



Dairy Flash

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Connect to the world of dairy



European and Ukrainian dairy industries celebrate Europe Day in Kyiv

"Today, on Europe Day, we kick off the next chapter of our cooperation between the European and the Ukrainian dairy industry. And we are here today together to show our confidence in Europe, in Ukraine and to showcase the strength of dairy for Europe and for Ukraine", stated EDA President **Giuseppe Ambrosi** at the ceremony of signing our Memorandum of Understanding between EDA and SMPU, our Ukrainian partner organisation. SMPU Director General **Arsen Didur** and EDA's Alexander Anton signed the framework for our future cooperation in Kyiv, in the presence of **Taras Vysotskyi**, Ukraine's First Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food.



SMPU General Director Arsen Didur signing the Memorandum with EDA's Alexander Anton in Kyiv

"The set-up of the 'EU Integration Committee' that includes the full Ukrainian dairy sector, is a bold statement from our partners and we will support the work of the chair, **Andriy Tabalov** (CEO, Voloshkove Dairy) and Secretary General **Elisabeth Svyatkivska** to achieve reciprocal free trade on the basis of a long term integration of Ukraine dairy in our EU Single Market and a strong protection of mutual investments," congratulated Giuseppe Ambrosi.



Olena Stretovych (CEO Organic Milk Dairy) with EDA's Alexander Anton in Kyiv



European Dairy Association @EDA_Dairy · May 9

Exciting news on Europe Day!

EDA & SMPU will sign a Memorandum of Understanding in Kyiv, marking a pivotal moment for Ukraine's dairy industry. This collaboration signifies a crucial step towards integration into the EU market 🇪🇺

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China-EU trade relationship: Promote China - EU GI trade - empower rural and agricultural development

In these rather turbulent times for the China-EU trade relationship, H.E. **Peng Gang**, Minister of the Chinese Mission to the EU, made a bold statement when opening the roundtable that he co-hosted with EU Commissioner for Agriculture **Janusz Wojciechowski**:

"GI products have become more and more popular in China and in the EU. The full implementation and further solid progress of our bilateral agreement are important for connecting cultures and for our China – EU cooperation". The Commissioner highlighted the GI agreement as one of the positive examples of the cooperation between China and the EU in the agricultural field.



Roundtable participants with H.E. Peng Gang and H.E. Zhu Jing, EU Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski, Damien Plan (DG Trade), EDA's Alexander Anton

"GIs offer perspectives for rural economies", underlined **Catherine Combette** (DG AGRI) in her speech.

"This high level roundtable allows EDA to highlight the competitiveness of both, the Chinese and European lactosphere – an industrial sector with a high level of complementarity with China. We thank the competent authorities for the eleven included iconic EU cheese GIs, like Danablu, Roquefort, Grana Padano or Queso Manchego, but we ask, of course, for the inclusion of all

330 EU cheese and dairy GIs to be considered for the next 'batch' of GI names that will be protected in both regions", stated EDA's Alexander Anton.

Strengthening transatlantic relations

EDA/EWPA's secretary general Alexander Anton and directors **Kinga Adamaszwili** and **Laurens van Delft** attended the Annual Conference of the American Dairy Products Institute (ADPI) in Chicago, Illinois. This event marked an important moment in our transatlantic collaboration within the dairy industry. The convention provided a platform to engage with industry experts, stakeholders, and EWPA Members while fostering valuable connections and insights into the U.S. and global dairy ingredient markets. On behalf of the organizers of the International Whey Conference 2024, EWPA, ADPI and Teagasc, our EWPA Vice-President, **James Neville** (CEO, Volac), invited the participants of the Conference to the 11th International Whey Conference (IWC) which will be held from 15 to 18 September 2024 in Dublin, Ireland. By attending the ADPI conference, the EDA/EWPA leadership team reaffirmed its commitment to fostering international cooperation and driving innovation within the dairy sector.



