

EU Code of Conduct on responsible FOOD business and marketing practices

A common aspirational path towards achieving sustainable food systems

2023 Annual Report

The Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products (AMFEP) is an EU-based association created in 1977 and consisting of 30 members, representing over 90% of the European and over 80% of the world enzyme market. AMFEP serves as a hub for information exchange and dialogue between enzymes producers and formulators, industry organisations, the scientific community and policy-makers and promotes co-operation on regulatory and safety aspects of enzymes.

Members of AMFEP produce and sell enzyme products for use in food, feed and technical industries. Enzymes are used in a variety of industrial and professional applications such as food & beverage, animal nutrition, detergents and/or textile production. They support and accelerate a number of biochemical reactions that drive environmental efficiency across many diverse EU sectors, in small to large companies.

General information

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Step of the food chain represented (ex: primary production, production, processing, trade, retail, ...)	Food processing (suppliers of processing aids and ingredients to food and non food industries)
Who do you represent? (e.g. number of members, companies, SMEs)	AMFEP represents 30 enzymes manufacturers and formulators, among which 15 are considered as SMEs. The list of members can be found in this link: https://amfep.org/members/

* if available

The Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products (AMFEP) pledge to:

- *endorse the aspirational objectives set out in this Code (where applicable)*

AMFEP confirms pledge and signed the Code in November 2022. We are therefore still in the beginning of the implementation.

- *promote and disseminate this Code with(in) their constituency/ies;*

AMFEP informed its members of its willingness to sign the Code and we developed our pledge with the support of our Sustainability Working Group and our Board. The whole membership is aware that AMFEP pledge has been accepted and that its implementation is ongoing.

The fact that AMFEP was accepted as a signatory of the Code was communicated via the news room of AMFEP website, in November ([link](#)), along with the pledge itself.

- *encourage their members to align their sustainability actions and/or business practices to the aspirational objectives and targets of the Code and invite them, on a voluntary basis, to adhere to this Code, as appropriate;*

AMFEP decided to revise its Vision and Mission in order to better fit to the aspirations of the European Union when it comes to sustainability. As key enablers of the Green Deal, it was important that our Vision and Mission reflect this aspect.

VISION: Our vision is for enzyme solutions to be recognised as essential enablers, contributing to a better life in a more sustainable society.

MISSION: AMFEP is the voice of the European enzyme industry, promoting the benefits of enzymes and our vision to policy-makers and the whole value chain. AMFEP supports a regulatory framework that allows society to benefit from the use of enzymes.

Both have been communicated to the whole membership and published on our website ([link](#)).

We also intend to further disseminate our new Vision and Mission via a communication plan which we are currently working on (more information below).

- *explore the possibility of developing sector-specific tools and resources in support of this Code;*

Following the signature of the Code, the assessment of possible action in support of the Code is underway and will be continued within the AMFEP membership.

- *continue to engage in dialogue with other food chain/systems actors and EU and international policy-makers to forge (new) relationships, exchange good practices and discuss challenges encountered, learn from each other (studies, projects) and create better mutual understanding, and identify opportunities for collaboration and potential partnership.*

AMFEP has created a Sustainability WG internally which is notably in charge of producing materials to increase public, stakeholders and policy-makers awareness of the sustainability benefits of enzymes. Since the signature of the Code, AMFEP has developed a new page on its website dedicated to sustainability ([link](#)). In this page, we notably explain how enzymes are key enablers of the European Green Deal. We also created four information sheets on the contribution of enzymes to reduce emissions in food ([link](#)), but also feed, detergents and textiles.

AMFEP liaised with our American sister association ETA (Enzymes Technical Association) in order to inform them of our initiatives and to exchange best practices in terms of sharing information about the sustainability benefits of using enzymes. ETA webpage on sustainability is now referenced on AMFEP website too to enhance public understanding of the benefits of enzymes ([link](#)).

AMFEP has confirmed its commitment to identifying opportunities for exchanges with other associations in the food sector. We are notably considering launching a communication plan in order to better explain the sustainable benefits of using enzymes in various applications (food and non-food). This includes liaising with our downstream users for collaboration.