

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

FEDIOL - EU Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry

1.2 What are the main activity(ies) of your organisation?

- Oil Palm Growers
 - Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders
 - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
 - Retailers
 - Banks and Investors
 - Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
 - Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
 - Affiliate Members
 - Supply Chain Associate
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1.3 Membership number

8-0008-04-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Membership sector

Organisations

Affiliates

Operational Profile

1.1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

FEDIOL represents the interests of the EU crushers and vegetable oil refiners towards European Institutions. Industries affiliated to FEDIOL (180 plants belonging to approximately 35 companies across 17 EU Member States) are crushing oilseeds and refining crude vegetable oils, both locally grown and imported. FEDIOL addresses issues of common interest to our companies and does it generally in horizontally manner. Our working groups deal with food and feed safety, food and feed regulatory issues, nutrition, trade, environment and sustainability, agricultural policy and supply chain issues.

1.2. Does your organization use and/or sell any palm oil?

FEDIOL does neither use nor sell palm oil.

1.3. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Throughout 2016, FEDIOL has regularly raised sustainable palm oil issues within relevant working groups. Market up-take of sustainable palm oil has remained an issue. Compared to previous years, the EU debates relative to deforestation have been strongly revived, giving rise to numerous occasions for putting the focus on the benefits of sustainable supply streams. With the European Parliament's decision to develop a report on palm oil and deforestation, this gave ample occasion to talk about sustainable palm oil.

At the end of 2016, FEDIOL launched a second monitoring of sustainable palm oil used in plants in Europe with members volunteering to join in this exercise covering the entire year.

1.4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

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1.5. Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

Yes

1.6. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

1.7. How is your work on palm oil funded?

FEDIOL is an association funded exclusively through membership contributions. Our activities, which are decided on a yearly basis by the FEDIOL General Assembly are mostly horizontal and even if action can be focused when needed on rapeseed, soybeans, sunflower seed oil or palm oil (for example), there is no isolated budget to cover these specific actions; the common funds serve all identified priorities.

If yes, please give details:

FEDIOL continues to be a member of the European Sustainable Palm Oil Advocacy Group (ESPOAG), involving 4 other European associations and having regular contacts and exchanges with several national palm oil coalitions. We are raising in this platform all questions relative to sustainability, nutrition and food safety of palm oil in Europe, including how to achieve up-take of sustainable palm oil. ESPOAG also maintains contact and working relations with Brussels-based NGOs active in the sustainability area.

If not, please explain why:

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Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

In 2017, the debate around sustainability in the EU will be dominated by deforestation, first with the European Parliament own initiative report on palm oil and deforestation looking in depth at the complexity of the supply chain. Then with the European Commission, which has commissioned two studies: a feasibility study for a possible European Deforestation Action Plan in general and a study on palm oil production and consumption, which will also look at the different certification systems. FEDIOL together with its partners in ESPOAG will participate in the debate. During the period that will follow the release of these studies, our interventions will have as objective to ensure that policy measures that may be envisaged are supportive and not counter-productive of existing efforts to promote sustainable supply streams. FEDIOL will continue with the monitoring exercise of sustainable palm oil used within the FEDIOL membership to issue 2016 results.

Challenges

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

In May 2016, EFSA (the European Food Safety Agency) released a risk assessment on 3-MCPD esters and Glycidyl esters, which are process contaminants arising during refining of vegetable oils when these are exposed to high temperatures. The incidence of these substances in palm oil being higher than in other oils, it has given new ammunition to active anti-palm oil campaigners despite the European Commission's legislative work on setting maximum value. FEDIOL has worked on the issue for several years and has taken action in anticipation of the EFSA risk assessment and of the Commission risk management activity. The fact that another problem associated with palm oil was raised has however not helped efforts by the chain and by us to increase the up-take of sustainable palm oil.

2 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

FEDIOL has continued, often together with its ESPOAG partners, to exchange with other stakeholders and with the European Institutions about ways and means to support efforts towards increasing sustainable supply streams. This has been done through meetings, participation and speaking in events, organisation of own events, preparation of documents, positions, submission of amendments to the European Parliament report on palm oil, press releases, publications.....

3 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

- No files were uploaded

Link: <http://www.fediol.be/data/FEDIOL%20on%20EP%20palm%20oil%20report%20april%202017final.pdf> <http://www.fediol.be/data/2015%20po%20pko%20monitoring.pdf>
