

## EDA mission to Washington DC: Enhancing our transatlantic dairy cooperation

Led by EDA President **Giuseppe Ambrosi**, an EDA delegation visited Washington DC this week for constructive dialogues with U.S. dairy partners and U.S. authorities, further enhancing our transatlantic cooperation on matters like trade, innovation and sustainability, as well as global food supply and security and the key role played by the dairy sector.

Kicking off with an insightful meeting with the EU Representation in Washington, the EDA visit to Washington DC allowed to exchange with our U.S. dairy partners like the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA), the Cheese Importers Association of America (CIAA), the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) and the U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC), with U.S. authorities like the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative, and with senior policy makers at the Senate and the House.

"Today's geopolitical environment and probably also the dairy market situation are supportive for a closer transatlantic cooperation in the coming months and years. There is a strong willingness on both sides," stated EDA President Giuseppe Ambrosi.



*Congressman Glenn 'GT' Thompson, ranking member of the Ag Committee (centre) with the EDA delegation.*



*EDA President Giuseppe Ambrosi with Julie Callahan, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Agricultural Affairs.*

## International dairy support for Ukraine

While the EU has opened up our markets for Ukrainian dairy produce by enacting a 'zero tariff, no quota' approach, Ukraine seems to be in a process of reconsidering ramping up barriers for dairy imports from the EU.

EDA is in exchange with our Ukrainian partner organization SMPU to strengthen our EU – Ukraine dairy link, and we made it very clear: a constructive approach on trade is the fundamental basis for such a cooperation.

During our EDA Washington door knock, we issued a joint statement with our IDFA partners on our joint support for Ukraine and underlined the commitment of U.S. and European dairy processors to maintain open communication amid global food system shocks caused by the Russian invasion.

"We join the international community in calling for peace and the preservation of human rights for the people of a sovereign, independent Ukraine," the statement declares. "IDFA and EDA will continue to work together to provide nutritious dairy products to people around the globe who are facing rising prices, food shortages, and hunger."

Read the full joint statement [here](#).



## EU dairy in dialogue with New Zealand

In our meetings this month with Director Phil Houlding of New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries in Brussels and with James McVitty of Fonterra U.S. in Washington DC, we experienced an open and transparent exchange on a range of dossiers of common interest, like our joint environmental sustainability project, the [Dairy Product Environmental Footprint](#) (Dairy PEF).



Constructive meeting today with [@PhilHoulding](#) of New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries on [#sustainability](#).

Surprised to see [UK](#) authorities having a transparent approach to the [EU](#) Free Trade Agreement, while the [@EU\\_Commission](#) has established a full communication embargo.



Regarding the negotiations between New Zealand and the EU on a Free Trade Agreement, the silence of the European Commission is more than worrying, and our meeting requests have not yet been answered.



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If [@EU\\_Commission](#) would really be ready to grant major market access to NZ dairy for high added value products, it would be a real blow for European dairy farmers and processors!

We call for an urgency meeting with [@EU\\_Commission](#)

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## EWPA Open Session: A-dared whey vision

In the framework of its summer General Assembly, the European Whey Processors Association (EWPA) will celebrate its Open Session on Thursday 26 May in Adare (Limerick County, Ireland).

Under the title 'A-dared Whey Vision', the Open Session will gather high-level speakers from the world of whey processing, dairy, agriculture, and research. EWPA President **Luis Cubel** will moderate the first session, which will have **Adriaan Palm**, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Ireland, introducing the Dutch approach to the EU Green Deal and livestock. **Frédéric Leroy**, professor at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels) will explain the facts and the myths behind animal agriculture and dairy, followed by a dairy CEO panel.

The conference will also explore the latest trends and the innovations 'in the pipeline' for the dairy industry at the global level, with **Blake Anderson** of the American Dairy Products Institute (ADPI) presenting the U.S. whey outlook and Professor **Holger D. Thiele** of Kiel University (Germany) giving insights into the European and global dairy markets of today and tomorrow.

