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FEFAC's key recommendations on the new EU Vision for Agriculture and Food

FEFAC shared its initial reflection and sectoral recommendations regarding the role and contribution of the EU compound and premix manufacturers to the New Vision on Agriculture and Food with Mr. Christophe Hansen, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Food, and with the and Mr. Czeslaw Siekierski President of the EU AGRIFISH Council, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland.

FEFAC President Pedro Cordero considers that the “focus on enhancing food security for EU citizens and at global level through increased resilience of EU agricultural and food production systems, should be at the core of announced new EU “Vision on Agriculture and Food "in times of growing geopolitical tensions and escalating trade disputes”.

FEFAC's key sectoral recommendations take into account direct references to the crucial role of the EU feed sector for the integration of the livestock sector contributions to increase the circularity while mitigating climate impacts of EU Agri-food systems, laid down in the Strategic Dialogue on the future of EU agriculture.

1. Competitiveness of the EU livestock and feed sector:

- FEFAC calls for the promotion of advanced feeding techniques which can strengthen competitiveness of livestock production through increased efficiencies of feeding systems.
- FEFAC underlines the need to set realistic objectives for the supply of home-grown feed proteins

2. Contribution of the EU feed and livestock sector to Sustainable agricultural production systems:

- FEFAC calls for the prioritization of innovation in low emission circular feed solutions requiring a further adaption of the EU legislative framework.
- FEFAC highlights the need for the development of a comprehensive biomass balance sheet to enhance the efficiency of its circular bioeconomy.

3. Simplification measures to enhance the green transition of the livestock and feed sector:

- FEFAC calls for simplified eco-schemes supporting the take-up of sustainable feed solutions in livestock production systems.

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 23 national associations in the EU Member States, as well as associate members in the UK, Norway, Switzerland, and Turkey.
2. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 people on the approx 3,200 production sites, often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
3. Farm & Pet animals in the EU27 consume an estimated 644 million tonnes of feed per year, of which about 23% are produced by compound feed manufacturers. The turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at €50 billion.
4. For more information, see our website (www.fefac.eu) or please contact Alexander Döring, Secretary General Tel. +32-2-285.00.50, Fax +32-2-230.57.22, e-mail: fefac@fefac.eu.
5. The forecast for 2025 is subject to change. Updated data will be collected in autumn 2025.