the assessment is ongoing, and we are awaiting EFSA's final statement.



## 2022 International Whey Conference: Blazing The Whey

The International Whey Conference, celebrated every two years and hosted by ADPI and EWPA, is the annual event of reference for the world of whey at the global level, connecting customers to researchers and scientists, introducing the latest developments in the whey industry and featuring top tier speakers.

In this year's edition, celebrated in Chicago (U.S.), EWPA President **Luis Cubel** will present 'Our Whey from today to 2030', EWPA Secretary General **Alexander Anton** will dive into the new EU regulatory environment, and EWPA Communication Officer **Álvaro Ruiz** will present [WheyForLiving.com](http://WheyForLiving.com), the EWPA communication platform unveiling the power of whey protein, inspiring consumers all across Europe and ensuring that discussions about whey are science-based.

More information on the [website](http://website)!



Want to stay updated on all things related to protein, muscle building, delicious recipes with whey and tips for a healthy lifestyle?

Be sure to read [WheyForLiving.com](http://WheyForLiving.com)

## Online Summer School on Dairy Nutrition and Health: Registrations open!

If you would like to engage with experts from the world of dairy and you are keen on learning how to translate dairy science into relevant practice, then the Summer School on Dairy Nutrition and Health by Wageningen University & Research and FrieslandCampina Institute is for you!

From the 4th to the 15th of July, participants will understand current and future trends in the world of dairy science and engage with experts with extensive practical experience. A certificate will be issued at the end of the programme. More information and registration [here](http://here)!



Summer School  
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