

## Paris to host the 53rd European Commodities Exchange

This will be the first international event in Paris for the grain trade.

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On 10 and 11 October 2013, Paris will become the host city of the international grain sector. Taking place annually in a different European metropolis, the European Commodities Exchange is the largest international event for the grain trade. More than 3,000 international professionals from 50 countries are expected in the French capital in 14 days from upstream and to downstream of the production grain chain: traders, producers, crushers, collectors, brokers, distributors, retailers, superintendents and providers of logistics.

“The 53<sup>rd</sup> European Commodities Exchange in Paris is a strategic crossroads for the future of the grain sector. This exceptional event is the 2013 gathering for debates and exchanges between the various operators of the sector in order to look at new opportunities on the world grain market and agribusiness. France and Europe must remain leading players of the world agricultural market and this issue will be at the center of the discussions this year”, explains Baudouin Delforge, President of the General Union of the Paris Commodities Exchange.

This year, the organizer of the event, the General Union of the Paris Commodities Exchange, prepared a complete two-day programme of exhibition, conference and exceptional Gala dinner event at the at Château de Versailles providing professional visitors a great face to face opportunity to meet, take stock of current campaign and consolidate relationships with more than 137 exhibiting companies from the grain sector.

Organized in partnership with the company Syngenta, the opening conference will take place on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Palais des Congrès in Paris city: “What is the role played by European agriculture on the world stage? Economic and strategic outlook for the grain sector?” This major opening event will be chaired by Stephane Le Foll, French Minister for Agriculture, in the presence of Denis Tardy, President of Syngenta France, John Atkin, CEO of Syngenta, Nicolas Bouzou, economist and advisor to the French Prime Minister, and representatives of importing countries and industries.

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