

# STATEMENT

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## Primary Food Processors (PFP) strongly welcome publication of the Commission Communication 'REPowerEU'

Primary Food Processors play an essential role in the EU food supply chain by processing EU agricultural raw materials into food ingredients which customers can use to make the food consumers enjoy.

Processing these raw materials is highly energy-intensive and for the EU food chain to continue to function during these unprecedented times, it will be of paramount importance for PFP member companies to be prioritised for support in, for example, the context of the Temporary Crisis Framework and the allocation of State Aid. **The EU's food security must not be jeopardised.**

The **Primary Food Processors of the EU (PFP)** is composed by:

**European Committee of Sugar Manufacturers** ([CEFS](#))

**European Cocoa Association** ([ECA](#))

**European Flour Milling Association** ([European Flour Millers](#))

**European Starch Industry Association** ([Starch Europe](#))

**European Vegetable Protein Association** ([EUVEPRO](#))

**European Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry** ([FEDIOL](#))

PFP members process approximately **220 million tons of raw materials** (cereals, sugar beet, rapeseeds, soybeans, sunflower seeds, crude vegetable oil, cocoa products, starch potatoes...) **employing over 120 000 people** in the European Union.