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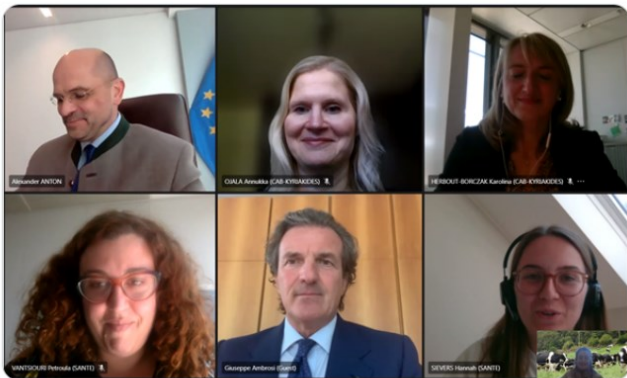
EDA President Giuseppe Ambrosi meets with cabinet of EU COM Stella Kyriakides

In his first exchange with the cabinet of **EU COM Stella Kyriakides** as EDA President, **Giuseppe Ambrosi** underlined the full support of the European lactosphere to the European Green Deal ambitions and highlighted our position vis-à-vis the ongoing discussions and reflections on the related food labelling matters.

"Highlighting the value and quality of milk and dairy in a balanced diet and within all three pillars of sustainability is for sure an important part of my new role as EDA President. This well-timed meeting with DG SANTE was a constructive exchange and real dialogue, that I appreciated a lot", **EDA President Giuseppe Ambrosi** concluded.



EDA President Giuseppe Ambrosi exchanged with Anukka Ojala and @HerboutKarolina from @SKYRIAKIDESEU cabinet on the unrivalled qualities of milk & dairy, the vital importance of our #SingleMarket and the full commitment of the EU lactosphere to the #EUGreenDeal ambition.



Alexander Anton and 7 others

EU-UK: close coordination



Avoid unnecessary red tape!

"On the basis of 47 years of a shared single market, is there a real need in the EU-UK trade for health certificates and its red tape for milk & dairy?", asked EDA secretary general **Alexander Anton** in an Uniagro online conference on the impact of Brexit on the agri-food sector on 29th April 2021.

"The implementation date for the health certificates regime is now set for 1 October 2021. We had alerted the UK and EU services already at the end of 2020 that the requirements set in the EU-UK CTA are not helpful (read our letter [here](#)).

In the meantime, dairies have carried out tests and the results are clear: the 24 hours pre-notification and the health certificates accompanying the produce simply do not work, especially for fresh and ultra-fresh produce of animal origin. We urge the competent UK and EU authorities to come to a workable solution here.



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Chairs of #Uniagro Normandie Didier Parard of @Cargill and Véronique Le Deunff welcomed @CGB_FR's Timothé Masson, fisherman Manuel Evrard and @dairyanton for a digital exchange on the #Brexit impact on different #agrifood sectors.

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Stefan Fuehring and 3 others

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"After 47 years of a shared common market and in a 'no quota, no tariff' set-up, is there really a need for border controls and checks for fresh produce?" #Brexit

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Nutrition labelling and dietary guidelines:

Dairy Innovation Summit 2021

Last week, our **Senior Nutrition, Health and Food Law Officer Kinga Adamaszwili** spoke at the Virtual Dairy Innovation Summit on “Sustainable & healthy consumer choices: Towards EU harmonised labelling and EU Green Deal ambitions”.


She presented the most important developments in the current EU discussions on front-of-pack nutrition labelling (FOPNL), highlighting that the future EU labelling scheme could be meaningful for consumers only if aligned with the EU dietary guidelines which fully recognise the nutritional value and health benefits of dairy foods.

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The growing problem of obesity, overweight and malnutrition across the EU society and their long-term costs and consequences for the health systems deserves the highest attention of the EU policy makers.

Kinga Adamaszwili
Senior Nutrition, Health and Food Law Officer

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Read [here](#) our factsheet on the health & nutritional benefits of dairy!



CAP negotiation updates:

Light at the end of the tunnel

As the time goes by, we seem to get closer to the end of the negotiations of the new **Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)**. After months of negotiations, the current Portuguese Presidency of the EU Council remains confident that a final agreement on the three CAP reform texts can be reached by the end of May. In this context, the Portuguese Presidency of the EU Council has scheduled between 2 and 3 trilogue sessions in the following weeks on each of the legislative proposals.

Regarding the technicalities of the negotiations, on the Strategic Plans Regulation there are still some discrepancies on the green architecture (eco-schemes) and the targeting of direct aid. On the Common Markets Organization Regulation (CMO), there is a lot to be negotiated yet. The vital issue of the protection of dairy terms, Amendment 171, was not yet discussed.

On the Horizontal Regulation, the only remaining issue would be the amount dedicated to the agricultural crisis reserve. In addition, a new “**Super Trilogue**” is scheduled for three days from 25-27 May, together with a special two-day Agriculture Council on 26-27 May, with the intention to boost negotiations and to take stock of the dossier and validate the compromises reached on those days.



