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**European Livestock and
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What is UECBV?

UECBV stands for European Livestock and Meat Trades Union. As such, it is the united representative body of national federations of the:

- livestock trade
- livestock markets
- meat industry: slaughterhouses, cutting and preparation plants
- wholesale meat trade
- international meat traders



UECBV focuses on cattle, beef meat /horses, horse meat / sheep and goats, sheep and goat meat/ pigs, pig meat.

As a “livestock and meat trading” union, UECBV's members also represent the importers and exporters of meat and meat products.



This relates to the **import and export of beef, horse meat, sheep meat, pig meat and poultry meat.**

UECBV counts 50 national or regional federations in 24 out of the 27 Member States of the European Union, but also in Japan, Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. In total, 20.000 firms of all sizes and over 230.000 jobs are represented within the UECBV and its national and international federations.

What is the size of UECBV in terms of number of enterprises and jobs?

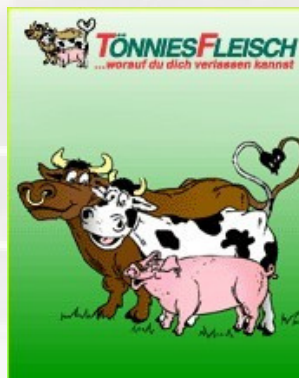
In total, **20,000 firms of all sizes and over 230,000 jobs** are represented within the UECBV through its national member federations.

The vast majority of these enterprises are small and medium enterprises (SMEs), so a key focus of UECBV is to promote trade facilitation for Europe's SMEs



Nevertheless, Europe's meat industry "big players" are also largely represented at UECBV. To only name a few:

- ABP
- Bigard
- Danish Crown
- Dawn Foods
- SVA
- Tnennies
- Vion
- Westfleisch



When was UECBV created?

The European Livestock and Meat Trades Union (UECBV) was founded in Switzerland in 1952 only one year after the 1951 Schuman plan. Its headquarters were settled in Strasbourg as a show of post war unity. UECBV's general secretariat was opened in Brussels in 1980.

The six founding members of the UECBV were the livestock trade federations of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

UECBV celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2022.

What is UECBV logo about?

Mrs Mariann Fischer Boel, former European Agriculture and Rural Development Commissioner, described the logo of the UECBV in the following way: "Let me remind you that before Europa became a continent, in the Greek legend she was a woman. The god of gods, Zeus, impressed by her beauty, disguised himself as a bull and carried her off to Crete on his back where they became lovers."

What is the link between this legend and a European meat Association?

Europe/the European institutions (= the lady Europa) along with the meat industry and trade (= the bull), are seen jumping together the trade barriers towards a free market. The violin represents the harmony between both EU institutions and the meat industry.

The myth of Zeus and Europa – is represented throughout many EU signs, logos starting with its own currency, the Euro (€).



Old logo



New logo

Who are the European UECBV members and partners?

Members

UECBV comprises 50 national or regional federations in 24 Member States of the European Union and also in Japan, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Ukraine.

Partners

UECBV collaborates with other partners brought together within the organisation, related to the meat industry, and which benefit from “piggybacking” on the existing structures of the UECBV.

- AEMB – European Livestock Markets
- ENSCA – European Casing Industry
- OCEAN – European Ship Suppliers Industry

At the initiative of former president Laurent Spanghero, UECBV also created the Young European Meat Committee (YEMCo).



What are UECBV's general objectives?

UECBV Vision

- To be a representation body for the European livestock and meat sectors;
- To be a trusted discussion partner for European institutions and governments;
- To be an effective lobbying organisation in the EU.

UECBV's core objective is to achieve an optimum business climate for the livestock and meat industry across the European Union and on strengthening the competitiveness of the industry as a whole.

UECBV plays an important role in creating a better understanding of the livestock, meat trades and industry in Europe.

We're committed to a transparent and open dialogue between the members and the European policy-makers.

UECBV focus

- Represent and defend the meat sector vis-à-vis the European Institutions;
- Promote EU trade and international trade;
- Deepen the internal market;
- Combat distortions of competition.



What are UECBV's practice areas?

In order to support ideal market activity, UECBV provides its members with advice and assistance. It maintains a constant dialogue with the European Union decision-makers (European Commission, European Parliament and the Council of Ministers as well as others) on the European policy matters affecting the daily European meat enterprises business.

