

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.