Dear Executive Vice-President Timmermans

As a responsible group of actors all along the livestock value chain, our European organisations collectively welcome the European Commission’s ambition to support the ongoing transition our current agri-food system to a healthy and environmentally friendly food system through the EU Green Deal and more specifically the Farm to Fork strategy.

As we approach one year after the publication of the Farm to Fork strategy and get closer to a positioning of the European Parliament we continue to see debates around both the impacts and the contributions of the livestock sector when it comes to sustainable food systems, and we see that you have been meeting with a wide range of stakeholders to further discuss the strategy and various elements linked to it.

Livestock is an integral part of the European agricultural sector and part of the solution for creating a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system in the EU - so we would very much appreciate it if you would now take the time to meet with the European Livestock Voice, a collective representing a group of a dozen Brussels-based organisations along the livestock value chain. Our whole chain is both willing and active in driving changes towards greater sustainability and sometimes it is our impression that progress made so far is overlooked.

Our ambition is to remain the engine of employment and economic vitality of rural zones, whilst being committed to continue our path towards greater sustainability in order to meet societal and environmental demands. In order to meet these societal and environmental demands, the European organisations of the livestock chain believes that the European Commission’s Farm to Fork Strategy needs to better take into account the specificities and assets of the EU livestock value chain and in that respect we would very much appreciate an exchange with you.

We are looking forward to hearing from you - hopefully with a suggestion of a date and time for a virtual meeting.

On behalf of the European Livestock Voice