

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

FEDIOL - EU Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry

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 Members

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

Throughout 2015, FEDIOL has raised sustainable palm oil issues within relevant working groups, making members less involved in the palm oil issue aware about developments. We discussed market up-take of sustainable palm oil, EU policy debates relative to deforestation and other issues specific to the supply chain. FEDIOL finalised in November a first monitoring of sustainable palm oil used in our plants in Europe with members volunteering to joint in this exercise. The exercise covered the full year of 2014 and Q1 and Q2 of 2015.

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:

Since early 2014, FEDIOL is member of the European Sustainable Palm Oil Advocacy Group (ESPOAG). FEDIOL has discussed extensively with its partner organisations involved (4 other European associations and several national palm oil coalitions) many questions arising relative to sustainability and nutrition 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, participated in EU workshops and meetings organised by the European Commission, 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?

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1.6. 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.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

In 2016, we can anticipate that the monitoring exercise of sustainable palm oil used within the FEDIOL membership will be continued and will deliver full year comparable results. We will continue exchanging internally. We will cooperate with our partners in ESPOAG (other EU associations, national platforms, with the involvement of RSPO Europe) implement the different points of our 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 in Europe, such as palm oil and deforestation, no-palm oil claims and also traceability. There are already events scheduled for which we are either providing a speaker or which we are co-sponsoring.

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?

The continued use of "no palm" claims by certain players in the supply chain was not helpful to all our efforts to support the up-take of sustainable palm oil. We continued viewing this as requiring critical action within ESPOAG in terms of explaining the problems this raises. Anti-palm oil campaigns continued or started in certain EU member states, leading us to support coalitions aiming at providing a coordinated response to other stakeholders, media, governments and the general public.

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 and nutrition. We would be a critical player at EU level should any food or feed safety issues around palm oil arise.
