

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

FEDIOL - EU Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry

1.2 Membership number

8-0008-04-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Belgium

2.0 Does your company or organisation produce, process, consume or sell any palm oil or any products containing derivatives of palm oil?

No

2.2 Please select all the sectors that best describe the business activities of your company or organisation, including your primary RSPO membership sector. You may select multiple sectors and will be required to complete the ACOP form for the relevant sectors

- I finance or support companies or organisations that produce or manufacture palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a conservation and environmental NGO
- I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a social and human development NGO
- I am an Affiliate member of the RSPO, indirectly involved in the palm oil industry

Affiliates

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

FEDIOL represents the interests of the EU crushers and vegetable oil refiners towards European Institutions. Industries affiliated to FEDIOL (about 180 plants operating in 17 EU Member States) are crushing oilseeds and refining crude vegetable oils, both locally grown and imported. FEDIOL addresses issues of common interest to our companies and does it generally in horizontally manner. Our working groups deal with food and feed safety, food and feed regulatory issues, nutrition, trade, environment and sustainability, agricultural policy and supply chain issues.

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or RSPO members in the reporting period?

FEDIOL has working groups on Environment and on Sustainability which have regular discussions on topics relevant for sustainable palm oil up-take in Europe. Voluntary company initiatives to fight deforestation and certification related issues are also discussed. Our working groups deal with policy topics that can have a considerable impact on RSPO certification, such as the European Green Deal and related policies (Farm-to-Fork, Biodiversity, Renewable Energy Directive). In the up-coming EU regulatory initiatives, FEDIOL supported the value added of certification systems in driving supply chain transformation. FEDIOL continued carrying out an annual monitoring of certified sustainable palm and palm kernel oil based on member companies' reporting. FEDIOL continued cooperating with EU associations under ESPOAG (European Sustainable Palm Oil Advocacy Group) to support the use of sustainable palm oil and address possible impediments to its uptake.

1.3 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

10.0%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces in the reporting period?

Yes

1.5 Does your organisation have any past or on-going collaborations with public or private sector palm oil industry players to support them in their efforts to increase the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)?

Yes

1.6 How is your organisation's work on palm oil funded?

FEDIOL is an association exclusively funded through membership contributions. Our activities are decided on a yearly basis by the FEDIOL General Assembly. They are mostly horizontal, which means that even if action can be focused when needed on rapeseed, soybeans, sunflower seed oil or palm oil (for example), there is no isolated budget to cover these specific actions; the common funds serve all identified priorities, they are policy driven and not commodity specific.

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Please outline activities that your organisation will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

FEDIOL will continue participating in the policy discussions on up-coming EU regulatory and non-regulatory initiatives to fight deforestation and to prevent products with embedded deforestation to enter the EU market. In this context, FEDIOL will support making use of a smart mix of measures, including certifications systems such as RSPO, that should be available for companies to help their efforts in supply chain transformation. FEDIOL will use different opportunities, events, workshops and EU policy discussions at EU level to emphasize the benefits in using sustainable palm oil instead of banning palm oil from certain usages.

FEDIOL will continue undertaking the monitoring of sustainable palm oil that is used by its member companies. After the COVID19 pandemic, we hope being able to enhance our engagement with other stakeholders, for example, within the European Sustainable Palm Oil Advocacy Group (ESPOAG), where issues arising around the up-take of sustainable palm oil can be addressed.

Challenges and Support

1.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- Awareness of RSPO in the market
- Difficulties in the certification process
- Certification of smallholders
- Competition with non-RSPO members
- High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- Human rights issues
- Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- Low usage of palm oil
- Reputation of palm oil in the market
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- Supply issues
- Traceability issues
- No challenges faced
- Others

Others

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1.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- No actions taken
- Others

Others

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1.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

https://www.fediol.eu/data/Oil%20Monitoring%202019_FINAL_web.pdf