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Press release

Making Europe a global bioeconomy leader

FEDIOL outlines its vision for the EU Mandate 2019-2024

Brussels, 10 June 2019 – On the occasion of its Annual General Assembly in Brussels this week, FEDIOL outlines its policy priorities for the future of the Agri-Food sector in Europe. In a vision document, the association highlights how the European protein and vegetable oil sector can contribute to Europe being a leader in the global bioeconomy.

The agri-food sector faces a perfect storm: increased global demand for food and severe pressure on agriculture due to factors such as climate change. Furthermore, Europe is facing a large deficit in protein-rich crops, while global demand for protein is expected to rise substantially in the coming years. FEDIOL's approach focuses on three key policy priorities:

- Fostering an environment for safety, quality and innovation in Europe, that ensures food safety standards, and empowers consumers to make informed choices on the back of evidence-based policy making.
- Driving sustainable use of agricultural raw materials in Europe by maximising the value of bio-materials and addressing Europe's protein deficit.
- Promoting responsible supply chains around the world, through trade and cooperation.

"As the EU enters a new legislative term which will be critical in shaping the future of Europe, we call on policymakers to support the transformation of our food system and unleash the potential of a sustainable bioeconomy" – said John Grossmann, FEDIOL's President. *"Meeting global demand for food in a sustainable way is the greatest challenge of our generation. With our manifesto, we present our vision for the future of the agri-food sector, and our commitment to engaging with supply chain partners, policymakers and other stakeholders to find collective responses to common challenges."* Grossmann added.

You can find our Manifesto [here](#).

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Note to editors:

FEDIOL, the EU vegetable oil and protein meal industry association, represents the interests of the European seed and bean crushers, meal producers, vegetable oils producers and refiners. FEDIOL's members are national associations in Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands and the UK. With about 180 facilities in Europe, the sector provides 20.000 direct employments. Its members process approximately 55 million tonnes of basic products a year, both of EU origin and imported from third country markets. The sector processes notably rapeseed, sunflower seed, soybeans and linseed into oils and meals for food, feed, technical and energy uses essentially on the European market. It also imports crude oils, like palm oil and sun oil, for further refining.

More information can be found on the [FEDIOL website](#).