

Proven success

EU Specialty Food Ingredients President

Why is BENEEO a happy member of EU Specialty Food Ingredients? Because the specialty ingredient industry as a whole needs a strong voice in Europe in parallel to the general food and drink Industry represented by Food and Drinks Europe. This is especially true as we are on the first row to face specific regulations (Novel Food, Nutrition and Health Claim, Food additive and Enzyme...) about which we need an association to defend the interests of our whole industry... (and not BENEEO only) towards the Authorities, the European Parliament and other parties. Our industry has also a high innovation potential which needs to be supported more by the Authorities. Finally, we will be stronger to communicate to the European community what our industry is all about all together than BENEEO alone!

Dominique Speleers,
Member of Beneo's Executive Board

Member associations

Being a Member of EU Specialty Food Ingredients gives us access to the most up-to-date information on EU activities about food specialty ingredients, both with emails and physical meetings, giving also the opportunity to be pro-active on sensitive issues. Otherwise it would be difficult for our SME member companies to access to such information. EU Specialty Food Ingredients represents shared industry positions at higher levels with EU Institutions. As a National Association, we can forward EU Specialty Food Ingredients position to our National Authorities, having a combined action at EU and national level. Having a link with other Sector Associations gives us the possibility to share positions on specific issues of common interest that may arise.

Marco Mercenari,
President of Federchimica-AISPEC

Specialty ingredients play a crucial role in assuring Europe's continued position as a world leader in food quality. But that is not always understood by EU decision makers. All specialty ingredient producers must work together to correct the misperceptions about their products and EU Specialty Food Ingredients is the vehicle for making that happen.

Marie-Laure Empinet,
Executive Committee Member at Starch Europe

Synpa, les ingrédients alimentaires de spécialité, is actively involved in the work of EU Specialty Food Ingredients, as it is crucial for our members, that their interests and the vision of the French industry are promoted at European association level. EU Specialty Food Ingredients is the key player for food specialty ingredients on the Brussels scene. By its position EU Specialty Food Ingredients informs its members on all important decisions and on-going works on strategic issues for the specialty food ingredients industry.

Mélanie Le Plaine-Mileur,
Secretary General of Synpa

Member companies

EU Specialty Food Ingredients offers Cargill a concrete platform to exchange and debate key regulatory issues and build common positions with other specialty food ingredient manufactures. Besides sharing knowledge and expertise, EU Specialty Food Ingredients offers the industry privileged contacts with the European institutions. Our EU Specialty Food Ingredients membership contributes to managing EU regulatory matters and the reputation of our ingredients, such as lecithins, pectins, seaweeds and others.

Geert Maesmans, Director Research, Development and Innovation at Cargill Texturizing Solutions

DuPont is very satisfied with the work performed at EU Specialty Food Ingredients. The work delivered for the Novel Food Regulation is a key example for us on the impact that EU Specialty Food Ingredients can have. We believe that engaging in industry related topics and challenges at the Federation helps to drive progress for our customers and consumers. Our technical exchanges have been very helpful and we clearly get value from the diverse contributions from being a member of EU Specialty Food Ingredients. In the dynamic European regulatory environment it is very helpful to have the perspectives and voice of EU Specialty Food Ingredients as a collection of member companies to help engage in open and constructive dialogue with the Commission.

Angela Naef, PhD Vice President Global Technology & Innovation, DuPont Nutrition & Health

United to meet challenging times ahead

These are exciting times for the food industry but there are many challenges to overcome and objectives to achieve, including a rapidly evolving regulatory framework, sustainability and the freedom to operate across the EU.

EU Specialty Food Ingredients is a reliable partner on various key issues for the food ingredients markets, including labelling, health and nutrition claims, novel foods and so on.

Open to companies and associations of all sizes, EU Specialty Food Ingredients operates on an interactive basis. Encouraging regular dialogue between members enables us to gather intelligence and market information as well as developing position papers on a range of issues.

