



FEDIOL

Annual Report 2021-2022



Introduction

Dear friends and colleagues,

At the closing of this year of activities, the war triggered by Russia in Ukraine is on everyone's mind, its atrocities, human tragedies, humanitarian crisis. This conflict has far-reaching repercussions. The crisis has put renewed focus on security of supplies for food but also energy, exposing our dependence on fossil energy and on the insufficient availability of renewables. With fears for food security back on the global agenda, as well as the food and fuel arguments, rolling out Green Deal policies for the energy transition, has become more pressing, but not less challenging, when they are known to affect food production and availability of supplies and trade has been affected by the war and by export restrictions.

With the climate package, the fit-for-55, including the proposals to adapt the emissions trading system (ETS) and the renewable energy directive (REDII) moving into co-decision, FEDIOL has been considerably more active at Parliament and Council level. The proposed deforestation-free regulation also required intense engagement with policymakers. While these processes in Parliament are still running, other Commission proposals have already been submitted or are soon to follow, i.e. the corporate sustainable governance directive submitted earlier this year, the proposed revision of the industrial emissions directive, the Front-of-Pack nutrition labelling, date marking and country of origin.

Our food safety related work has continued with a similar intensity, including data collection and processing, monitoring of scientific developments and engagement on analytics ahead of the EFSA opinion on mineral oils.

During the past year, the FEDIOL team has faced substantial changes with two departures and three new arrivals, who have been given little time to adjust.

Enhancing our ability to engage and carry out more advocacy work in Parliament and at Council level proved critical and will continue as the regulatory activity is set to continue over the legislative period. We look forward to continuing our engagement and cooperation on numerous files with policymakers and stakeholders.

Jordi Costa – President



Facts & Figures

85%
of the market

180
plants

70
companies

20 000
jobs

25.1
billion € turnover

41.2 MT
oilseeds crushed

27 MT
meals produced

18.4 MT
oils refined
of which

6.7MT
tropical oils

Milestones

18-06-21

Submission of the FEDIOL dossier on Nutriscore

5-07-21

FEDIOL signs the EU Code of Conduct on Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices



13-09-21

Release of the Kiel University impact assessment of the Green Deal

06-10-21

FEDIOL releases its 2020 Responsible Soy Monitoring



17-11-21

Joint COCERAL- FEDIOL - FEFAC reaction to the EC proposed regulation to fight deforestation



9-12-21

FEDIOL speaks @26th EFSA discussion group on emerging risks on food safety challenges

13-12-21

Joint FEDIOL-FEFAC-COCERAL workshop on new genomic techniques



23-02-22

FEDIOL speaks @DG SANTE stakeholder forum on 3-MCPDE and GE



4-03-22

Press statement on the critical sunflower oil supply as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine



23-03-2022

Kick-off meeting of the European Food Security Crisis preparedness and response Mechanism - EFSCM - group

