



The 2024 edition of our **EDA Annual Convention** will be hosted by our Italian member association **ASSOLATTE** in Rome on **14 and 15 November 2024** at the Westin Excelsior Hotel.

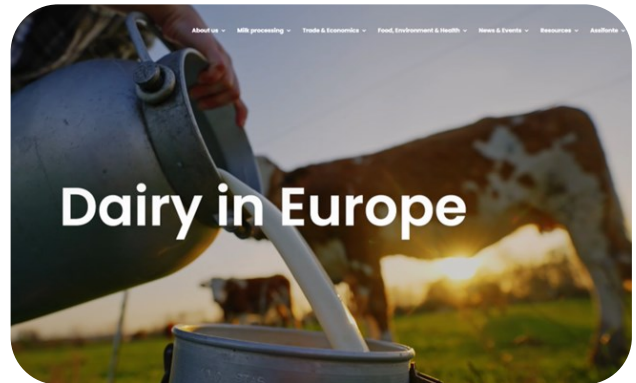
Speakers include: Italian Minister of agriculture **Francesco Lollobrigida**, MEP **Herbert Dorfmann** (EPP, IT), **Emmanuel Besnier** (CEO, Lactalis, FR), **Pat Murphy** (CEO, Kerry, IE), **Jan Vreugdenhil** (CEO, Vreugdenhil, NL), **James Neville** (CEO, Volac, UK), **Gianpiero Calzolari** (Chairman Granarolo Group, IT), **Esben Egede Rasmussen** (Managing Director, DDB, DK), Prof. **Guendalina Graffigna** (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, IT), **Giulia Leonardi** (Head of Sustainability, IGOR Gorgonzola, IT), **Tatiana Liceti**, (Executive VP Market Operation, Tetra Pak). Moderators: **Rose O'Donovan** (Agrafacts), **Kinga Adamaszwili** (EDA)

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Let's shape the future of our European *lactosphere* together! [See the full program here.](#)



We proudly present the new EDA website!



We are proud to present our new website. The website is designed to offer an enhanced user experience, easier navigation, and a fresh look. Whether you're looking for updates on our latest initiatives, upcoming events, or resources, the website will be an essential part of showcasing all that EDA has to offer.

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Next generation German dairy

Last week's General Assembly of our German member, Milchindustrie-Verband (MIV) in Lindau, Bavaria, was the occasion to bid MIV CEO **Eckhard Heuser** and MIV Managing Director Dr. **Jörg Rieke** farewell. After more than three decades of outstanding dedication to the dairy industry at the national, European, and international levels, Eckhard and Jörg will now enjoy their well-deserved retirement. With Dr. **Björn Börgermann**, the next generation of MIV leadership has taken command on the MIV bridge.

Dr. Björn Börgermann, Eckhard Heuser, Dr. Jörg Rieke and Alexander Anton

IDF World Dairy Summit Paris 2024

Congratulations to the French lactopshère for the perfect organisation of the IDF World Dairy Summit 2024 in Paris.



Handover of the IDF Presidency from Piercristiano Brazzale to Gilles Froment at the Louvre in Paris

"The 2024 edition of the global get-together of the dairy industry has been more than successful: with more than 1.600 delegates from 62 countries, we have shown the global power of dairy. A magnificent way to celebrate the 120 years of IDF and a unique moment in time to hand over the IDF presidency to **Gilles Froment** (lactalis, Canada)", stated outgoing President **Piercristiano Brazzale** (Brazzale spa), whose energy and commitment during his 4 years term were acclaimed by all participants.



Tassos Haniotis, Senior Guest Research Scholar (IIASA), Sophie Gregory, UK Dairy Farmer; and Pierre Bascou, Deputy Director-General, DG AGRI

Dairy in a changing world: GDP chair and Fonterra CEO **Miles Hurrell** welcomed the GDP members for the NOURISH meetings of [the Global Dairy Platform](#), where global dairy CEOs discussed the environmental progress of our industry, the geopolitical trends and food systems innovation with experts.

Dairy Sustainability Framework and Global Dairy Platform meetings in Paris

On the sidelines of the IDF World Dairy Summit, EDA's Alexander Anton chaired the Annual Meeting [of the DairySustainabilityFramework](#) (DSF), where Global Dairy Platform (GDP) CEO **Donald Moore** presented the global DSF Strategy 2025 – 2030.

"With DSF, we cover now close to 500.000 dairy farms with a total of more than 33 million dairy cows all over the world – our framework is robust and on that basis we can implement our 2030 strategy", concluded Donald Moore.

