



Bologna, 10th June 2013

Dear Mr Dantin,

I am writing in my capacity as President of the European Association for Products of Origin (AREPO), to draw your attention to the recognition of the key role of quality products in the future Common Agricultural Policy.

We appreciated your work as a rapporteur for the Single CMO Regulation and we would like to congratulate you for it.

We are nevertheless worried that in the on-going trilogues some of the amendments that are key to our sector may be overlooked or discarded, as negotiations lag and focus on some of the most central or controversial elements of the regulation.

In this respect, I would notably like to remind you the meaning for our sector of article 109b, as amended by the European Parliament. The possibility for Producers' groups to regulate supply is expected to stabilise the market and to keep a greater percentage of the value produced in the territories that generated it. The impact on our regions, on their level of employment in rural areas and on the preservation of our traditions and biodiversity, will particularly relevant.

I hope that you will manage to bring forward a vision of a European Agriculture based on quality and with a solid impact on economic, social and cultural development.

I remain at your disposal should you require any additional information.

Best regards,

Tiberio Rabboni,
President of AREPO