25-04-22

FEDIOLwebinar on optimized circular resource-efficient food chain in the EU

17-05-22

Publication of the updated FEDIOL Food and Feed Safety Chain Risk Assessments



24-05-22

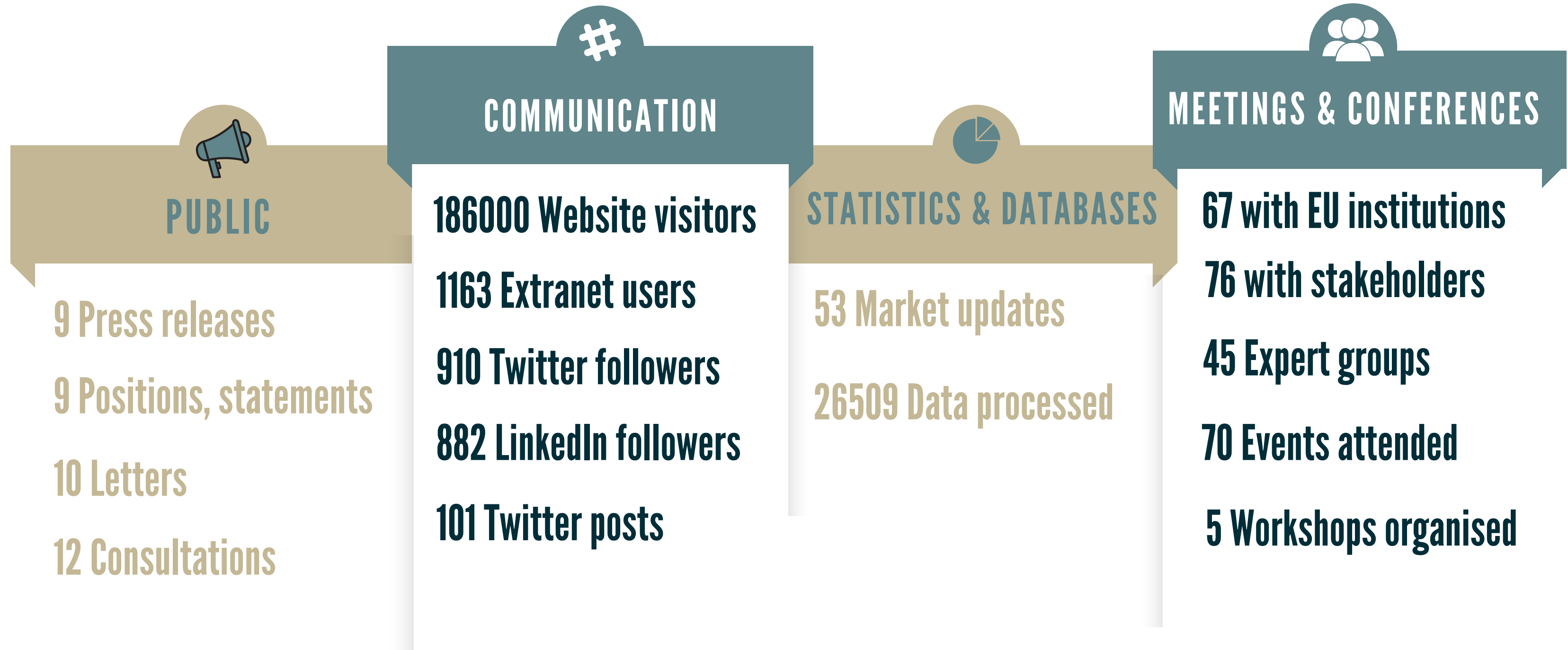
EP event on deforestation-free EU supply chains

17-06-22

Publication of FEDIOL method for environmental life cycle assessment of food and feed, an accompanying report and Excel tool.



FEDIOL in action



FEDIOL responses to EC consultations

Jul-21

Draft Implementing Act on the rules to verify sustainability and GHG emissions saving criteria and low indirect land-use change-risk criteria

Jul-21

Public consultation on revised Climate, Energy and Environmental Aid Guidelines (CEEAG)

Aug-21

Commission Public Consultation on Agricultural products – revision of EU marketing standards

Sep-21

Stakeholder consultation on the Draft Information note on Article 20 of Reg(EC) No 396/2005 as regards processing factors and composite food and feed

Oct-21

Commission Inception Impact Assessment for plants produced by certain new genomic techniques

Oct-21

Commission Inception Impact Assessment regarding the Sustainable Food System Framework Initiative

Nov-21

Commission Inception Impact Assessment on Climate change – updating the EU emissions trading system (ETS)

Nov-21

EC open consultation on RED II review

Jan-22

Targeted consultation on 3-MCPD and GE in final food products

Feb-22

EC consultation on Max. dimensions in national / international traffic & weights in international traffic of certain road vehicles in the EU

Feb-22

FIC Regulation impact assessment survey

Mar-22

Commission public consultation on the Revision of EU legislation on Food Information to Consumers

Green Deal and cross cutting issues

Farm to Fork strategy assessed

Through the involvement of FEDIOL in the co-financing of the German Grain Club initiative in the Kiel University study aimed at assessing the Green Deal and Farm-2-Fork objectives, members got a comprehensive vision on the likely outcome of the strategy for the sector and more generally for the food supply chains. The study was presented in September 2021 and fuelled EU-wide and national debates around the Farm-2-Fork strategy as several other assessments were released at the same time. The study by Kiel University highlighted that if implemented without mitigating measures, the farm-to fork strategy would lead to a significant drop in EU agricultural production. For cereals and oilseeds, the reduction would be around 20 %, while prices for agricultural products would rise, between 10 and 20 per cent for oilseeds.

