

PRESS INFORMATION



European Dairy Association organises EU Policy Seminar 'A Global Dairy Agenda for Action – Climate Change'.

The European Dairy Association (EDA) organises this Thursday afternoon in Brussels an EU Policy Seminar on the Global Dairy Agenda for Action on Climate Change. Following the signing of the Dairy Global Declaration on Climate Change last month in Berlin, this seminar will zoom into the past and future actions of the European dairy industry in the context of Climate Change.

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Last month the worldwide dairy industry signed the Global Declaration on Climate Change in Berlin. As a follow-up action to the Berlin happening, the EDA now organises this EU Policy Seminar in Brussels. At this occasion, the plans and actions of the European dairy industry in the particular context of Climate Change will be presented and discussed.

Dairy products and climate change

It is common knowledge that dairy products provide good health and well-being of people all over the world. Dairy foods deliver essential nutritional building blocks, while the production and processing of dairy products provides employment, especially in rural areas.

The production and consumption of milk and other dairy products also have an impact on the environment, amongst other through the emission of greenhouse gases. The dairy industry has however, already in an early stage, taken initiatives to reduce any greenhouse gas emissions related to the dairy chain. In preparation of the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, the global dairy industry has decided to coordinate all relevant actions to improve and accelerate the ongoing work.

The objectives and scope of the global dairy industry's initiatives are to be consulted on www.dairy-sustainability-initiative.org.



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EU Policy Seminar: programme

Very recently, on 24 September 2009, EDA already co-signed the Dairy Global Declaration on Climate Change in Berlin, an industry pledge to reduce carbon emissions to contribute in helping address global warming. As a follow-up action, EDA now organises an EU Policy Seminar on 29 October in Brussels to discuss the past and future actions of the European dairy industry in this context.

A first part of the afternoon will focus specifically on the actions and initiatives of EDA and the European dairy sector, a second part of the session will be devoted to political responses, inviting speakers from the EU-Presidency and the European Commission.

Practical details:

EU Policy Seminar: "A Global Dairy Agenda for Action- Climate Change"

29 October 2009, 14.00-18.00

Radisson Blu EU Hotel, Rue d'Idalie, 35, 1050 Brussels

For more information and registration for this seminar, see the EDA website: <http://www.euromilk.org/eda/events.aspx?cid=17>

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION

The European Dairy Association represents the interests of dairy processors in the European Union. The membership of the EDA consists of the national trade associations for dairy processors in each EU Member State.

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