Farmhouse and Artisan Cheese & Dairy Producers European Network

FACEnetwork Member States



Full members European cheese and dairy makers associations

Supporting members All other organisations like technical centres, research institutes, universities, vocational schools, suppliers and much else

we represent the European small-scale cheesemakers



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ABOUT

FACE Network is a European network of national associations representing farmhouse and artisan cheese and dairy producers and related organisations.

Our network counts:

- 20 producer's associations from 17 different European countries;
- → about 4000 producers represented;
- 19 supporting members: research institutes, schools, technical centres, etc. from 9 countries.

OUR MEMBERS

- Preserve the European dairy culture, making cheese by hand, with traditional methods;
- keep local communities alive and improve the resilience of rural areas;
- produce good, respectful, healthy and sustainable food;
- employ people and contribute to the economic growth of resilient areas;
- provide for short supply chains;
- → are small but numerous, covering the whole European territory;
- → are not similar to the big dairy industry: they are a different sector.



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OUR ROLE

FACE Network is the effective connection between the decisional places and productive realities.

Our network:

- provides up-to-date information concerning the producers current necessities;
- → gives input on implementation of European policies;
- can provide valuable feedback about the current and upcoming legislation.

OUR GOALS

- We would aim to increase the representation of the small-scale cheesemakers interests at the European institutional level;
- we want to be more involved in the European policies, and strategies;
- we want the position of small-scale producers to be better taken into account in regulation, promotion and research programmes;
- we need to boost the image of our sector to attract young adults who now tend to leave rural areas;
- we need improvement of the perspective of our sector to prevent producers ending their activities.

