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## Ukraine Dairy Business Conference 2024

Despite the catastrophic consequences of the Russian war against Ukraine, our partners in Ukraine have organized their annual Dairy Business Conference in Kyiv. SMPU Director General **Arsen Didur** welcomed the participants who made their way to Kyiv under extremely challenging circumstances. In his message, EDA President-elect **Albert de Groot** highlighted our long-standing cooperation with Ukraine's dairy sector: *"We are proud of our cooperation that was underlined two weeks ago by the signing of our joint statement with your EU Integration Committee, led by **Andriy Tabalov**".*

Ukrainian Minister for Agrarian Policy and Food, **Vitaliy Koval** stated in his key-note: *"In Ukraine we promote healthy diets, that's why we promote dairy for all consumer groups. Our dairy sector has incredible potential. And we also import European dairy, but we also produce very good dairy in Ukraine, so the consumer is free to choose. I ask all companies and associations to work to advance on our way to the European family – we need close ties at all levels with the European Union. I am in contact with the EU Commission every week – and I know that these are sometimes difficult talks, but that is the only way forward for us."*



Ukrainian Minister for Agrarian Policy and Food, Vitaliy Koval



## UK Court rules in favour of protection of dairy terms



Dairy UK recently won its appeal in a court case against the brand "Oatly" concerning the use of the trademark "Post Milk Generation." The ruling clarified the legal protection of dairy-related terms, affirming that the term "milk" is reserved exclusively for dairy milk, even when used within a trademark. At

the heart of the legal matter was whether these rules extend to trade marks, and the Court of Appeal has now confirmed this to be the case.

*"We're delighted that the Court of Appeal has ruled in favour of Dairy UK in the case regarding the trade mark "Post Milk Generation." This unanimous decision reinstates the Intellectual Property Office's original decision, which declared the trade mark invalid for oat-based products",* commented, Dr **Judith Bryans**, Chief Executive of Dairy UK.

## The International Dairy Magazine's coverage on the EDA Annual Convention 2024 in Rome

[Read it here](#)



## EDA at COP29: Advancing climate goals through animal health, innovation, and collaboration in the dairy sector



**COP29** On 18 November EDA hosted a key side event at the UN Climate Change Conference - COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan, titled "Animal Health, Mitigation, and Adaptation: Innovative Financing for Sustainable Livestock Development." Experts from organizations like the International Dairy Federation (IDF) and International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) emphasized how improving animal health is a cost-effective way to reduce GHG emissions and enhance farm resilience.

**Sophie Gregory**, an organic dairy farmer from England, highlighted the importance of incentivizing GHG reductions to make them economically viable for



*Sophie Gregory, Gilles Froment (IDF President) COP29 in Baku*

farms. She highlighted the potential of improving feed efficiency, amongst others, as an impactful and effective solution.

The event also explored how climate finance can support systemic change by integrating animal health into sustainable agriculture projects.

EDA was also invited to be a part of the COP29 side event "Unlocking Food System Innovations: Concrete Actions for Collaborative Impact,"

organized by the Dutch Government and the NGO "Clim-Eat".



*Alberto Babolin (EDA) at COP29*

EDA's **Alberto Babolin** in his contribution highlighted the dairy sector's role in sustainable food systems, emphasizing the industry's commitment to reducing emissions through innovation and collaboration across the value chain, aligning with the EU and global climate goals.

GHG reduction measures need appropriate regulatory support and funding to ensure scalability, and collective action is required to foster sustainability and resilience in agriculture.

Through collaboration and innovation, the European dairy sector aims to contribute to a climate-neutral EU by 2050, fostering resilience while meeting global demand for sustainable food.



*Esben Egede Rasmussen, Adrian Leip, Artur Runge-Metzger, Valeria Forlin, Friederike Hansen, Marie Eismann, Peter Wehrheim, Prof. Dr. Holger D. Thiele,*

## Valorisation of GHG emission reduction in the dairy value chain

Last week, EDA hosted a workshop on “Valorisation of GHG Emission Reduction in the Dairy Value Chain,” organized by the Institute of Food and Food Economics (IFE) and the University of Applied Sciences Kiel.

The workshop explored measures for reducing GHG emissions while ensuring the economic viability of dairy production. Participants analysed trade-offs and synergies between various strategies, emphasizing the need for a holistic approach to tackle GHG reduction in the dairy chain.

Innovation and bioeconomy were highlighted as key tools for achieving climate goals within the sector, along with the importance of adequate funding to support the green transition.

The event included interventions from **Artur Runge-Metzger** from the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, **Marie Eismann** and **Friederike Hansen** (Kiel University), as

well as contributions from **Esben Egede Rasmussen** (Danish Dairy Board), **Valeria Forlin**, **Peter Wehrheim** and **Adrian Leip** (EU Commission DG CLIMA and DG RESEARCH).

A panel discussion moderated by Prof. Dr. **Holger D. Thiele** included **Sanne Dekker** (FrieslandCampina) and **Maximilian Blum** (DMK), who shared insights into GHG reduction practices at company-level.

