

Vision for Agriculture and Food: The vital role of the EU fertilizer industry in ensuring sustainable food production and supply security

Brussels, 19 February 2025: Fertilizers Europe welcomes the European Commission's vision for agriculture and food which recognises fertilizers as essential for food production and supply security and acknowledges the urgent need to reduce strategic dependencies on non-EU producers. The European industry calls for a dedicated sectorial strategy to ensure that it remains internationally competitive while it continues to play an important role in decarbonising the agri-food value chain.

On 19 February 2025, the European Commission unveiled "A Vision for Agriculture and Food", outlining how economic, environmental and social sustainability in the agri-food sector can reinforce each other, particularly when supported by coherent policy measures.

"I am pleased to see that the European Commission's vision for agriculture and food recognizes key role of the EU fertilizer industry in ensuring a stable food supply while maintaining strategic autonomy. Our sector provides critical inputs that ensure food security through high quality and efficient production", said Antoine Hoxha, Director General of Fertilizers Europe.

He underlined *"Given the growing dependence on non-EU imports, it is imperative to reinforce domestic production capacities. I am therefore pleased that the Vision calls for reducing external dependencies and derisking supply chains while supporting local production to ensure Europe's strategic autonomy. As highlighted in the Vision, such a course of action is indeed a win-win for all parties: for the competitiveness of a clean European industry through support for domestic production of fertilizers and its transition to a low-carbon economy; for farmers who can count on a reliable supply of high-quality, sustainable products; and for the environment and climate through support for the uptake of low-carbon and recycled nutrients"*.

Hoxha concluded *"Moving quickly from vision to action is crucial to reinforce key parts of the domestic agri-food value chain. We are therefore committed to working hand-in-hand with policymakers, farmers and other stakeholders on policies and legislation that will create a healthy, sustainable and competitive agri-food sector in Europe"*.



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