

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

FEDIOL - EC Seed Crushers' and Oil Processors Federation

Corporate Website Address

<http://www.fediol.eu/>

Primary Activity or Product

- Affiliate Member
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Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
8-0008-04-000-00	Affiliate	Organisations

Affiliates/Supply Chain Associate

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 (150 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 horizontal issues of common interest to the industry. FEDIOL 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. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Throughout 2014, FEDIOL has raised sustainable palm oil issues within relevant working groups making all members aware about developments with regard to palm oil. We discussed market up-take of sustainable palm oil, EU policy debates relative to sustainability and deforestation and other issues specific to the palm oil supply chain. FEDIOL launched a monitoring of sustainable palm oil used in our plants in Europe with all members that volunteered to joint in this exercise and with a view to benchmark progress in the use of sustainable palm oil.

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

Yes

If yes, please give details:

As member of the European Sustainable Palm Oil Advocacy Group (ESPOAG) since early 2014, FEDIOL has discussed extensively with its partner organisations involved (4 other European associations and several national palm oil coalitions or platforms) many questions arising in the context of palm oil in Europe and particularly how to achieve up-take of sustainable palm oil. ESPOAG, further to trying to re-balance the messaging around palm oil, held many face-to-face meetings with European Commission officials, organised workshops and contributed to a conference with a view to raise more awareness about sustainably produced palm oil and other aspects related to palm oil.

If not, please explain why:

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

Yes

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

10

1.6. How is your work on palm oil funded?

FEDIOL is an association funded exclusively by membership contributions provided by crushing and refining companies directly or through national associations. 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, like for example on rapeseed, on soybeans, on sunflower seed oil or palm oil, the budget is not split according to issues; the common funds serve all identified priorities.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

In 2015, we can anticipate that the FEDIOL monitoring exercise of sustainable palm oil use within the FEDIOL membership will become operational allowing to show progress. We will continue exchanging internally on all sustainability related items and on other issues arising in the palm oil supply chain.

We will cooperate with our partners in ESPOAG (other EU associations, national platforms, with the involvement of RSPO Europe) and implement the different points of our palm oil related action plan. This means addressing the identified stumbling blocks to sustainable palm oil up-take in Europe but also engaging in the discussions that are prominent at European level, such as palm oil and deforestation, no-palm oil claims, benchmarking at national level and also traceability.

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?

We find the use of "no palm" claims by certain players in the supply chain destructive to the messaging about sustainable palm oil and have identified this a critical action point within ESPOAG as well. Highly emotional anti-palm oil campaigns in certain member states require a coordinated and engaged response involving all stakeholders.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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Cost Effective:

No

Robust:

Yes

Simpler to Comply to:

No

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

See the responses made on action developed at ESPOAG level (question 1.3 and 2.1)

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

We do provide (on our web-site) information about palm oil and nutrition. We would be a critical player at EU level should any food or feed safety issues arise.
