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C.E.P.M. supports the 7th September demonstration in Brussels

The European Confederation of Maize Production expresses its complete support for the objectives and demands of the European agricultural demonstration organised by COPA-COGECA on Monday 7th September in Brussels.

Maize – which accounts for 15 million hectares in the European Union (corn, maize silage, maize seed and sweet corn) – is not an exception to the crisis experienced by numerous agricultural sectors. This technically efficient and innovative sector production enjoys important assets which can be developed further. However, they are currently hampered by a hesitant and over-managed European agricultural policy.

What can be done? Making the agricultural policy clearer and more proactive through:

- ✓ Implementation of risk-management tools;
- ✓ Creation of water stocks;
- ✓ Approval of preservatives;
- ✓ Valorisation of innovations derived from biotechnologies;
- ✓ Development of non-food and energy markets.

This will, on the one hand, decrease the EU deficit in corn and, on the other, develop exports to non-EU countries.

In short, a revamped and winning EU agricultural policy needs to be more and more European, not more nationalised.

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The European Confederation of Maize Production (C.E.P.M.) includes maize producers organisations from 10 Member States (Germany, Bulgaria, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia), accounting for 90% of European maize.