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Joint Statement on the European Parliament plenary vote on the Farm to Fork Strategy

Yesterday, the European Parliament voted on its Farm to Fork own initiative report. Food chain actors acknowledge the signal sent by this vote but regret the climate in which the vote took place. We talked about everything but the actual means and solutions when it comes to addressing the multiple blind spots this strategy has created.

Food chain actors all agree with the main goals set out in the Farm to Fork Strategy, we know that changes are necessary, and we remain committed to playing our part in the path towards a transition to a more sustainable food system. Indeed we are already all working in that direction. What we are currently lacking however is new tools and a clearer roadmap. The 2030 deadline is looming, and changes cannot be assimilated overnight.

We are now waiting for concrete proposals from the Commission, especially on the blind spots identified in the ongoing debate such as on the effects of carbon leakage, European strategic autonomy, or consumer prices. With this in mind we also welcome the clear signal sent by the Parliament calling on the European Commission to prepare a comprehensive impact assessment evaluating the impact of its strategy. The data overview presented by the Commission earlier this week[1] would be a great starting point for such a study.

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Agriculture and Progress – European Platform for Sustainable Agricultural Production

Agri-Food Chain Coalition – European agri-food chain joint initiative

AnimalHealthEurope - European Animal Medicines Industry

AVEC – European Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade

CEFS - European Association of Sugar Manufacturers

CEJA – European Council of Young Farmers

CEMA - European Agricultural Machinery Industry

CEPM – European Confederation of Maize Production

CEVI - European Confederation of Independent Winegrowers

CIBE - International Confederation of European Beet Growers

Clitravi - Liaison Centre for the Meat Processing Industry in the European Union

COCERAL - European association of trade in cereals, oilseeds, pulses, olive oil, oils and fats, animal feed and agrosupply

Copa-Cogeca - European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives

CropLife Europe - Europe's Crop Protection Industry

EBB - European Biodiesel Board

EDA – European Dairy Association

EFFAB - European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders

ELO - European Landowners’ Organization

European Livestock Voice – European Platform of the Livestock Food Chain (with the support of Carni Sostenibili)

Euro Foie Gras - European Federation of Foie Gras

EuropaBio – European Biotechnology Association

Euroseeds - European Seed Sector

ePURE - European Renewable Ethanol Industry

Fediol - European Vegetable Oil and Protein-Meal Industry Association

FEFAC - European Feed Manufacturers' Federation

Fertilizers Europe – European Fertilizer Producers

IBC – International Butchers’ Confederation

UECBV - European Livestock and Meat Trades Union

[1] https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/green-deal-2030-targets-and-agricultural-production-studies-2021-oct-18_en