



NEWSLETTER MAY 2026 | Information on AREFLH activities and on the fruit & vegetable sector

NEWS FROM AREFLH



AREFLH advocates for a strong and coherent CMO and CAP

Through dialogue with EU institutions, Member States and sector partners, AREFLH actively advocates for a future CAP that **builds resilience** rather than creating uncertainty.

Find out more about AREFLH's actions to ensure that the fruit and vegetable sector continues to benefit from a robust, coherent and truly European policy framework.

[Read the article](#)

See the position papers on the CMO: [from June 2025 here](#), from [December 2025 \(COM\(2025\)565\) and April 2026 \(COM\(2025\)553\) here](#).

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Vice-President Lisa Martini also presented the AREFLH position paper at a conference organised by the Emilia-Romagna Region at Macfrut on 21 April entitled **“Operational programmes for APOs: what changes with the 2028–2034 Common Agricultural Policy and the revision of the CMO”**.



Interpera 2026 : get your tickets today and make the most of early bird rates!

Interpera, Europe's annual event dedicated exclusively to pears, is approaching fast . It will take place in Ferrara, Italy, on 25 and 26 June.

Make sure you attend the conference at the best price by taking advantage of the early-bird rate before midnight on 15 May.

The programme at a glance

Thursday 25 June:

- Morning – **Economic session**: in-depth analysis and initial estimates for the 2026/2027 season. Market trends, consumption outlooks and new business development strategies will be discussed.
- Afternoon – **Technical session** on current agronomic challenges, from combating climate change to the implementation of sustainable agricultural techniques, including varietal innovation.

Friday 25 June : Technical visits in the morning

[Find out more about Interpera](#)

The event is organised by CSO Italy and AREFLH

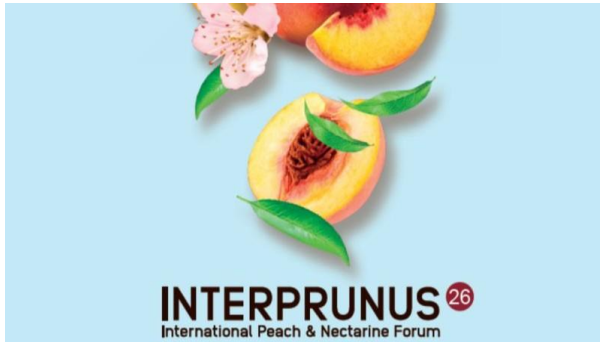
NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



IDFEL and APFELSO at Medfel – “The CMO for Fruit and Vegetables: 30 years of a transformative policy. What next?”

Jean Louis Moulon (President of IDFEL) and André Graglia (Director of APFELSO) took part in the round table organised at [Medfel](#) on the 30th anniversary of the CMO for Fruit and Vegetables, held in Perpignan on 28 April, alongside Eric Sargiacomo (lead rapporteur on the CMO section of the CAP reform).

They highlighted the CMO's major role since its creation 30 years ago in structuring the fruit and vegetable sector, with “operational programmes [serving] as a lever for concerted investment in modernisation, structural improvement and environmental resilience”.



Afrucat brings together peach and nectarine producers with Interprunus

Afrucat is organising Interprunus, the 25th International Forum on Peaches and Nectarines, on 21 May in Lleida, Spain.

On the agenda:

- Round table on peach and nectarine harvest forecasts in Europe, with the participation of the main producing regions of Spain, Italy, France and Greece
- Presentation of Infolineal, the new service for monitoring Spanish retail outlets
- International trade campaigns 2025–2026
- Impact of the MERCOSUR agreement on European production
- Phytosanitary control tools.

[Visit the website at interprunus.com](https://www.interprunus.com)

[View the programme in French and English](#)

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RESEARCH & INNOVATION



Waste4Soil teams up with sister project to widen its reach

On 24th April 2026, the project collaborated with DeliSoil EU programme and organised an inspiring internal online workshop focused on business models for soil health innovation. It focused on how solutions developed within Living Labs can successfully move beyond experimentation and achieve real-world uptake.

[Read more](#)



LivingSoiLL : get to know who forms part in its Community of Practice

AREFLH is a partner in LivingSoiLL, a European project which is developing living labs for permanent crops grown in healthy soils.

One of the project's objectives is to establish a Community of Practice, which currently has over 250 members.

To find out more about the participants' profiles and their countries of origin, [read the article on our website](#).

PROMOTION



Product selection for the EU pavillon of Anuga Select India trade fair

The European Commission is organising an EU Pavilion at the food fair [Anuga Select India 2026](#), from **29 September 2026 to 01 October 2026 in Mumbai, India**.

The objective of the EU Pavilion is to raise awareness among Indian buyers of the key merits of European food and beverage products, including their safety, quality, authenticity and sustainability. It will endeavour to create positive awareness about the merits of EU agricultural products, to encourage imports, consumption and use of EU agricultural food and products in India.

Interested organisations/companies are invited to complete the online application survey available **by 12 June** [Read more on the European Commission website](#).

To learn more about EUs promotion activities in India, [visit the campaign website](#).

NEWS FROM EUROPE



Mercosur

Large parts of the EU's mega trade deal with the Latin American Mercosur bloc finally kicked in on 1st May, but the political fight over it continues.

[Read Politico's article](#)

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“Effective policies and targeted support are essential to attract and retain the next generation in farming”

Across Europe, farming is facing a generational challenge. Nearly one-third of farm managers are aged 65 or older, and only 12% under 40, meaning the agricultural sector is ageing rapidly. Effective policies and targeted support are essential to attract and retain the next generation in farming and to address the sector's key transformation.

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AGENDA



Upcoming events of the F&V sector in Europe

19–21 May: European CAP Network Conference '[Water Resilience in Agriculture: Innovation in Practice](#)' from 2026 in Hamburg, Germany

21 May: [Interprunus](#) in Lleida, Spain

25-26 June: [Interpera](#), international pear congress, in Ferrara, Italy

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