# A-dared Whey Vision

EWPA Open Session

Adare, Ireland  
Thursday, 26 May 2022

## Arla Foods Ingredients wins ADPI Breakthrough Innovation Award

Every year, the American Dairy Products Institute (ADPI) and Dairy Foods award a dairy processing member of ADPI with the Breakthrough Award for Dairy Ingredient Innovation for their ingredient accomplishments.

In this year's edition, which took place on 28 April, Arla Foods Ingredients was granted the award thanks to the development of Lacprodan BLG-100, a dairy-derived high-leucine ingredient that shows much promise and a wide range of opportunities for medical and sports nutrition applications.

Congratulations to **Luis Cubel** and the whole team at Arla Foods Ingredients!



*EWPA President and Arla Foods Ingredients Vice President Luis Cubel accepting the award with Kathie Canning of Dairy Foods.*

## DG Sante Advisory Group's last plenary meeting with its current structure

The long-standing DG Sante Advisory Group, with mandates renewed every 5 years, has held its last meeting, online only, last Friday. A very wide variety of topics were covered, showing the range of relevant files covered by DG Sante for our agri-food chain.

The meeting was chaired by **Nathalie Chaze**, director at DG Sante and supported by a multitude of Sante experts, in a session that covered the future sustainable food system framework, the Farm to Fork strategy monitoring, food information revision, official controls, new genomic techniques, plant breeding, sustainable pesticide use, adaptations in MRLs and labelling following the Ukraine crisis, among other topics. We are very grateful for the work done and for the special platform provided by DG Sante.

The group will be rearranged in a different framework - more focused on sustainable food systems - and constituted around June/July this year. We hope it will continue addressing diverse food safety and regulation -related aspects as core of DG Sante's activities, allowing stakeholders to have a platform for exchange with the responsible services.

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.@EU\_Health Director for Food Sustainability & International Relations Nathalie Chaze in our EDA Board Meeting today:

"The war in #Ukraine shows the vulnerabilities of our agri-food chains. #Farm2Fork strategy's context and perspective have changed, but objectives remain valid."



## EDA contributes to the EU Commission's consultation on the certification of carbon removals

Last week we submitted our EDA contribution to the two public consultations undertaken by the Commission on EU rules for the certification of carbon removals. The initiative gathered stakeholders' views on the upcoming legislation that will propose rules for monitoring, reporting and verifying the authenticity of carbon removals of EU land.

In our EDA position we support the establishment of financial schemes to reward farmers for removal of carbon from the atmosphere and we recognize that such a business model is needed to speed up carbon removals in the agricultural sector and contribute to the EU climate targets. Nevertheless, we urge the Commission to ensure that the economic viability of farming and food processing activities, as well as food security and affordability, are not negatively impacted. We also highlight the risk of trading carbon removals outside of the food value chains as food operators might need to achieve even more ambitious emission reductions to meet net-zero targets set for companies and food sectors. See our [full EDA feedback](#) to the consultation.

The Commission will set up an expert group on carbon farming in the upcoming months and will adopt a legislative proposal on the initiative by end 2022. In this context, we 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 initiative.

## Dairy Science and Technology Symposium: Registrations open!

The second edition of the online Dairy Science and Technology Symposium will take place from 13 to 16 June. Hosted by FOOD Aarhus University, participants will learn the importance of milk production and processing to achieve the primary aim of promoting nutrition to the world population.



With a high-level panel from the world of academy and industry, the symposium will have four sessions linked to all steps of the dairy chain,.

Among the topics, keynotes will address the role of milk and dairy products in healthy and sustainable diets and the processing of milk and dairy products for safe, stable and nutritious products.

The event is an initiative by Aarhus University, University of Copenhagen, Agricultural University of Athens, University College Cork, Wageningen University, Arla Foods and FrieslandCampina.

For more information on the programme, the conference and for registration, click [here!](#)