Code of conduct signature and implementation

The code of conduct for responsible food businesses and marketing practices, is an important part of the implementation of the Farm to Fork approach. FEDIOL signed up to the code and launched a roadmap to implement the most relevant aspirational objectives for the crushing and refining sector. Since then, progress is being made through different initiatives targeting nutrition, sustainability and greenhouse gas emissions. A webinar has been held for FEDIOL members on resource-efficient food chains. An LCA study has been completed on the PEF approach to help companies address and improve their environmental performance. The annual report on the Code of Conduct, submitted in April 2022 provides a first overview of the efforts.

Sustainable Food System

FEDIOL participated in the EU consultation preparing for the regulation on sustainable food systems. Responding to the Commission's questionnaire which is literally crossing over all FEDIOL subjects, we highlighted the need to come up with a clear plan – highlighting important trade-offs depending on the direction taken. Such a plan should be accompanied by education and communication on how the EU food and feed system works and how it should evolve. FEDIOL also provided detailed suggestions on how to address a number of sub-items covered by the questionnaire – regarding definitions, sustainability, labelling, nutrition and the role of imports.

Transforming the food system towards more sustainability

Food & Feed Safety

Mineral oil: occurrence, analytics, regulatory anticipation

Mineral oil is widely present in our environment, the risk of contamination of our food through multiple pathways has been established and action must be undertaken to reduce and limit the incidence of mineral oil in our food chain. With the outlook on the new EFSA opinion towards the end of 2022, FEDIOL continued to engage on several MOH-related topics, including analytics, data collection, toxicology, comment on pre-regulatory action, and outreach to third country missions to alert about up-coming legislation. FEDIOL continued to raise its voice with EFSA, Commission services and JRC to highlight concerns on analytics and prepare the ground for up-coming regulatory activity.

3-MCPD esters and Glycidyl esters

FEDIOL continued an intensive engagement towards the Commission and Member States and prevented the occurrence of 3-MCPDE and GE to be considered as coming from vegetable oils and fats only, as was the initial Commission intention when discussing the setting of additional Maximum Levels for final food products. Comprehensive argumentations, backed by evidence and data helped making the case that setting 3-MCPDE and GE levels in final food products, while they exist already on ingredients would lead to serious implementation issues. It proved essential to reiterate industry's efforts over the past years and underline the issues with implementation, whilst proposing a concrete legal alternative approach. Discussions on how to address 3-MCPD and GE in final foods are still ongoing and FEDIOL will continue engaging closely.



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Food and feed chain risk assessments

FEDIOL updated the industry's food and feed safety chain risk assessments (RAs) and released them on its website.

These risk assessments produced by commodity serve as a source of knowledge on food and feed safety control for FEDIOL member companies and all other stakeholders in the supply chains of vegetable oils and fats and protein meals. They are also critical part of the EFISC.GTP feed and food safety certification standard.

Pesticide residues and transfer factors

FEDIOL continued engaging closely into the EU pesticides debates, both the policy related streams and technical discussions. It particularly achieved to get several of its comments included in the Commission's note on processing factors. FEDIOL also continued its data collection effort to provide members with a snapshot of the main critical pesticides per botanical origin.



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Meaningful labelling

Country of origin labelling

The revision of the FIC Regulation entailed public consultation on country-of-origin labelling and date marking. FEDIOL provided detailed input to the Commission public consultation and to the impact assessment in March 2022.

Absence of meaningful information for vegetable oils and important implementation costs have contributed to prevent vegetable oils and fats from being targeted so far by the ongoing discussions on the setting of mandatory COOL.

Diets, nutrition, front of pack labelling

FEDIOL proactively engaged on FOP Nutrition Labelling and Nutrient Profiles and provided input to the ongoing consultation ahead of the revision of the Food Information to Consumer (FIC) legislation, particularly highlighting the impossibility to reformulate single vegetable oils. Based on its detailed proposal, FEDIOL introduced a modification dossier to the owners of the Nutriscore system, including a detailed analysis of all available evidence from national, EU and international authorities to support FEDIOL's request to favour unsaturated fats and give the possibility for some vegetable oils and fats to get a "B" scoring. Initial signals released at the beginning of 2022 provided some positive light on a possible revision of the existing algorithm for vegetable oils and fats high in unsaturated fats/PUFA.

