



## ***CLIMMAR – CEMA- CEETTAR- COPA COGECA***

### ***Joint Statement***

### ***on the future COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY – CAP 2021-2027***

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All European citizens depend and rely on a well-functioning and competitive agricultural sector that provides safe, quality, nutritious food produced sustainably throughout the EU territory.

Society also demands for food to be produced in a manner that protects the countryside, the environment, animal welfare, that enhances biodiversity and contributes to combatting climate change. Family farms, agricultural cooperatives, contractors and other agricultural undertakings in all their diversity play a key role in achieving these objectives.

The signatories strongly believe that the future of the EU requires a more ambitious budget than the one proposed by the European Commission. One that calls for a higher level of commitment by Member States; one that will deliver on the Union's challenges and priorities; one that will not undermine nor put at stake current common policies such as the CAP. One that is commensurate with farmers' delivering a higher level of ambition for the environment and the climate.

We believe that the CAP budget represents a very small investment that in return provides substantial and wide-ranging gains for European citizens which are sometimes taken for granted. If we are to maintain these benefits, we must also continue to have a strong CAP backed by a strong budget.

This is how the ambitious targets for the climate, environment, competitiveness, growth and jobs can be met all the while looking at modernising the agricultural sector through investments and innovative technologies (digital and other).

The CAP is the foundation of the European Union and must remain a strong, common and adequately financed policy.

Farmers, their cooperatives, as well as manufacturers, dealers and contractors of agricultural & forestry machines and service in the agri-food supply chain are ready and willing to do their utmost to get the European Union on a more solid economic footing.

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#### **CLIMMAR**

Founded in 1953, CLIMMAR is the international distributor's network of 16 national associations currently representing 19.185 dealers and 158.799 dealer employees in the European Agricultural Machinery and Equipment sector. CLIMMAR stands for *Centre de Liaison Internationale des Marchands de Machines Agricoles et Réparateurs*.

#### **CEMA**

CEMA aisbl [www.cema-agri.org](http://www.cema-agri.org) is the association representing the European agricultural machinery industry. With 11 national member associations, the CEMA network represents both large multinational companies and numerous European SMEs active in this sector. The industry comprises about 7,000 manufacturers, producing more than 450 different types of machines with an annual turnover of about €40 billion (EU28 - 2016) and 150,000 direct employees. CEMA companies produce a large range of machines that cover any activity in the field from seeding to harvesting, as well as equipment for livestock management.

#### **CEETTAR**

The European Confederation of Agricultural, Rural and Forestry Contractors CEETTAR, established in 1961, represents about 150,000 companies and nearly 600,000 workers. It aims to represent the interests of land-based contractors in Europe. In 2014, the European Network of Forestry Entrepreneurs decided to merge with CEETTAR, resulting in a stronger and more representative single organisation representing land-based contractors at EU level.

#### **COPA-COGECA**

Copa and Cogeca are the united voice of farmers and agri-cooperatives in the EU. Together, they ensure that EU agriculture is sustainable, innovative and competitive, guaranteeing food security to half a billion people throughout Europe. Copa represents over 13 million farmers and their families whilst Cogeca represents the interests of 22,000 agricultural cooperatives. They have 66 member organisations from the EU member states. [www.copa-cogeca.eu](http://www.copa-cogeca.eu)