

To: Ms Marija Vučković, Minister of Agriculture, Croatia  
Cc: Mr Nikša Tkalec, Spokesperson, Special Committee on Agriculture  
Ministry of Agriculture, Croatia

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Dear Minister Vučković,

**Re: Request to present the EEB's position on the Farm to Fork Strategy**

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming Video Conference of Ministers for Agriculture which we understand will include an exchange of views on the agricultural aspects of the European Green Deal, notably the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies.

The EEB and its EU-wide network have engaged actively in the discussion around these Strategies, as well as their implications for the future of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Given the public pressure for the CAP to deliver biodiversity restoration and climate action, we strongly believe that fostering dialogue with a broad range of stakeholders is crucial. The need for an inclusive debate was also strongly emphasised by the Commission in its Communications on the Farm to Fork Strategy.

Farm Ministers had the opportunity to hear the views of COPA-COGECA during the last meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. **In light of the European Green Deal, we therefore ask you to build on the foundations created by the Finnish Presidency by inviting the EEB to attend and present our views in the Video Conference of Ministers for Agriculture** which you will chair on 8 June 2020.

The mounting evidence<sup>1</sup> on the negative impacts of biodiversity loss and climate change on European agriculture calls for serious action to protect our natural environment and farmers' livelihoods into the future. We welcome that the Croatian Government set out air quality, sustainable water management, biodiversity and climate action as key priorities for its Presidency of the EU. Therefore, you are well placed to facilitate a constructive debate on how the new CAP will help to deliver the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies for a transition to a sustainable, diverse and resilient farming sector.

We hope you will consider our request and remain at your disposal for further exchanges on agricultural policy.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Wates  
Secretary General

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<sup>1</sup> [European Environment Agency, \(2019\). Climate change adaptation in the agriculture sector in Europe, EEA Report No 4/2019;](#) [Dainese, M., et al \(2019\). A global synthesis reveals biodiversity-mediated benefits for crop production, Science Advances, Vol. 5, no. 10.](#)