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## Press Release

### COGECA URGES EU POLITICIANS TO ENSURE COMPETITIVENESS OF EU AGRIFOOD SECTOR

In view of the critical situation in the EU agri-food sector, Cogeca President Paolo Bruni urged EU decision-makers today to take action to make sure that there is a strong Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) which ensures a competitive sector.

The move came at the Cogeca Presidency Business Forum for EU cooperative leaders and agri-cooperative organisations in Zaragoza, Spain.

The current market crisis in the major agricultural sectors, such as dairy, meat, cereals, olive oil, fruit and vegetables, is characterised by extreme price volatility. It has caused farmers share in the food chain to diminish substantially. Low farm gate prices combined with high production costs threaten the economic viability of the EU farm sector.

Cogeca consequently called on EU politicians today to assume their responsibilities and to ensure the competitiveness of the EU agri-food sector and to acknowledge the contribution farmers make to the biggest economic sector in the EU. "It is vital that a strong CAP, with sufficient EU financing, is maintained in the period post-2013".

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