Exploring opportunities and challenges in dairy sustainability: Highlights from the IDF World Dairy Summit

One of the key topics at the recent International Dairy Federation (IDF) World Dairy Summit in Paris was sustainability in the dairy sector. EDA took part in discussions focused on both opportunities and challenges in this area. Panelists explored current sustainable practices and strategies to enhance environmental efforts, including financial solutions that encourage eco-friendly methods to boost GHG emissions reductions and biodiversity protection. Among the panelists, **Frédéric Chausson**, Head of External Relations and Sustainable Development at So-diaal and a member of the EDA Board, shared insights on the cooperative's sustainability model, highlighting the importance of financing the green transition in dairy.

Cheese Importers Association of America (CIAA) meets EDA

ASSOLATTE President **Paolo Zanetti**, along with our TEC co-chair **Lise Andreasen Høyer** (DDB), EDA's **Laurens van Delft**, and **Alexander Anton**, exchanged insights with our colleagues and friends from CIAA at the Paris SIAL last week.

"Cheese market and policy outlook were the main themes of our U.S. – EU meeting at SIAL in Paris last week – we agreed of a next meeting in January 2025 at the Las Vegas Fancy Food Show. At that time we will have a better picture of the EU – U.S. policy developments. And, of course, we know we can count on the support of CIAA for the organization of our EDA Washington DC door-knock in autumn 2025", stated ASSOLATTE President Paolo Zanetti.



Paolo Zanetti, Laura Lyden McGregor, CIAA Vice President, (Peterson Cheese), Andrea Berti, CIAA President, (Atalanta)

Regenerative agriculture: The "Future Fit Dairy Initiative"

Major European companies in the dairy value chain have announced the launch of the "Future Fit Dairy Initiative," aimed at promoting sustainable agricultural practices in dairy. Involving key stakeholders, the initiative exemplifies collaboration among actors across the supply chain.

By partnering with farmers, it seeks to strengthen the resilience of the dairy sector by accelerating the transition to regenerative agriculture, promoting practices that improve soil health, enhance biodiversity, and more. This effort represents a crucial step toward ensuring the long-term viability of the dairy sector.



Conor Mulvihill and Janusz Wojciechowski

EU Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski in Indonesia

*"To promote Europe's high standards of quality, safety, authenticity and sustainability of agri-food products worldwide, I continue my efforts until the end of my term in office" – this week, EU Commissioner for Agriculture **Janusz Wojciechowski** underlined his commitment in leading an agri-food business mission to Indonesia.*

"Indonesia is on track to become the fifth largest global economy by 2030 and a high income country by 2045 – and we are talking about a country with less than 40% self-sufficiency in milk and dairy today and a decreasing domestic milk production. Facilitating market access for European dairy is essential", stated **Conor Mulvihill** (CEO, Dairy Industries Ireland), the lead of the dairy delegation on that mission.

Commission latest agri-food trade report shows decline in dairy exports China

The report, covering EU agri-food trade from January to July 2024, shows an 8% increase in the EU agri-food trade surplus from the previous month, reaching €39.7 billion—an increase of €1.1 billion compared to the same period in 2023.

The EU exported dairy products, the second-largest export category, totaling €11.5 billion and imported €1.2 billion, resulting in a trade balance of €10.2 billion. Dairy product exports were 2% lower than in 2023, a decrease of €239 million.

This decrease can be attributed to the decline in EU exports to China, which dropped by €728 million in 2024, mainly due to reductions in frozen pig meat, skimmed milk powder, fresh dairy products, cereals, and cereal preparations.

EDA joins EU business declaration call for open trade for a prosperous future

EDA, together with 43 business associations, has issued a joint declaration, calling EU policy makers to facilitate an open and ambitious trade policy.

"As the European Parliament prepares for the confirmation hearings of the new Commissioners, the Open Trade Coalition is reiterating its call for a bold and open EU trade policy. First launched in July, the Coalition has grown into a group of 43 business associations, all of them united by the shared idea that trade openness is a key driver to keep the EU competitive, prosperous, and resilient in the face of global challenges. Trade openness must therefore become a top priority and veritable leitmotiv for the EU over the next five years."

Read the full [declaration here](#).

EDA attends DG AGRI's Outlook Workshop

Laurens van Delft, EDA's Director for Trade and Economics, attended DG AGRI's EU Agricultural Outlook Autumn Workshop on 24 October. This strategic event serves as a precursor to the upcoming EU Agri-Food Days scheduled for December. The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for EDA and other attendees to engage directly with the European Commission, fostering essential dialogue on future policy and market trends. During the event, **Mihály Himics** from DG AGRI presented a comprehensive overview of European market projections for milk and dairy products, offering insights into anticipated developments and challenges within the sector.

What's your preferred dairy product?



I like all the dairy products , and i consume all of them, but my favourite its the natural yogurt

Maria Grapini
MEP (S&D, IT)