



European Congress of Young Farmers

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INNOVATION PRIZE FOR YOUNG FARMERS 2012

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Common Agricultural Policy

- The agricultural associations CAP - (Portugal) and ASAJA - (Spain), together with MEP Nuno Melo and MEP Esther Herranz, have proposed the organization of a European conference about Young Farmers in the European Parliament on 13th and 14th November.



Statistically, on a European level, the available data tell us that for every farmer under 35 years old, there are 9 farmers aged 55 or more. In some Member States, such as Portugal, Spain, Italy, the United Kingdom and Bulgaria, the proportion of young farmers is very low, with only 1 young farmer for every 20 farmers over 55 years old. There are, however, countries like Poland, Austria and Germany that offer a quite different image, with 1 young farmer for every 3 over 55.





The aim of the young farmers' prize is to promote a positive image of young farmers and to identify activities characterised by innovation, sustainability and market orientation.

Requirements to participate:

- European farmers under 40 years old.
- The use of new know-how, new methods or new forms of technology in a particular sector or region.
- Transferring innovation
- Sustaining innovation



Each MEP will launch the contest in their countries in order to choose the best national projects (maximum 5) to present in the European Parliament.