UECBV provides advice and assistance on:

Trade

- Multilateral negotiation
- Bilateral & plurilateral negotiation
- Enlargement
- Market access
- Civil society dialogue

Agriculture

- Single Common Market Organization
- Horizontal matters/market mechanisms,
- Animal product market (beef, pork, poultry meat, sheep meat)
- Management of market measures
- Import quota management
- Direct support
- Agricultural policy analysis/perspectives
- CAP / Rural development
- Sustainability and quality
- Promotion
- Consumer perception/image of meat
- Legal affairs/infringement procedure,
- Simplification
- Civil Dialogue Groups

Animal health

Animal welfare

Import conditions & certification

SPS issues

Biotechnology

Chemicals/contaminants

Nutrition

Food law/hygiene/public health/official controls

Rapid alert for food & feed

Customs & Indirect taxation

- Customs legislation / Customs code
- Import & export formalities
- Combined nomenclature/tariff classification
- Tariff quota management
- Transit procedure
- Indirect taxation (VAT, excise duties)

Green Deal/Farm to Fork Strategy

- Code of Conduct
- Corporate Social responsibility
- Due diligence
- Taxonomy

Health & Consumers

Social affaires

- Education
- Training
- Monitoring
- Condition of work

Climate change & Environment

- Reducing GHG emissions
- Biodiversity, health of soil, water, air

Legal affairs/infringement procedure

Food information (labeling)

Advisory Groups / Experts Groups

Competition

Industry & EU funded research projects

Single Market

What does UECBV offer its members?

Interest Representation

UECBV Brussels-based office provides members with regular updates and analysis on the upcoming issues or major legislation. This allows UECBV members to actively shape policy at a national level.

The UECBV also supports the future of the meat sector by managing YEMCo – the Young European Meat Committee – an exchange of best practice platform dedicated to young executives and managers of European livestock and meat business companies.

Information

- Updated news
- Newsletters, notes and debriefings
- Invitations to meetings of Working Groups, AGMs and other key events – idea exchange forum and proposal force, UECBV organizes around 30 meetings a year.

UECBV contributes to a better understanding of the livestock, meat trade, and industry in Europe.

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Expertise

UECBV presents the latest European developments at AGMs or regional meetings within a member's country allowing meat traders and industrials of the region / country to perfect their knowledge of Europe and of the meat market.

Network

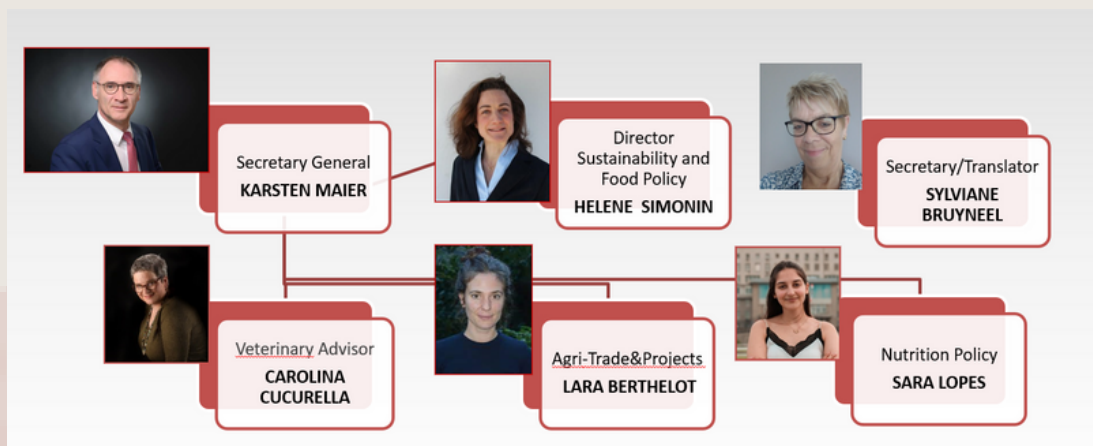
UECBV acts as a European meat sector industry and trade network, whose basis is an experts' chain.



How does UECBV achieve its lobbying goals?

UECBV has a secretariat in Brussels, close to four of the European institutions. A staff of six people is available for members, answering their daily questions or implementing the UECBV policy objectives.

UECBV team



The Steering Committee

The Steering committee is composed by the president, the 3 vice-presidents, the treasurer and 3 board members elected by the plenary board. All Steering committee members are presidents of national meat federations.

President



Mr José Friguls –
Treasurer, Spain



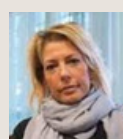
Mr Calle Ramvall
Vice-president , Sweden
Chairman International
Trade Section



Mr Jos Goebbels –
Vice-president, Netherlands
Chairman Meat Industry
Section



Mr Heinz Osterloh –
Vice-president ,
Germany
Chairman Livestock
Trade Section



Mrs Clara Fossato, Italy



Mr Knud Buhl, Denmark



Mr Arnaud Rochard,
France

How does the UECBV support the next generation of young managers in the meat industry?



One of the key additional works of UECBV is YEMCo – the **Young European Meat Committee**.

YEMCo stands for **young** European commercial executives, managers and industrial firms engaged in livestock and meat business across Europe.

