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### **Food & Drink industry calls for pan-EU, competitive and well-funded CAP**

On the occasion of the publication of the Commission's Communication on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), FoodDrinkEurope wishes to reiterate the key principles on which the CAP should remain based:

- a truly ***common*** agricultural policy, to underpin a strong and well-functioning Single Market, i.e. fair competition among farmers across the EU. Since greater subsidiarity might be granted to Member States, the Commission should have a strong role in the assessment, approval and monitoring on the CAP strategic plans, to prevent any renationalisation;
- fair competition conditions among all economic operators along the food supply chain and a continued market orientation in agriculture. A more market-oriented CAP has contributed to improving the competitiveness of the agri-food sector and is the most efficient approach to improve the competitiveness of EU farmers;
- continued public support and existing safety-nets through the CAP budget to avoid disruptions in agricultural production. Investment support is also essential to strengthen EU agriculture and make it more resilient, while also encouraging a move to address climate change. This will require a common budget with appropriate funding in the Multi-annual Financial Framework (MFF) after 2020.

*Note to the editors:*

*FoodDrinkEurope is the organization of Europe's food and drink industry, the largest manufacturing sector and leading employer in the EU and a key contributor to its economy (289 000 companies, 99% SMEs, 4.2 million employees).*

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