Serving Size ½ cup (125g)
Servings Per Container about 3.5

Amount Per Serving	
Calories 100	Calories from Fat 5
	% DV*
Total Fat 0.5g	1%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	
Protein 2g	
Vitamin A 0%	Vitamin C 2%
Calcium 0%	Iron 2%

*Percent Daily Values (DV) are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Driving Europe's climate neutrality and sustainability ambitions

Environmental footprint or LCA methods

The long-term engagement of FEDIOL in the LCA activity not only brought an enhanced knowledge of the strength and weakness of these methodologies, but now also delivered an up-dated report on the sector's environmental performance. Upon completion of the FEDIOL Product Environmental Footprint project for products from crushing and refining, members in the industry are better prepared for a future of thoroughly substantiated green claims. This contributes to thinking on proper policies around green claims.



Preparing for enhanced EU climate ambitions towards 2030

FEDIOL enhanced members' understanding and anticipation of possible implications of strengthened EU climate and energy policies by reaching out to the European Parliament with PFP colleagues on the 25% cut in free allowances. Failing to implement recommendations made in an energy audit would not only be contrary to meeting the spirit of the EU emission trading scheme (ETS) but negatively affect companies. Similarly, FEDIOL conveyed the need for keeping a favourable treatment on the energetic self-use of biomass under the Renewable Energy Directive, ETS and energy taxation directive (ETD).

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Mainstream sustainable supplies for palm oil and soybeans

Building on member companies' experience, FEDIOL maintained its engagement in multi-stakeholder fora enhancing dialogue on sustainability in relevant commodity supply chains. FEDIOL participated in the OECD-FAO MS-WG on Deforestation in Agricultural Supply to participate in the elaboration of the draft OECD-FAO Handbook on Deforestation, Forest Degradation and Due Diligence in Agricultural Supply Chains.

These active involvements provided opportunities to share commodity-specific expertise about voluntary supply chain transformation and to underline how to overcome problems with the legislation on deforestation-free supply chains and its future implementation (see also next chapter).



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Ensure functionality and sustainability in agri-food markets

Available and sustainable resources

Coping with the consequences of the war in Ukraine

FEDIOL's involvement in the expert exchanges during the Ukraine crisis on market situations helped enhance transparency and address misinformation. Whereas markets at the beginning of the crisis were particularly tight, companies did their utmost to find alternative sources of supplies, even if this required a diversion from non-food markets to the food uses. Limited regulatory adjustments, without risk for human health added further flexibility. Rapid reaction on the markets helped lift the pressure and reduced prices in a notable manner. FEDIOL was frequently consulted by stakeholders, Commission services and media since the beginning of the war in Ukraine.

Action against deforestation

FEDIOL produced, jointly with COCERAL and FEFAC, a position paper in reaction to the Commission's proposal on deforestation-free supply chains, highlighting the negative impacts of some of the proposed measures and providing suggested solutions to prevent such impacts. Given the specificities of the challenges in the soy and palm oil sectors, we proposed adapted solutions to meet the Regulation's objectives. FEDIOL's intense engagement with EU policymakers and stakeholders raised awareness on the implications of the EU deforestation file for the work of the sector in delivering deforestation-free commodities and products and in continuing its engagement in support of more sustainable production practices.

Innovation in crops and technical applications

Responding first to the Commission Roadmap consultation on New Genomic Techniques (NGTs), FEDIOL developed, together with COCERAL, a joint statement on the NGT initiative and provided some top-line expectations with regard to the upcoming regulatory approach. Ahead of the announced targeted stakeholder consultation and upcoming regulatory activity, FEDIOL's action aimed at maintaining momentum, underlining the benefits of NGTs for the F2F strategy and scoping the critical aspects for the regulation.



