



The Vital Link in the Food Chain

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The Primary Food Processors call for an ambitious Industrial Accelerator Act leveraging their decarbonisation potential without delay

The Primary Food Processors (PFP) regret the last-minute postponement of the long-awaited Commission Proposal for an Industrial Decarbonisation Accelerator Act and call for urgently finalising and publishing this critical initiative.

Primary food processing installations are industrial facilities that face many of the same challenges that heavy industry encounters when it comes to decarbonisation. It is imperative to consider different carbon-reduction options relevant to our industries, namely:

1. **Accelerate industrial electrification** through faster permit-granting procedures and electricity grid extension whilst lowering adjacent costs
2. **Mobilise adequate and easy-to-access public fundings for decarbonisation investments** that do not overlook mature technologies
3. **Harness energetic use of residues** in line with the Bioeconomy Strategy and Renewable Energy Directive

Fully supporting the objectives laid down in the Clean Industrial Deal, we urge the Commission to consider the agri-food industry adaptation efforts and specificities in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of industries that are critical to EU supply chains and to EU food security. We need energy, climate policies as well as regulatory and innovation frameworks that work in favour of the EU primary food processing.

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

European Association 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.