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**Subject:** TR: Meeting with EU Sugar Manufacturers 27 November 11,00h - Main topics  
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Dear Mr Pinto Antunes,

Thank you very much to you and Mr Golubiewski for your availability to have a meeting with CEFS.

From our part there will be the participation of CEFS Secretariat together with experts from the EU sugar industry with horizontal strategic competences dealing with CAP, Agriculture and Food issues.

We would highly appreciate having your views on the EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork, how you work also with other Cabinets - Health and Climate – and present our main positions on these key topics for the EU sugar industry's competitiveness.

Please find below for your assessment some topics we would like to discuss with you together with our main stances :

**1. The relation between CAP and Farm to Fork/Green Deal**

- CEFS supports the objectives set by the Commission towards more sustainable food systems but the transition must be well calibrated in order not to leave sectors/people behind or create frustations.
- We are following the negotiations on the CAP post 2020 and support a CAP that considers the specificities of our sugar production and the unique relation with beet growers already set in the single CMO. The current balance should not be undermined.

**2. Targets related to Plant Protection Products, Organic production and New Breeding Techniques**

For CEFS:

- Any reduction of chemical PPPs must be accompanied by a clear framework that allows the development and use of new innovative techniques including biotechnology and the development of bio-based products which play a role in increasing sustainability, provided they are safe for consumers and the environment

- On organic production, setting an unrealistic compulsory EU target risk being counter-productive. To ensure the objectives set by the F2F and Biodiversity Strategies, there is a need for sufficient critical mass of sugar beet in order for factories to process efficiently organic beets. CEFS is ready to contribute to the EU organic action plan and has been asking proper enablers such as Ion Exchange Resins (IER) for sugar production and to avoid possible restriction on organic production.
- 3. The contribution of primary food processors such as the EU sugar industry to bioeconomy and to climate neutrality in 2050**
- As well as sugar, our industry's products include food ingredients, animal feed, green chemistry products, and renewable ethanol for food and non-food uses. The use of sugar beets in renewable materials requires investment and still faces high competition from traditional fossil-based products.
  - EU sugar manufacturers need the adequate legal and financial tools to reach the 2030 target and carbon neutrality in 2050.

For complete information you will find attached our brochure on Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies together with CEFS position on Climate neutrality. Both documents were already sent to Commissioner Wojciechowski.

**We would have you joining the meeting from 11,00h. After a brief presentation of our positions, an introduction from your part, we could have an exchange of views with questions. I hope the topics raised and the organization is fine for you.**

Could I ask you if also Mr Golubiewski will join the call and how much time you will be able to dedicate us?

If you think useful, we can also have a brief call to further discuss our meeting and don't hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Looking forward to exchange with you.

Kind regards.

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Objet : RE: CEFS' reply to the Public Consultation on the Roadmap of the Action Plan for the development of the organic production

Dear **Personal Data** <[redacted]>

Thank you for your e-mail and feedback on the roadmap of the forthcoming Organics Action Plan, addressed to myself and Mr Golubiewski, who also asked me to reply on his behalf.

We would be happy to schedule a virtual meeting to discuss some of the issues you raise. I copy my colleagues **Personal Data** who will come back to you to find a suitable date.

Best regards,



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Dear Mr. Golubiewski,

Dear Mr. Antunes,

Through the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategy the EU Commission sets an aspirational goal of reaching at least 25% of the EU agricultural land under organic farming by 2030. According to the Commission, this action aims to improve the sustainability of the food systems and address biodiversity loss.

CEFS generally support the ambitions enshrined in the Farm to Fork (F2F) and Biodiversity Strategies. EU Sugar Manufacturers have made impressive efforts over the years, financially and technologically, to become a global standard for sustainability in world sugar production. However, setting an unrealistic compulsory EU target risks to be counter-productive and could potentially destroy “new-born” markets such as for organic sugar.

The EU sugar sector is working hard to increase organic production of sugar and co-products and is looking forward to having the proper enablers and techniques compatible with organic sugar production to be authorised to foster such production in the EU.

Please find attached for your complete information and assessment CEFS's –Association of European Sugar Manufacturers – reply to the public consultation on the Roadmap of the Action Plan for the development of the organic production.

CEFS intends to continue contributing robustly to the upcoming discussions on Organic Production and calls on the Commission to consider what our sector has achieved over the years on social, economic, and environmental level regarding conventional sugar, establishing it as a leader in sustainably produced sugar.

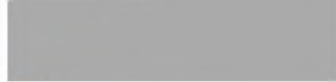
On the occasion of this email, we would like to request a meeting with you to discuss in further details our sector's challenges and contribution to the Commission's initiatives.

We look forward to continuing the dialogue on this issue and remain at your disposal for any further information you might need.

Best Regards,



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