Ulrich Adam @SpiritedUlrich · 9h

EU 🇪🇺 exports EUR 40mn of dairy products to KAZ 🇰🇿 (slightly ahead of EU #spirits exports with 37mn EUR), @dairyanton from @EDA_Dairy underlines attractiveness of country & mutual opportunities for cooperation & closer trade ties.



EDA at the 34th FAO Regional Conference for Europe: transforming food systems

Opened by FAO Director General Dr. **Qu Dongyu** and chaired by Moldova's Vice Prime Minister **Vladimir Bolea**, the 34th FAO Regional Conference for Europe featured EDA's Alexander Anton as the official spokesperson of the private sector. In his speech, Anton highlighted the role of the private sector in enhancing food security and transforming food systems in Europe and beyond.

"Our active participation went beyond the opening statement: we had the possibility to speak – again, on behalf of the private sector - also on the role of innovation in the sustainable use of natural resources to accelerate the implementation of climate resilient and low-emission pathways in agrifood systems – brilliant opportunity to showcase the efforts done by the European lactosphere so far and our strategy to accelerate our journey to net zero by innovation. We are grateful to the FAO Europe team for this opportunity", stated Alexander Anton.



EDA's Alexander Anton speaking at the 34th FAO Regional Conference for Europe

EU Commissioner Wojciechowski on trade mission in Kazakhstan

For his sixth EU agri-food trade mission, EU Commissioner **Janusz Wojciechowski** has chosen Kazakhstan—a strategic country in Central Asia from many perspectives.



Janusz Wojciechowski @jwojc · May 28

Delighted to open this business-to-business matchmaking session here in Almaty 🇰🇷

Today is not only about making matches between businesses: it is also about matching the high demands and desires of consumers in Kazakhstan with the high qualities and values of EU food & drink.



In Almaty and Astana, Commissioner Wojciechowski emphasized the quality, authenticity, safety, and sustainability of EU agri-food production and held high-level discussions with Kazakh authorities.

*"We are grateful for this mission. The team of DG AGRI, led by Director **Diego Canga Fano**, organized a truly high-level mission. Promoting European dairy excellence at both the Interfood Astana Conference and the Business Forum was a perfect opportunity to highlight our excellence and ambition in Kazakhstan, a country with a tremendous dairy culture beyond Kumis and Shubat,"* emphasized EDA's Alexander Anton.

Nitrates Directive: EU Commission proposes to permit the use of manure-based fertilisers

Last week, EDA submitted its feedback to the EU Commission's public consultation on the proposal to include manure-based fertilizers (RENURE) in the Nitrates Directive, which regulates the use of nitrates in agriculture to prevent water pollution.

The current proposal finally withdraws the restriction on the use of certain fertilizing materials from livestock manure that have undergone processing.

We welcome the proposal and stress that this amendment would allow dairy operators to improve the utilization of nutrients from manure, protect water quality, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from manure. Recycling our nutrients from plant and livestock waste not only provides agriculture with ways to drastically reduce their emissions, improve waste management, create new green jobs, and produce organic tailor-made fertilizers, but it also ensures independence and security of energy and food. Additionally, it establishes an efficient circular economy, which could especially benefit rural development.

See our [EDA feedback](#) to the public consultation.

EDA exchanges on ETS for agriculture emissions

EDA was invited to exchange with the EU Commission on a possible ETS (Emission Trading Scheme) for the agricultural sector. The exchange took place with the Commission's Director **Alexandre Paquot** and his team in DG CLIMA.

While we agree, of course, on the overall ambition of reducing GHG emissions along the food chain, we underlined that the possible introduction of an obligatory ETS in agriculture will have major adverse impacts on the European agri-food sector. Such a system would add extra economic burdens to a sector that already has tight margins, without providing public support and financial incentives to farmers and processors. In a time when the EU strives for increased strategic autonomy, including in food production, this would not only strongly undermine the economic sustainability of the dairy chain, but would also lead to increased emissions due carbon leakage if production relocates outside of the EU.

The European dairy sector has already significantly reduced its emissions over the years (check our [EDA factsheet](#) on emissions and nutrient cycles in dairy) and is one of the least carbon-intensive dairy systems in the world. Moreover, our companies are frontrunners when it comes to environmental and climate targets, with commitments for emissions reduction by 2030 and climate neutrality by 2050.