Hosting conferences twice a year, informal dinners and other network events, YEMCo is the only prime forum for exchanging ideas and experiences amongst meat business leaders at European level.

The mix of professional visits and conferences allows young managers to look towards new & innovative ways of working and may well give them a competitive edge.



During the conferences, young managers analyse all the key areas in relation to the meat industry (e.g. consumption pattern, retail, technology, international trade, food safety etc.).

YEMCO's activity establishes a wide network of young professionals in the European meat industry, allowing for cross-border cooperation and greater business opportunities. In 2021, YEMCo celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Becoming a friend of YEMCo is free and not dependent on membership to UECBV. The only requirement is to represent a meat company.

Request to be sent to info@uecbv.eu.



Please read our 2018 YEMCo conference reports, [here](#) and [here](#).

AUSTRIA:

Bundesgremium des Agrarhandels

BELGIUM:

Fédération Belge de la Viande a.s.b.l. (FEBEV)

Fédération Nationale du Commerce de Bétail (FNCB)

Fédération Professionnelle du Secteur de la Viande de Veau a.s.b.l. (B.V.K.)

BULGARIA:

Association of Meat Processors in Bulgaria (AMPB)

CROATIA:

Gospodarsko interesno udruženje zaproizvodnjupreradu i promet stoke, stocnih proizvoda i stocne hrane (CROATIASTOCAR)

CYPRUS:

Agriworld Ltd

CZECH REPUBLIC:

Cesky Svaz Zpracovatelů Masa (CSZM)

DENMARK:

Danish Livestock and Meat Board (DLMB) – Svineslagteriforum

Danish Agriculture & Food Council

FINLAND:

Finnish Meat Trade Association (LKL)

Finnish Meat Board (ETL)

FRANCE:

Fédération Française des Commerçants en Bestiaux (FFCB)

Culture Viande – Les Entreprises Françaises des Viandes

GERMANY:

Bundes Verband Vieh und Fleisch (BVVF)

Deutscher Vieh- und Fleischhandelsbund (DVFB)

Bundesfachverband Fleisch e.V. (BFF)

Verband der Fleischwirtschaft e.V. (VDF)

GREECE:

Greek Meat Trade Union

Greek Interprofessional Meat Organization (EDOK)

HUNGARY:

Hungarian Meat Industry Federation

IRELAND:

BordBia – The Irish Food Board
Meat Industry Ireland – IBEC

ITALY:

Unione Importatori Esportatori Industriali Commissionari
Grossisti Ingrassatori Macellatori Spedizionieri Carni
Bestiame e Prodotti Derivati (UNICEB)

JAPAN:

Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC)

LITHUANIA:

Confederation of Lithuanian Food Industrialists (CLFI)

LUXEMBOURG:

Confédération Luxembourgeoise de Commerce

NORWAY:

Norwegian Independent Meat and Poultry Association
Nortura SA.

NETHERLANDS:

Vee&Logistiek Nederland
Dutch Meat Importers Association (DMIA)
Centrale Organisatie voor de Vleessector (COV)

POLAND:

Polish Meat Association

PORTUGAL:

Associação Portuguesa dos Industrias de Carnes (APIC)
Associação Comercial e Industrial do Funchal – Câmara de Comércio e Industria da Madeira (ACIF)

ROMANIA:

Asociatia crescatorilor si exportatorilor de bovine, ovine si porcine din Romania (ACEBOP)
Asociatia producatorilor de carne de porc din Romania
Romanian Pork Producers Association (RPPA)

SLOVENIA:

Gospodarsko interesno zdruzenje meso in izdelki (GIZ)

SPAIN:

Asociación Nacional de Industrias de la Carne de España (ANICE)
Asociación Nacional de Almacenes Frigoríficos de Carnes y Salas de Despiece
Asociación Nacional de Industrias Carnicas de Ovino-Caprino (ANAFRIC-
GREMSA ANICOC OVICEBO)
Asociación Española de Productores de Vacuno de Carne (ASOPROVAC)
Asociación Nacional de Productores de Ganado Porcino (ANPROGAPOR)

SWEDEN: Swedish Meat Industry Association

SWITZERLAND:

GVFI Internationale SA (Genossenschaft für Vieh – und Fleischimport
Schweizer Viehhändler Verband (SVV)

UKRAINE:

Ukrainian AgriBusiness Club (UCAB) & Poultry, Union of Ukraine (PUU)
Ukrainian Agri Council (UAC) & Association of Pork Producers (APP)

UNITED KINGDOM:

International Meat Trade Association Inc. (IMTA)
British Meat Processors Association (BMPA)
Northern Ireland Meat Exporters Association (NIMEA)
Scottish Association of Meat Wholesalers (SAMW)

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