

## **EFFAB WELCOMES THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RECOGNITION OF ANIMAL BREEDING AND INNOVATION AS KEY TO A SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK FUTURE**

**Brussels, 30 April 2026 – The European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB) strongly welcomes the European Parliament's adoption of the report on how to secure a sustainable future for the EU livestock sector, in light of the need to ensure food security, farmers' resilience, and the challenges posed by animal diseases (2025/2053(INI)).**

EFFAB is pleased to see animal breeding and genetics prominently recognised in the report as key drivers of sustainability and competitiveness in the livestock sector. EFFAB also welcomes the calls to foster new technologies, as innovation represents the key lever for advancing genetic improvement. *"This report sends a clear and timely signal. The European Parliament has acknowledged that investing in genetics and breeding innovation is one of the most effective ways to improve sustainability, the welfare and the health of farmed animals. We are pleased that the Parliament explicitly recognises the EU's global leadership and we strongly support its calls for public and private research in animal breeding and genetics"* – César González de Miguel, Director of EFFAB.

### **A shared vision for the future of livestock in Europe**

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EFFAB believes this provides a strong basis to continue working hand in hand with the European Commission in shaping the future of the livestock sector.

As we look to the future of the livestock sector, EFFAB fully shares the Parliament's approach to prioritise innovation, science, and efficiency. Europe's animal breeders stand ready to continue delivering solutions that improve animal health, welfare, environmental sustainability and food security, provided that a supportive policy and funding framework is in place. EFFAB therefore calls on the European Commission to ensure these priorities are fully reflected in the upcoming EU Livestock Strategy, turning this vision into concrete action.

The full report is available online: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-10-2026-0088\\_EN.html#\\_section4](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-10-2026-0088_EN.html#_section4)

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### **About EFFAB**

EFFAB, the European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders is the association that represents the animal breeding and reproduction organisations and companies in Europe. Members of EFFAB are involved in the genetic improvement of different farm animal species and represent a wide diversity of farming systems – from conventional to organic.