



Press release

CAP 2020: CEVI WELCOMES THE VOTE OF THE AGRI COMMITTEE - A GOOD START FOR THE NEXT PARLIAMENT

Paris, 03/04/2019. CEVI acknowledges the work accomplished by the AGRI Committee of the European Parliament and the results of the vote on the CAP Strategic Plans and the CMO proposals finalised on the 1st and 2nd of April.

For Thomas Montagne, President of CEVI, *“seeing that most of CEVI’s proposals have been taken into account by the MEPs and are included in the current proposals is highly satisfying”*. He underlines the following points:

- differentiated financial assistance rates have been preserved for micro, small and medium sized enterprises in line with the fundamental objectives of the CAP to support and promote small producers;
- financial support for methanisation and composting processes is now possible, as well as for measures protecting vineyards against climatic hazards;
- provisions on nutritional labelling and lists of ingredients have been included, in line with CEVI’s long defended positions, especially the possibility to indicate the ingredients by other means than the label;
- prohibition of the six forbidden vine varieties has been confirmed, as well as the use of the *Vitis Labrusca* specie for wine production.

Obviously, CEVI also welcomes the extension of the vine planting authorisation scheme until 2050, the current system having proved its efficiency.

On the other hand, CEVI would like to stress its concern on two specific points. First, CEVI regrets the introduction of de-alcoholised and partially de-alcoholised wines in the CMO Regulation. For Thomas Montagne, *“these products cannot be considered as wines since they result from an industrial process. Considering them as wines is a new paradigm we cannot accept.”* Second, CEVI cannot but deplore the overall architecture of the CAP. As it stands, it might lead to a renationalisation of the CAP, causing market distortions and adding administrative burdens or controls, not only for wine producers but also for Member States.

CEVI expects the next European Parliament to continue the work accomplished so far. It asks the future MEPs to further improve the positions endorsed by the vote of their predecessors.

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CEVI is on the only organisation representing and defending the interests of independent winegrowers at the European level. CEVI counts today 12 000 members from 12 different Member States. Independent winegrowers are entrepreneurs at the head of a micro / small enterprise, often a family business. They make everything from the field to the bottle meaning that they produce and sell their wines directly to the consumer.