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31st FEFAC CONGRESS (ANFNC as Co-Host and Partner)

19 – 21 May 2026

Hotel Intercontinental Athene Palace, Bucharest, Romania

**European livestock sector - QUO VADIS? Outlook to EU livestock
and feed production in the Circular Bioeconomy**

Programme (DRAFT outline)

Tuesday 19 May 2026

- 13th Annual Conference of the Romanian Feed Manufacturers Association (ANFNC): **FEED & FORESIGHT 2026 – Vision and Innovation Driving the Future of the Sustainable Feed and Meat Industry in Europe**
- **Welcome Reception & Festive Dinner for ANFNC/FEFAC delegates and guests at the Romanian Athenaeum (19:00 – 23:00)**

Wednesday 20 May 2026

31st FEFAC Congress - Programme (8:30 – 17:30)

8h30 - 9:45: Formal Congress opening session

Welcoming remarks

- ANFNC President, Iani Chihai
- FEFAC President, Pedro Cordero
- Romanian authorities of the Ministry of Agriculture (TBC)

Keynote opening Intervention

- **Oliver Varhély**, EU Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare (TBC)

1st Theme: “EU Agricultural markets and EU Trade policy outlook: EU & Ukraine agricultural trade relationship in the context of changing EU FTA agreements” (9:45 - 11:15)

Keynote speakers:

- **Pierre Bascou**, Deputy Director General, DG AGRI, European Commission
- **Cezar Gheorghe**, AgriColumn, Founder- Black Sea Grain Market specialist

“setting the scene intervention”: NN CORTEVA

Panel experts:

- **Elli Tsiforou**, Secretary General, COPA/COGECA
- **Vasile Varvaroi**, President ARCPA (COCERAL member)
- **Jim Sutter**, CEO, USSEC
- **FEFAC**

11:15 – 11:45: Coffee break

2nd Theme: “How can feed additives support the transition to more sustainable livestock and aquaculture systems?” (11:45 – 13:00)

Keynote speakers:

- **Koen van Dyck**, Head of Unit, DG SANTE – outlook on simplification/modernisation of the Feed additive regulation 1831/2003/EC
- **Séverine Deschandelliers**, President, FEFANA – innovation in Animal Nutrition/outlook of Feed additive “research pipeline” fostering Sustainability and Circularity of feed and livestock production
- “setting the scene intervention”: **Piotr Bonislawski, Elanco**

Panel experts:

- **Eddy Piron**, Huvepharma
- **Silvia Sonneveld**, DSM-Firmenich
- **FEFAC**

13:00 – 14:30: Lunch break

3rd Theme: “Opportunities and challenges for a circular feed & livestock sector in the EU Bioeconomy” (14:30 – 16:15)

Keynote speaker:

- **Agata Kotkowska**, Deputy Head of Circular Economy, Sustainable Production and Consumption, DG ENVI (tbc)

Setting the scene presentation:

- **Miguel Ángel Higuera Pascual**, Director, ANPROGAPOR - The Circular “Zero Net” pig farm 2040

Panel experts:

- **David Carpintero**, Director General, E-Pure;
- **Oana Neagu**, Director, COPA-COGECA
- **FEFAC**

Closing remarks by the newly elected FEFAC President

16:15 – 17:30 hrs: Coffee break & Networking

19:00 – 23:30 hrs: FEFAC Gala Dinner - Roberto IHG Restaurant

Thursday 21 May 2026 (optional)

OPTION A: Constanta Port Visit (full-day visiting programme)

Programme (TBC):

- Departure by bus to Constanta (IHG)
- Visit Harbour & Constanta Port Cruise
- Constanta Casino visit & lunch in AGIGEA port area (TBC)
- Presentation/Workshop: "Constanța Grain Gateway: Logistics, Quality Assurance, and the Essential Role of Surveyors" / Cargill Romania (TBC)
- Return by bus (airport & hotel)

OPTION B: Bunge oilseed crushing facility. (half-day visiting programme) (TBC)