

CELCAA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY POST- COVID-19

To support EU agri-food traders in their crucial role to ensure food security in the EU and worldwide, CELCAA calls on EU Institutions and national leaders to:

1. PROTECT THE INTERNAL MARKET

- ➔ Strengthen the EU single market as an enabler for an ambitious EU post Covid-19 Recovery Plan;
- ➔ Remove the remaining trade obstacles as soon as the pandemic is under control, in order to let the single market be fully functional again;
- ➔ Defend the integrity of the EU single market to ensure the EU economic stability and success;
- ➔ Lead and coordinate a European and global action to remove export barriers or export bans in agri-food trade and stop any unnecessary protectionist attempts on agri-trade that could further disrupt trade flows;
- ➔ Recognise the value of traders and producers as part of the economic recovery for the vitality of rural areas in the European Union.

2. SUPPORT THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN

- ➔ Ensure that global supply chains remain open and unharmed by opportunistic talk of protectionism;
- ➔ Encourage open borders for agri-food trade and keep market access as a crucial element for food security for the EU and globally;
- ➔ Urgently reinstate normal trading conditions to avoid the loss of many jobs and closure of production sites;
- ➔ Recognise the role of trade as a vector to circularity and sustainability of all agri-food products using the resources in a positive way;
- ➔ Facilitate global supply chains through the flexibility of customs process and actively promote the transition to electronic transmission of documentation.

3. PROMOTE TRADE FOR THE EU ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- ➔ Promote trade as vector to EU economic recovery;
- ➔ Maintain the ambitious EU trade policy based on the opening of new markets as part of the EU post Covid-19 Recovery;
- ➔ Nominate swiftly the EU Chief Enforcement Trade Officer and give her/him effective power;
- ➔ Prioritise the implementation of existing Free Trade Agreements, with a specific effort to tackle the trade dispute with the USA;
- ➔ Lead the reform of the World Trade Organisation and build a strong global trade rule-book;
- ➔ Reaffirm the crucial role of trade to match supply and demand in a circular economy system in the Farm to Fork Strategy. Europe should lead the way towards more sustainable food systems but this has to be combined with openness towards the rest of the world;
- ➔ Reiterate the importance of exports for the economic sustainability of the EU agricultural sector and of EU rural areas and for EU trade balance.



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