EU: latest Agriculture Council warns of failure of crisis management measures

The current crisis management regime of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is insufficient to address market crises and improve the competitiveness of producers in a free competition environment, as evidenced by the informal Agriculture and Fisheries Council of the European Union**, celebrated in Tallinn, Estonia, from 3th to 5th September.**

> Among the main conclusions of this meeting are that the crisis reserve system needs to be revised so as to be faster and more flexible and that direct aid to farmers helps to alleviate the effects of crises on the producer sector

In line with the above, the Spanish Federation of Associations of Producers Exporters of Fruits and Vegetables, Flowers and Live Plants (FEPEX), has already transmitted to the European Commission that in the reform of the CAP considers necessary to incorporate more effective measures of management with a specific budgetary allocation, by means of a much more flexible, objectifiable and rapid mechanism in its application, *taking into account, in addition, that the generality of the fruit and vegetable sector is excluded from the direct aid.*

For this organization, *it is necessary to have measures to respond more efficiently and effectively to market disruptions, in a context of growing uncertainties caused by political causes, such as the Russian veto, sanitary causes, such as "e coli" , or the climatic causes.* FEPEX considers that the experience gained has shown that the current measures are insufficient and *has therefore proposed the creation of a specific third crisis management pillar to ensure a higher resilience of farms to crises.*

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