

**ELTI** – *European Leaf Tobacco Interbranch* organization is the only transnational Interbranch Organization officially recognized by the EU Institutions under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in the agriculture-agribusiness sector according to the Regulation (EU) 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Single CMO) and to the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) n. 2016/232.

The founding Members of **ELTI** are:

- 🌿 **UNITAB** – *Union Internationale des Producteurs de Tabac* (International Union of Tobacco Growers) established in 1952, federates the EU (and Switzerland) tobacco growers' National Associations.
- 🌿 **FETRATAB** – *Fédération Européenne des Transformateurs de Tabac* (European Federation of Tobacco Processors) established in 1994, federates the EU raw tobacco industrial first and second processors and merchants National Associations/Companies.

**ELTI** members account for about 75% of all the EU raw tobacco grown, contracted and processed volumes, representing a unique and distinctive case in the EU agriculture panorama. **ELTI** main figures are:

- 🌿 **11** EU tobacco producing countries
- 🌿 **76,000** hectares of tobacco cultivated land
- 🌿 **150,000** tobacco tons delivered
- 🌿 **500** M€ tobacco farmers revenue
- 🌿 **12** National growers' Associations
- 🌿 **46** Producers Organisations/Cooperatives
- 🌿 **51,000** individual growers/farms
- 🌿 **4** first processors' National Associations
- 🌿 **18** first and second processing Companies
- 🌿 **350,000** workers (>50% women) + tens of thousands in associated jobs

**ELTI**'s main goal is to defend and stabilize the production of the EU leaf tobacco in every EU Member States.

**ELTI** agrees with the Commission to exclude raw unmanufactured tobacco from the excise tax system since it is an industrial by-product not for retail nor intended for the final consumers and actively cooperates with the Public Authorities to tackle the illicit tobacco market.

**ELTI** members are operative in: Italy, Spain, Poland, Greece, Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Germany, Portugal, Belgium and Switzerland.