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FEDIOL messages on the EU Code of Conduct on responsible food business and marketing practices

FEDIOL is the European federation representing the interests of the European vegetable oil and protein meal industry. Directly and indirectly, FEDIOL covers about 180 processing sites that crush oilseeds and/or refine crude vegetable oils and fats. These plants belong to around 80 companies. It is estimated that 85% of the sector's activities are covered by the FEDIOL membership structure.

FEDIOL recognizes the importance of accelerating the transition towards an EU sustainable food system. Through the processing of agricultural raw materials, our sector contributes to the production of food and feed as well as to bio-chemicals, biofuels and other bio-materials. It provides a clear value added in terms of the management of food and feed safety risks and contributes to affordable prices for consumers.

FEDIOL is following closely developments linked to the Farm to Fork strategy and to the Green Deal. Our association is actively working on several topics ranging from food safety, nutrition and food labelling, sustainability, environmental and trade issues. We have therefore engaged actively in the process which led to the creation of the EU Code of Conduct on responsible food business and marketing practices, by contributing to the work of the Task Force 2 in particular.

Considering the work undertaken and referring to section 1.4 a) §1 and 2 of the EU Code of Conduct final draft dated 15 June 2021 and acknowledging the expectations towards European associations signatories, FEDIOL confirms its intention to sign the EU Code of Conduct and will have an active contribution to the achievement of the following aspirational objectives:

- Aspirational objective #1: Healthy, balanced and sustainable diets for all European consumers, thereby contributing to: 1) Reversing malnutrition and diet-related non communicable diseases (NCDs) in the EU 2) Reducing the environmental footprint of food consumption by 2030;
- Aspirational objective #3: A climate neutral food chain in Europe by 2050;
- Aspirational objective #4: An optimised circular and resource-efficient food chain in Europe;
- Aspirational objective #7: Sustainable sourcing in food supply chains.

FEDIOL looks forward to working in the new framework established under this Code and welcomes the Commission involvement in this issue.