We believe that other policy initiatives, such as carbon removal credits, could provide better incentives for emissions reduction in agriculture.

From 1990

to 2020



- ✓ 27% reduction in methane emissions from dairy enteric fermentation
- ✓ 13% reduction in GHG emissions from dairy manure management
- ✓ 85% increase in milk production/cow (kg milk/cow/day)
- ✓ Reduction in ammonia emissions, contributing to the overall downward trends of the European Union Members States

CLAL releases the latest dairy market Forecast and Outlook

Last week, EDA attended the Dairy Forecast & Outlook meeting hosted by CLAL, an Italian dairy economic consulting firm. Discussions highlighted the impact of climate change on global and EU dairy production, with droughts in the Mediterranean and heavy rains in Northern Europe.

In the animal feed market, corn prices fell due to increased supply, while soybean demand surged, resulting in high stock levels. Global milk supply saw a slight decline in late 2023 but is expected to rise by 0.39% from April to September 2024. EU cow's milk deliveries are projected to increase by 0.44%, with recoveries in key countries. Despite a modest rise in dairy product demand, EU dairy exports fell by 4.1% in early 2024, mainly due to decreased demand for skimmed milk powder. Butter prices surged, while the skimmed milk powder market improved. Edamer cheese prices rose, and whey prices rebounded. Forecasts indicate continued high butter prices and stable Edamer prices.

EWPA/EDA Webinar: Semicarbazide in dairy ingredients

On 15 May 2024, we organised a successful webinar on "Semicarbazide in dairy ingredients" - EWPA/EDA work towards a better regulatory solution and achieving best practices in the dairy industry". The webinar informed more than 60 participants on the 2-year project carried out by the European Whey Processors Association (EWPA) and European Dairy Association (EDA) on the regulatory challenge of limiting semicarbazide (SEM) in dairy ingredients.

Thanks to EWPA/EDA dedicated SEM Task Force lead by **Christian Bruun Kastrup** (Danish Dairy Board) and composed of experts at EWPA member companies, in March 2024 the EU Commission and Member States granted a legal exemption to dairy ingredients. The work of the Task Force, its impact on the dairy industry and next steps was presented by Prof. **Thom Huppertz** (Friesland Campina) who is a key member of the EWPA/EDA SEM Task Force. A recording of the webinar is [available here](#).

World Milk Day on 1 June!

World Milk Day was established in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to recognize the importance of milk as a global food and celebrate the dairy sector. This year, the World Milk Day celebration will take place on Saturday 1 June. Our focus for this year will be on the importance of EU dairy for the European economy, trade, and cultural and culinary traditions.

Visit our social media accounts on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for more information, like and share, and be sure to celebrate with a delicious glass of milk!





Webinar: India Whey Forward: Unlocking the Potential of Dairy Ingredients

EDA/EWPA's Trade and Economics Director, Laurens van Delft, will be one of the speakers at the upcoming webinar "[India Whey Forward: Unlocking the Potential of Dairy Ingredients](#)." This exclusive webinar, organized by consultancy Jordbrukare, will take place on June 21, 2024. **Laurens van Delft** will dive into the latest developments in whey production across Europe as we explore the market dynamics in two of the world's leading dairy regions. The webinar will also guide you through the current landscape of the Indian dairy industry and the exciting prospects it offers for international businesses. This webinar is a must-attend for anyone interested in the evolving landscape of whey products.

Register for ANFOPEIL cheesemaking training

Recognized for its expertise and professionalism, ANFOPEIL offers advanced training courses in dairy and cheese technologies.

The face-to-face training courses are provided in the National Dairy Industry Schools which have pilot equipment and processing workshops allowing adapted practical work and immersion in real production situations.

[Register here.](#)



Au revoir, cher Marco!



My favourite cheese is a special cheese from the French alps Bleu du Vercors-Sassenage

Marc-Florent Touati

EDA Trainee (March to May 2024)

