



European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry

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Topic: European agriculture regions support green lanes initiative

Dear Sir, Madame,

Fully respecting every health and sanitary protocol, it is extremely important that the borders between Member States are open for both products and workers in the agricultural sector (food, plants and the associated supply chain) to assure its economic sustainability. Control measures should not undermine the continuity of economic activity in the agricultural sector and should preserve the operation of supply chains.

On the 16th of March 2020, the European Commission has published [Guidelines](#) for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services.

ERIAFF is a network of European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry. It comprises **49** members from **14** Member States. These Regions all have a strong engagement to facilitate the integration of European policies in favour of innovation in agriculture, food and forestry areas.

We support the guidelines of the European Commission to guarantee that borders between Member States remain open and we urge Member States to follow the guidelines.

This letter is signed by the European Regions stated on the next page.

With kind regards,

The Members of ERIAFF



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