

# BETWEEN THE FARM AND THE FORK

HOW CAN THE STARCH INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTE TO A  
MORE SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM

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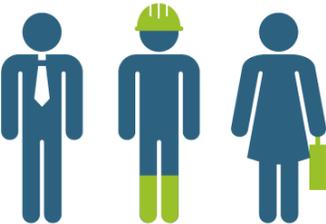
# KEY FIGURES OF THE INDUSTRY



**75** PLANTS



**24M** TONNES  
EU RAW MATERIALS



**15.000**  
JOBS



**60.000**  
FARMERS



**5M** Tonnes  
Native & Modified Starches



**6M** Tonnes  
Starch Derivatives



**> 5M** Tonnes  
Proteins & Fibres



**FOOD**  
**> 6M** Tonnes



**FEED**  
**5M** Tonnes



**NON-FOOD**  
**> 4.5M** Tonnes



**FUEL**  
**< 0.5M** Tonnes



## WE SUPPORT THE **FARM TO FORK** STRATEGY

## WE ARE A **ZERO-WASTE** INDUSTRY

- ❖ We produce ingredients to make food taste better, more nutritious and last longer
- ❖ We make a significant contribution to sustainable food systems

## IMPACT ASSESSMENTS **ARE NEEDED ON ALL NEW INITIATIVES**

- ❖ In current challenging environment, need to ensure that initiatives in no way impact food safety of food security



## INITIATIVES MUST LOOK **BEYOND FOOD**

- ❖ Serving all four outlets of the bioeconomy is what makes us zero-waste

## **EMBRACING INNOVATION IS FUNDAMENTAL**

- ❖ We welcome the additional funding for R&D, notably in bioeconomy and EU grown plant-based proteins
- ❖ Consumer acceptance is required, and all stakeholders have a crucial role in promoting importance for sustainability of food innovation

## **EU FARMERS NEED ACCESS TO ALL TOOLS**

- ❖ Pesticides play important role in guaranteeing food safety and crop yield
- ❖ Restrictions must be accompanied by alternative solutions, including clarity on use of new genomic techniques



## INITIATIVES **MUST BE BASED ON** ROBUST SCIENCE

## ALWAYS INNOVATING, MAKING **600 INGREDIENTS**

- ❖ We are innovating each day, to continue to make our more than 600 ingredients better
- ❖ Working constantly with our customers to help provide solutions to reformulate
- ❖ Must ensure that reformulation efforts make a genuine contribution to more sustainable diets, not just the label

## **LEVEL PLAYING FIELD** NEEDED TO COMPETE

- ❖ We welcome the Farm to Fork strategy's ambition to pursue Green Alliances on sustainable food systems and include an ambitious sustainability chapter in bilateral trade agreements
- ❖ If global level playing field can not be achieved, suitable mechanisms will be needed to ensure that EU starch producers can compete



**THANK YOU !**

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