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FEFAC releases 4th Feed Sustainability Charter Progress Report

On 13 September 2024, FEFAC published its [4th Feed Sustainability Progress Report](#), providing an overview of the past year's FEFAC activities and deliverables in relation to the five ambitions that were included in the [FEFAC Feed Sustainability Charter 2030](#), released in September 2020. These five ambitions jointly provide a comprehensive approach on how the European Feed Industry can contribute to the development of more sustainable livestock and aquaculture value chains. The past year was marked by discussions on the implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation and the views on Open Strategic Autonomy for feed ingredients, while the FEFAC Annual Event in June 2024 was largely dedicated to market & regulatory drivers to increase the circularity and reduce carbon emissions of EU livestock production.

In the 4th Progress Report, FEFAC also looks forward and included new commitments pertaining to each of the five ambitions for the years towards 2030. FEFAC considers that the initial commitments it included in the original Feed Sustainability Charter 2030 publication have been successfully delivered on and were subject to an update. FEFAC President Pedro Cordero: "Our updated commitments are well-timed with the start of the new, 2024–2029 legislative mandate of the European Commission. We demonstrate that the European feed industry is setting its own objectives to boost sustainable feed production and look forward to engage with policy makers on these topics".

The five ambition chapters are also linked up with the aspirational targets of the [EU Code of Conduct for Responsible Business & Marketing Practices](#), of which FEFAC is a signatory since 2021.

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 21 national Associations in 21 EU Member States as well as associate members in the UK, Switzerland, Turkiye and Norway, and the European associations EMFEMA and EFFPA. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 persons on app. 3,500 production sites often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
2. Farm animals in the EU-27 consume an estimated 830 million tonnes of feed a year, of which about 20% are produced by the compound feed manufacturers. Turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at € 55 billion.
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