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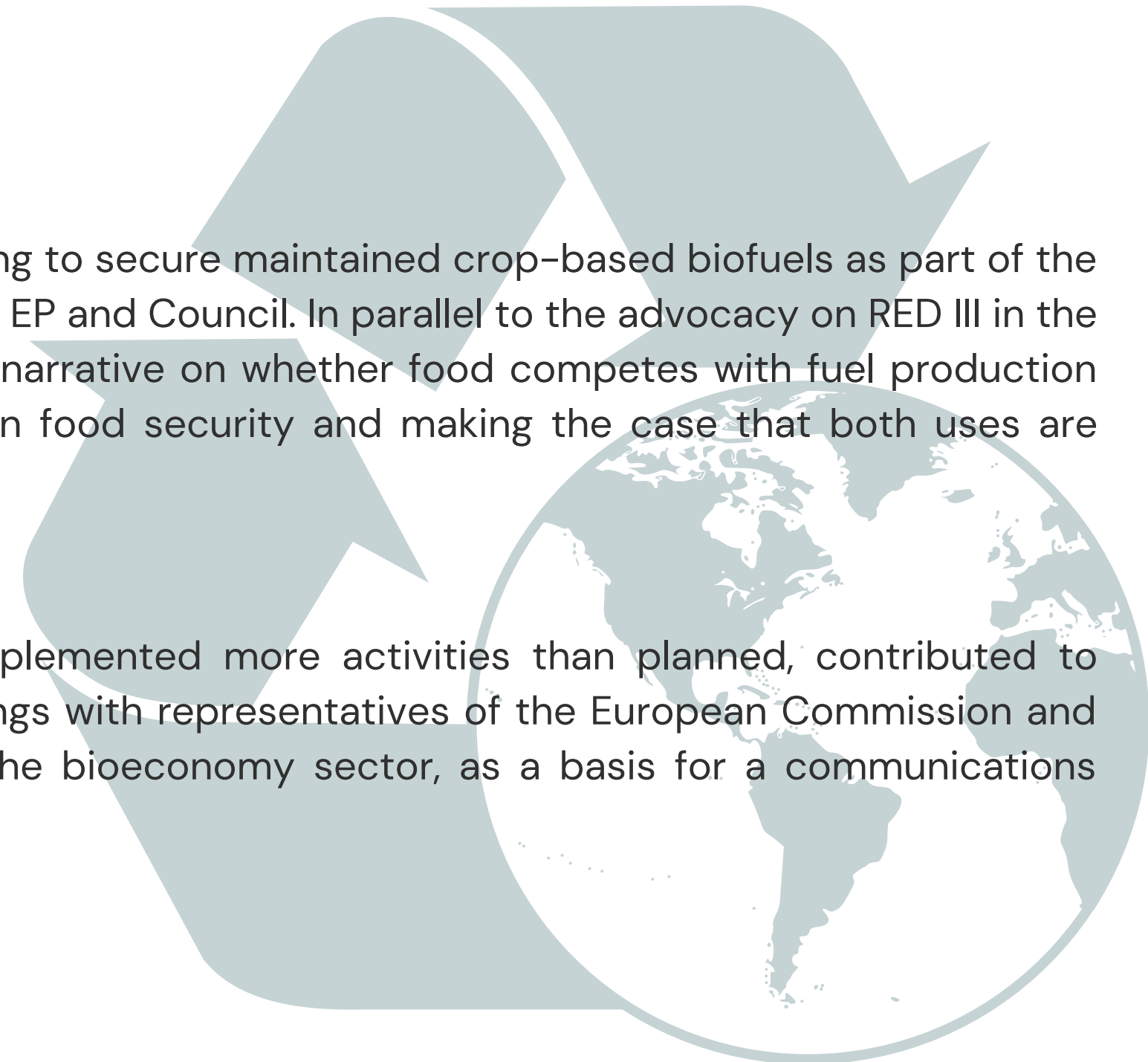
Functioning markets

Renewable Energy Directive (RED III)

FEDIOL's activity was carried out in parallel to the EU Biofuels Chain action leading to secure maintained crop-based biofuels as part of the renewable energy mix under the Renewable Energy Directive as discussed in the EP and Council. In parallel to the advocacy on RED III in the European Parliament, FEDIOL and the EU Biofuels Chain sought to balance the narrative on whether food competes with fuel production through different statements on the European Commission Communication on food security and making the case that both uses are complementary.

Bioeconomy as a cornerstone of enhanced circularity

EUBA, the European Bioeconomy Alliance of which FEDIOL is a member, implemented more activities than planned, contributed to changing the wording in legislative texts (taxonomy delegated act), held meetings with representatives of the European Commission and produced a science-based paper with facts and figures on the benefits of the bioeconomy sector, as a basis for a communications campaign.



Meet Our Team



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