EU-Mercosur:


Meetings with the Argentinian and Brazilian Ambassadors

The EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement is opening up a certain market access for European dairy and we are advocating for a ratification of the agreement at EU level, but also at Mercosur level.

In our recent meeting with H.E., the Ambassador of Argentina in Brussels, **Luis Calabozo**, CEO of our Spanish member FENIL and chair of our CAP Task Force represented EDA and discussed with the Ambassador the interests of the European Dairy. This week, **Laurens van Delft**, Head of our EDA Trade & Economics desk, joined a meeting with H.E., the Ambassador of Brazil in Brussels to share our assessment of the EU-Mercosur trade agreement.

The Brazilian Ambassador made it very clear: the trade agreement between the two blocks will not be reopened on the agreed content. He emphasised the strength and resilience of the European Dairy sector, and highlighted positively first, the agreement on reduction of import tariffs for dairy in Mercosur, and second, the agreement involving 354 Geographical Indications (GIs) between the two regions.



 We had a fruitful meeting with the Brazilian Ambassador to the EU Marcos Galvão on the state of play of the EU-#Mercosur ratification process.

Mr Galvão highlighted the strength & resilience of the EU #dairy sector and the reduction of import tariffs for dairy in Mercosur.



Organic production:

EDA/EWPA comments on the lists of authorized products and substances

At the end of April 2021 we submitted – jointly with the European Whey Processors Association (EWPA) – our input to the public consultation on the draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) authorising certain products and substances for use in organic production and establishing their lists. This proposal lays down a list of products and substances that require authorisation for use in organic production, according to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products. For us, it is key that this new legislation must in no way affect conventional products.

In our submission, we pointed out – amongst many other significant aspects – that we are not supportive of a positive list for allowed cleaning and disinfection agents, because different situations need different substances to clean and disinfect effectively. If such a positive list will still be set, then its scope should only be about the food contact surfaces that are specifically relevant for organic production.

We also highlighted that additional uses of some processing aids in organic dairy products could be considered, for example of calcium chloride and hydrochloric acid. Moreover, as a basic principle, the use of alkalis and acids in the manufacturing process should not depend on whether the raw material is of plant or animal origin.

Click [here](#) for more details!

Food labelling:

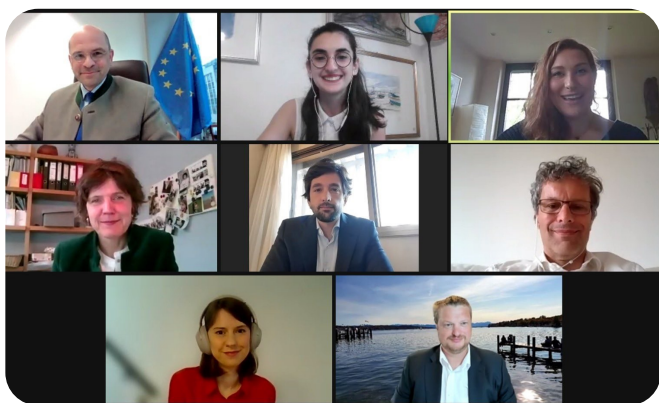
Empowering consumers to make informed food choices

On 20 April 2021, **EDA secretary general Alexander Anton** joined a virtual SME connect panel of three MEPs, a DG SANTE official and two consumer organizations on "Food labelling: Empowering consumers to make informed food choices".

Alexander Anton highlighted the urgent need for a science-based approach when it comes to food labelling, in line with the EU Single Market principles. "Diet and nutrition are a more than complex matter that deserves scientifically well-grounded solutions," he added.

While recognizing the market and marketing reality of origin labelling, especially when it comes to GIs, that underline Europe's culinary treasures, traditions and cultural heritage, **Alexander Anton** quoted the European Court of Justice: national mandatory labelling is a clear contradiction to the Single Market, a founding and fundamental principle of our Union.

The webinar, organized by SME connect and chaired by **MEP Christine Schneider (EPP, DE)**, also counted on the participation of **MEP Adrián Vázquez Lázara (Renew Europe, ES)**, **MEP Salvatore de Meo (EPP, IT)** and **Ariane Vander Stappen** from the European Commission (DG SANTE).



A big step from the EU dairy sector on its way to a more sustainable future

Dairy cooperative Arla Foods has completed the external validation of its Climate Check programme, a tool to calculate the carbon footprint of their dairy farmer owners and one of the world's largest externally validated set of climate data.

The Climate Check programme shows that Arla's dairy farmers are among the most climate-efficient in the world, providing their farmers a clear blueprint of what will drive further reductions of greenhouse gas emissions on their farms over the next decade. [Read more here!](#)

Made in Europe, enjoyed in the space: A lactospheric Dairy Ambassador



We were happy to see astronaut **Thomas Pesquet** of the European Space Agency sharing this tasty-looking cheese plate as part of his dinner just before taking off to Mission Alpha!

