



10. Questions to CDG members:

- How do you assess the EU activities taken so far to promote sustainable agriculture and food systems internationally?
- Could you share the activities of your organisation to promote sustainable agriculture and food systems internationally?
- What should the European Commission do in addition to existing activities?

(DG AGRI G1),

Ms Nelli HAJDU (CELCAA)

and other stakeholders' representatives willing to take the floor



„Promoting sustainable agriculture and food systems internationally“ –

Agri-Food Trade Perspectives

CDG International Aspects of Agriculture
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Our mission & vision

Our vision: Open, fair and sustainable agri-food trade

Our mission: is to ensure that agri-food trade is recognized as an essential pillar of sustainable and resilient EU food and farming systems.

Objective I: To facilitate a realistic perspective on „sustainable trade“and maintain a level of playing field between European and international endeveaours,

Objective II: secure a healthy environment for investment and innovation for sustainability as opportunity

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One last CELCAA Sustainability Working Group—and that's it for 2022! While everyone is gearing up for the holidays, we gathered today for the final time this year to discuss EU and international sustainability policies and sustainable agri-food trade with CEEV - Comité Vins UECEV - The European Livestock and Meat Trades Union Gafta: The Grain and Feed Trade Association Eucolait COCERAL FETRATAB (Fédération Européenne des Transformateurs de Tabac) Tea Herbal Infusions Europe, and EUWEP. Today's agenda: What unites and what differentiates us! More to come in 2023!



GUIDING THEME: What is „sustainable agri-food trade“ ?

Stockholding Session: CELCAA Sustainability Working Group:

1. EU-Agri-Food traders currently focusing on F2F policies with priority
2. Where is the “to” in Farm2Fork?
3. Which policies are substantial to achieve sustainable agri-food trade?

Science & research:

- EU-Project: „Making agricultural trade sustainable“
- FAO Report „State of commodity markets“
- „Preferred by nature“-Project

Outreach Multilateral:

- FAO Markets and Trade Division
- Meetings with various WTO Committees
- UNCTAD

Outreach Commission:

- With key units in DG AGRI, DG SANTÉ, DG TRADE and DG INTPA,

Cross-sectoral working group:

- Green Claims, Deforestation, Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, FSFS

Gradual integration in ongoing policy work:

- DAG Andean / Central America – TSD chapters
- Contribution Latin America Strategy / Foresight report

Reality check for agri-food trade & sustainability:

- Field trip to discover realities on the ground during our AGM in the NL

CELCAA Field Trip to the Netherlands
“Reality check for agri-food trade and sustainability”

1.



Food and nutrition security impacted by:

1. Climate change
2. Vulnerabilities in the supply chain

2.



Climate change will shift:

1. Production and trade patterns
2. Competitive advantages in food systems

3.



Need for sustainable „intensification“

1. Available tools?
2. Declining number of agricultural producers

Agri-Food Trade will play an increasingly important role in mitigating the effects of climate change, conflicts and exceptional global events



Definition: Limited guidance through research & science is preventing to define and to „redefine“ sustainable agri-food trade; leading concludingly to a „restrictive“ rather than opportunity-oriented regulatory environment



Disconnect: between the Multilateral, EU and stakeholder debate vs. the current policy space given to environmental challenges and trade is not enough to address the challenges of climate change



Fragmentation and missing harmonization of environmental standards: „Environmental sustainability“ is becoming a market access barrier; compliance and costs,



Changing trade patterns: Proven shifting of agri-food trade patterns caused by climate change and necessary „contingency“ planning are not a substantial part of the current policy debate



Competitiveness: Addressing reciprocity / economic sustainability / diverging / competitiveness concerns needs proactive, honest and innovative approaches & creative solutions



Agri-food trade contribution: Policy makers and food chain partners have not yet understood the contribution of agri-food trade to sustainable food systems



Better integration of the interest of agri-food trade in current EU policy developments & **better cohesion/coordination of policies through a designated contact point** in EU Policy Making



Considerations on Sustainability Equivalence as a concept: to ensure the practicability of EU (environmental) sustainability policies in a highly interconnected and globalised agri-food environment

1. Work towards recognition of mutual sustainability endeavours in FTA's as well as conceptually at multilateral level, building on experience with already existing models (e.g. SPS equivalence)



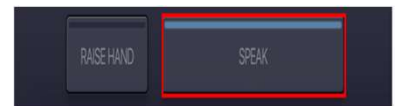
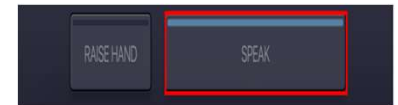
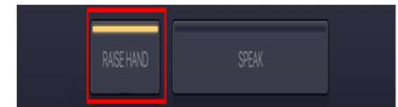
To further equip Sustainable Food Systems chapters: with concrete tools, cooperation and support mechanisms and systems of checks and balances;



Stronger multilateral engagement on trade/environment/sustainability elements in the sphere of agriculture/agri-food trade: as the impact on global agri-food production and trade is imminent; including stronger focus on harmonization and standard setting;

❖ QUESTIONS?

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Thank you



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