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UECBV Secretariat Team Changes & Summer break

After our last information about the Team's changes in January 2022 (*see mailing ref. 15002 [here](#)*), we hereby inform you about changes in the Brussels-based Team mainly from September 2022 onwards. And we are using the opportunity to communicate about the foreseen summer break as well.

1. Goodbye to Ingrid Morvan and warm Welcome to our new “Director Sustainability and Food Policy” H  l  ne Simonin

As already mentioned at the farewell reception before the most successful workshop about the cold chain and carcass transport in June, Ingrid Morvan will officially leave on 15th July 2022 after her last handovers in the next few weeks.

UECBV will nevertheless be run in a stable way working on its (re)structuring and, therefore, we are happy to inform about a new Team member: a very warm welcome to Mrs H  l  ne Simonin who will start working for UECBV officially on 15th September 2022 in her new position as “Director Sustainability and Food Policy”, with the perspective of taking over more responsibility in 2023.

H  l  ne, born in 1976 in France, has dual nationality (France and Germany), with a background in agronomy.

Over the last almost 14 years, she worked for the European Dairy Association (EDA) in Brussels leading all food, environmental and health related topics and was interested in getting a new challenging perspective. She specialised in legislative work and communication on healthy diets and sustainable production, new technologies, food safety, quality along the food and feed chain, and sanitary issues in trade relations. She also gave her expertise to food and nutrition security projects and was leading the dairy product environmental footprint (PEF) project. In addition, she chaired the Sustainable Food Systems group at FoodDrinkEurope (FDE) often representing the whole sector.



Before, Hélène Simonin gathered extensive experience in several subsectors of the food industry, namely in the chocolate, frozen fruit and vegetables, and the fresh and starch potato sectors. Starting in product marketing, she later built up a new interbranch organisation and headed specific sectorial associations including the farmers' union at German national and European level.

2. Another warm Welcome to “Junior Nutrition Policy Officer” Sara Lopes

As mentioned in our last Team news, we had a stagiaire from Portugal, via the Leuven University: Sara Lopes. Meanwhile, she finished her Bachelor and we are happy to have her again with us from 5th September 2022 onwards, at least for the time until she may go ahead with her Master thesis. She will fill the gap in the newly created position for nutritional aspects in line with our main focus on Health besides Animal welfare and Sustainability.

3. Contact details soon ahead of the AGM

Marco de la Feld from Italy finished the Water2Return contract and, therefore, left UECBV in late June 2022. He will be available on free-lance basis for funding new projects.

Still foreseen is to find a communication expert, this will be done in line with the (re)structuring of UECBV after preparations by the Strategic Group and following discussions in the Steering Committee and the Board ahead of the AGM in October 2022 in Dublin – we shall circulate all relevant contact details for the whole team – hoping to be able to introduce all personally in Dublin – **so please do not forget to register!**

4. New Secretary General for CELCAA

The almost 10-year close working of Pascale Rouhier as Secretary General for our agri-trade partner organisation CELCAA ended on 5th July 2022. She will take over the new position as Secretary General of [Trade Promotion Europe](#) from September onwards.

A successor has already been found: Nelli Hajdu, an experienced trade officer for FRESHFEL, will start working for CELCAA from September on. More details via CELCAA information will follow later. Please note that CELCAA will now have its own office close to UECBV, one floor above us, giving opportunities for some intensive working together.

5. Summer break

Last but not least, it is important to let you know you that we shall be taking some days off from our regular schedule as follows:

Lara B.: from 15th July up to and including 5th August

Carolina C.: from 1st up to and including 12th August

Sylviane B.: from 8th up to and including 26th August

Karsten M.: from 22nd August up to and including 2nd September

We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience the summer break may cause. For any matter of urgency during the break, please do not hesitate to get in touch with UECBV Secretary General Karsten Maier by emailing kmaier@uecbv.eu or dialling +32 493 341 468.