The European dairy sector is already one of the most efficient globally in terms of carbon footprint, and European dairies are frontrunners when it comes to climate action, with ambitious emissions reduction targets for 2030 and climate neutrality commitments by 2050.

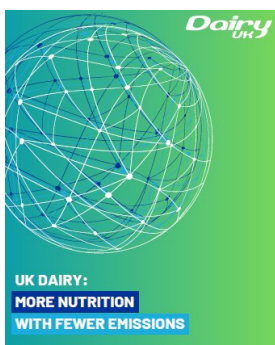


*Artur Runge-Metzger, Prof. Dr. Holger D. Thiele, Marie Eismann, Friederike Hansen*

## Increase dairy export to India

According to the CDG meeting on Animal Production, EU milk production has declined slightly this year, with stable deliveries overall and notable growth in regions like Australia, New Zealand. U.S. Prices remain elevated, driven by strong demand, although challenges persist, including declining interest in organic milk and ongoing trade tensions. EU dairy exports are performing well, with significant increases to India. A major focus of the meeting was China's anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations targeting EU pigmeat and dairy products. The European Commission is actively engaging in these politically charged cases. EDA fully supports the Commission's efforts and remains committed to coordinating closely to defend the interests of the European dairy sector.

## Dairy UK Report: dairy essential for sustainability and nutrition



On 13 November, Dairy UK presented the report "More Nutrition with Fewer Emissions" at the House of Lords, highlighting the key role of dairy in contributing to sustainable food systems. The report calls on policymakers to take a comprehensive view of the dairy sector, considering not only its nutritional benefits but also its role

in supporting rural and national economies and ensuring food security.

It is emphasized that unsound measures can adversely impact all aspects of sustainability. Cutting dairy consumption can raise the risk of malnutrition, and the dairy sector has the capacity to provide greater nutritional value while reducing emissions.

[Read the Dairy UK report](#)

## EDA at the European Food Safety Authority's Annual Stakeholder Forum

EDA attended the European Food Safety Authority's Annual Stakeholder Forum held in Brussels on 27 November. This year's theme, "Innovation in Food Safety: Navigating the Future Together," to engage with key stakeholders and discuss the future of food safety and innovation and benefit from thematic workshops focusing on digitalisation in food risk assessment, innovation in risk assessment methodologies, and the role of science and innovation in creating sustainable and competitive food systems.

## Dairy export boost to Canada according to EU

A report on DG AGRI on agri-food trade highlights that under CETA, EU dairy exports and other agri-food products to Canada has experienced a remarkable boost, with an estimated additional €400 million in exports attributed to preferential access. Similarly, the EPA facilitated a €267 million increase in EU exports to Japan, particularly in wine, animal products, and plant-based goods.

For the dairy sector, the report confirms increased export potential, especially for products benefiting from tariff rate quotas or reduced tariffs. These findings are essential for shaping future trade negotiations and ensuring balanced outcomes for the EU agri-food industry.

The European Commission's DG AGRI report analysed the evolution of EU bilateral agri-food trade flows from 2012 to 2023 under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with Canada and the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Japan.

## Join IDF's Joint Symposium on Dried Dairy and Recombined Milk Products

the International Dairy Federation Joint Symposium on Dairy Drying Technology and Recombined Milk Products in Cork, Ireland, will take place **13 to 15 May 2025**.

A content-rich 3-day agenda, delivered by renowned experts in their field, will highlight state-of-the-art research in the field of dairy powder production and subsequent recombined milk applications. The content will be applied in nature i.e. scientifically robust with strong relevance to real-world drying processes and powder applications.

The joint nature of the symposium brings together all stakeholders (academic and industrial) with an interest in powder production and use to engage and cultivate relationships with world-renowned researchers and each other.

[Learn more here.](#)

## New Greek cheese PGI

'**Τσαλαφουτι / Tsalafouti**' is a white spreadable cheese from Greece with a soft, creamy texture and a mild aroma reflecting the local herbs eaten by the animals that graze freely in the area. This cheese has been made since the 17th century at the south-central end of the Pinde mountain range, mainly from sheep's milk.



*Chair Walter Lederhilger with State Counciler Michaela Langer-Weninger, EDA's Alexander Anton and Director Dr. Norman Eichinger*

## Dairy cooperative meeting in Linz, Austria

"The Austrian dairy landscape is shaped by a cooperative structure. The Upper Austrian cooperative organization has a leading role there, that's why we host the Cooperative Dairy Meeting here in Linz", underlined Dr. **Norman Eichinger**. The speakers' list also included Upper Austria's State Councilor **Michaela Langer-Weininger**, who is leading the agricultural discussions in the negotiations to form a new national government in Austria.

## What's your preferred dairy product?



"I have always very much enjoyed drinking kefir and tasting different yoghurts or white cheese with herbs"

**Czesław Siekierski,**  
**Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland**