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FERM REPORT ON THE EU CODE OF CONDUCT ON RESPONSIBLE FOOD BUSINESS AND MARKETING PRACTICES

European Association Pledge	FERM activities
endorse the aspirational objectives set out in this Code	FERM endorsed the Code and signed the pledge on 28 September 2021
promote and disseminate the Code with(in) our network	FERM has promoted the Code through its network and it is planning more activities to promote it.
encourage our members to align their sustainability actions and/or business practices to the aspirational objectives and targets of the Code	FERM reminded all its members about the principles and the actions set in the code and it is monitoring the progress made by the members.
invite our members to adhere to this Code, as appropriate & on a voluntary basis	FERM members have also agreed on planning more activities to promote the Code and foster awareness.
continue to engage in dialogue with other food chain/systems actors and EU and international policy-makers to forge (new) relationships, exchange best practices and discuss challenges encountered, learn from each other (studies, projects) and create better mutual understanding, and identify opportunities for collaboration and potential partnership	FERM has confirmed its commitment to identifying opportunities for exchanges with other associations in the food sector. FERM has also integrated the principles and the activities of the code into the previous commitments made by the industry at the EU and national levels while increasing efforts to meet and anticipate the sustainability objectives set by the Farm to Fork Initiative and the Biodiversity Strategy.



	<p>In line with the SDGs objectives (especially 12,13, 15), the EU rice sector is committed to playing its part in meeting global sustainability goals and concluded partnerships for achieving sustainability goals (in line with the principles of the Code and SDG 17) with several platforms (SAIRISI/SAI in Italy, ORYZONTE in Spain, TRACE-RICE in Portugal and with the Sustainable Rice Platform at international level.</p>
<p>provide, on an annual basis, a report of their activities in support of this Code and its aspirations set out therein, which will be published on an open dedicated website</p>	<p>First report provided in April 2022</p>

GENERAL INFORMATION

FERM – The Federation of European Rice Millers – is the voice of the European rice milling industry, representing more than 90% of the sector, with 22 members from around the continent, including companies and national rice milling associations.

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