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Joint Press Release: Registration Open: 31st FEFAC Congress – 19-21 May 2026, Bucharest, Romania

FEFAC, the European Feed Manufacturers' Federation, is pleased to announce that registrations for the **31st FEFAC Congress** are now open. The Congress will be held on 20 May 2026 at the Hotel Intercontinental Athénée Palace in Bucharest, Romania, organised in collaboration with ANFNC, the Romanian National Association of Compound Feed Manufacturers, on **19 and 21 May**.

- On **19 May**, the programme begins with the **13th ANFNC Annual Conference** “FEED & FORESIGHT 2026 – *Vision and Innovation Driving the Future of the Sustainable Feed and Meat Industry in Europe*”, bringing together Romanian and European feed sector representatives. Congress registration includes access to the ANFNC Conference, as well as the Welcome Reception and Festive Dinner in the evening, offering informal networking opportunities with policymakers, academic experts, and representatives from feed and livestock companies across Europe.
- On **20 May**, the **31st FEFAC Congress** will address the central theme: “*European livestock sector – QUO VADIS? Outlook to EU livestock and feed production in the Circular Bioeconomy*”. Participants will hear from EU policy makers, as well as decision makers from value chain partners and international experts on topics such as key market trends and trade developments, innovation in animal nutrition, and policy incentives for circular feeding practices. The conference takes place at a pivotal time for the European feed and livestock sectors, as the EU is expected to publish the first report on the long-term strategy of the livestock sector, calling for a more competitive, sustainable, competitive, and resilient food system. We are honoured that Pierre Bascou, Deputy Director General of DG AGRI at the European Commission, has accepted our invitation to deliver the keynote address for the first expert panel on Agricultural Markets and Trade. Among the high-level keynote speakers and panellists’, we are also delighted to welcome Elli Tsiforou, Secretary General, COPA COGECA, who will join the first expert panel, and Koen van Dyck, Head of Unit, DG SANTE, who will take part in the second panel on “How can feed additives support the transition to more sustainable livestock and aquaculture systems?”. ([Draft Programme](#))
- On **21 May**, delegates can choose between a field visit to Constanța Port, exploring logistics, grain trade flows, and innovations in quality assurance practices, kindly hosted by Cargill; or a half-day visit offered by Bunge to an oilseed crushing facility, providing insights into industrial processes and operational best practices in the feed supply chain.

ANFNC President Iani Chihaia: *"Next year's ANFNC Conference, 'Feed & Foresight 2026', captures exactly what our industry needs at this moment: innovation, collaboration, and vision to drive the sustainable transformation of Europe's feed and meat sectors in a time of rapid change in trade relations, supply chains, and regulatory frameworks. In this context, as the European Union actively pursues simplification and administrative burden reduction through concrete legislative packages, while keeping sustainability, competitiveness, and compliance at the forefront, these developments will profoundly reshape our industry. The ANFNC Conference will provide an essential forum for bridging science, policy, and industry in building a resilient animal protein value chain for tomorrow.*

We are deeply honoured to co-host FEFAC's Congress, one of the most important events for the European feed industry. This collaboration carries special significance for us as a country with a dynamically expanding feed and livestock sector, increasingly integrated into both the European and global protein economy. The two events will be held at the Athénée Palace Intercontinental Hotel, a timeless symbol of hospitality and refinement in Romania, with a welcome reception at the Romanian Athenaeum - a venue that reaffirms Europe's cultural values and stands as a beacon of artistic excellence. I warmly invite all stakeholders, from feed manufacturers and livestock integrators to policymakers, researchers, and traders, to join ANFNC and FEFAC in Bucharest for the most exclusive and forward-looking feed industry event of 2026 in Europe. Together, we will identify the alliances and initiatives that will propel sustainable growth in the decade ahead."

FEFAC President Pedro Cordero: *"In a time of evolving policy landscapes and global trade challenges, the European feed and livestock sector is committed to fostering innovation and sustainability to enhance competitiveness and resilience. I warmly invite all members and stakeholders engaged in trade, policy, and innovation to register for the upcoming FEFAC Congress in Bucharest. Together with ANFNC, we will explore critical topics including innovation in animal nutrition, policy incentives for circular bioeconomy practices, and the EU and trade developments shaping EU feed and livestock markets. This event offers a unique platform to collaborate on shaping the future of European livestock production. I extend my sincere thanks to ANFNC and its President, Iani Chihaia, for co-hosting this vital dialogue and partnership."*

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Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 21 national associations in the EU Member States, as well as associate members in the UK, Norway, Switzerland, and Turkey.
2. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 people on the approx 3,200 production sites, often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
3. Farm & Pet animals in the EU27 consume an estimated 644 million tonnes of feed per year, of which about 23% are produced by compound feed manufacturers. The turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at €50 billion.
4. For more information, see our website (www.fefac.eu) or please contact Alexander Döring, Secretary General Tel. +32-2-285.00.50, Fax +32-2-230.57.22, e-mail: fefac@fefac.eu.
5. The forecast for 2025 is subject to change. Updated data will be collected in autumn 2025.