

## **FoodDrinkEurope statement on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy**

**(Brussels, 2 February 2017)** FoodDrinkEurope supports a Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) which promotes competitive and sustainable food production systems.

In the EU, food and drink companies work with 27 million professionals upstream and downstream, including 11 million farmers. All partners in the food chain must participate to address the challenges of food production. The CAP is one of the key policies impacting the growth of our industry and it is of crucial importance for ensuring the security of agricultural raw materials' supply for the EU food and drink industry.

We welcome Commissioner Hogan's announcement today to hold a public consultation with all stakeholders and we look forward to contributing.

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### Note to the editors:

#### **The food and drink industry is crucial in the CAP debate:**

- It buys 70% of EU agricultural raw materials to process them into safe and nutritious products
- It contributes 28% of the food supply chain turnover
- It represents 18% of jobs

The industry can therefore play a central role in moving the food chain towards improved competitiveness and sustainability. The CAP should help farmers and industry share values and pursue common objectives.

*FoodDrinkEurope is the organisation of Europe's food and drink industry, the largest manufacturing sector and leading employer in the EU and a key contributor to its economy (286 000 companies, 99% SMEs, 4.2 million employees).*

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