For further information on EU Specialty Food Ingredients and the advantages of a membership, kindly visit www.specialtyfoodingredients.eu/about/membership-information

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Member associations

Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products (AMFEP), World Association of Food Grade Biopolymer Producers (Biopolymer Int.), European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC), Danish Agriculture and Food Council (DAFC), European Committee for Umami (ECU), European Food Emulsifiers Manufacturers Association (EFEMA), European Food & Feed Cultures Association (EFFCA), European Lecithin Manufacturers' Association (ELMA), European Association of Polyol Producers (EPA), European Technical Caramel Colour Association (EUTECA), Food Additives and Ingredients Association (FAIA), Italian federation of the chemical industry - Fine chemicals and specialties association (Federchimica - AISPEC), Association of Producers of Carob Bean Gum (INEC), International Pectin Producers Association (IPPA), International Sweeteners Association (ISA), World Association of Seaweed Processors (Marinalg Int.), Natural Food Colours Association (NATCOL), Starch Europe and Synpa, les ingrédients alimentaires de spécialité

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Benefiting our members

Specialty food ingredients have technological and/or functional benefits and are essential in providing today's consumer with a wide range of tasty, safe, healthy, affordable, qualitative and sustainably produced food. They are a key segment in the European food industry that is used in many of today's consumer foods and have consequently become part of our daily life.

EU Specialty Food Ingredients is the trusted and preferred source for credible information on the many health and functional benefits of specialty food ingredients for manufacturers, retailers, regulatory authorities and consumers, working with trusted experts and a science-based approach.

Influencing food policy

At the forefront of the specialty food ingredient industry for more than 30 years, EU Specialty Food Ingredients is dedicated to help create a positive EU regulatory environment to foster innovation. As a result, EU Specialty Food Ingredients is frequently consulted by decision-makers and regularly asked to contribute to a wide range of key European food industry issues.

EU Specialty Food Ingredients strives to provide science-based information in food-related debates and consequently is a major contributor to the policies

developed by the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union due to its key position in the food value chain. EU Specialty Food Ingredients is registered in the EU Transparency Register and as such respects the independence of EU institutions.

EU Specialty Food Ingredients is also present on the international scene: our federation is actively involved in a number of Codex Alimentarius Committees, such as the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA), the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU), and other Committees for which expertise on specialty food ingredients is required.

Result-driven activities

Insider knowledge and news

With a finger on the pulse of the food ingredients industry, EU Specialty Food Ingredients monitors and provides its members with relevant, accurate and up-to-date news and information. EU Specialty Food Ingredients thus aims to inform and educate its members and the public about regulatory developments and interesting global trends.

EU Specialty Food Ingredients is also consulted on EU initiatives and efforts before they become official, notifying its members of possible changes and potential implications in EU legislation and regulatory affairs.

Setting relevant industry standards

EU Specialty Food Ingredients also offers its members a unified voice, representing the many diverse interests of the industry as a single influential and respected entity. Providing a forum for debate and discussion, the group evaluates ideas and issues, to agree upon mutually beneficial end goals in the context of food legislation and regulation.

EU Specialty Food Ingredients produces statements on pressing topics, ranging from innovation and sustainability to the health claim regulation, the re-evaluation of food additives and Novel Food Ingredients, based upon shared expertise and research.

Influential and proactive

Finally, in this heavily regulated industry, EU Specialty Food Ingredients makes a concerted and proactive effort to ensure a smooth and practical implementation of existing EU legislation. EU Specialty Food Ingredients consistently is aware and informs its members of possible changes to the EU framework, so that regulatory action for specialty food ingredients is as positive and supportive of innovation as possible.

By keeping in close contact with EU institutions and regulatory authorities, sharing statements, explaining possible consequences of suggested legislation, offering amendments and solutions on proposals, and providing the collective opinion of its members, EU Specialty Food Ingredients effectively and visibly contributes to the EU conversation on specialty food ingredients.



The importance of specialty food ingredients in the food chain

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Our members at a glance

EU Specialty Food Ingredients today has about **40 members** representing more than **200 international and national** food ingredient companies (including around 22% of SMEs¹), either directly or through sectoral and national associations.

Thanks to the contribution of more than **90,000 employees**, the European specialty food ingredient industry generates a turnover of around **€40 billion**. As such it contributes to the competitiveness of the European food and drink industry, the largest manufacturing sector in the EU in terms of annual turnover (€1.017 billion²).

4% on average of EU specialty food ingredients manufacturers' turnover is dedicated to research and development.

¹ < 250 employees and TO < €50m. These are estimated based on internal data gathered from our members.
² FoodDrinkEurope report "Data and trends of the European food and drink industry 2012". These are guesstimates for 2013, based on internal data gathered from our members (Cefic is a member of EU Specialty Food Ingredients but is excluded from calculations due to unclear representation of industrial chemicals vs. specialty food ingredients).