

# Euro Foie Gras shows off its ambitions in the light of EU elections

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It was in Plovdiv, a city full of history, that the Euro Foie Gras General Assembly took place on May 20 and 21, 2019. Combining discovery of the region and important decisions for the European foie gras sector, this General Assembly was a success.

Euro Foie Gras members welcomed the record level reached in 2018 by foie gras exports from the 5 European producing countries to third countries. With a turnover of 82 million euros, **European exports worldwide rose by 58% in value compared to 2018**, especially to Japan. Another reason for satisfaction: in 10 years, **Hungary has doubled its internal consumption** and increased its exports to neighboring countries such as the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Serbia. The key figures of the sector are part of the information that can be found on the new **Euro Foie Gras [website](#)**. Interactive and modern, it gives information on all facets of the sector : waterfowl-based products, the different phases of production and also the numerous commitments of the Federation in terms of quality, health and animal welfare.

The General Assembly made important decisions for the sector. Euro Foie Gras members decided to **collect and share forecast data for the production** of fat palmipeds. This will be a very useful anticipation tool to help operators make decisions. In addition, Euro Foie Gras members wish to work collectively, with the support of an independent research organization, on **common animal welfare indicators and their regular monitoring**. It may be recalled that Euro Foie Gras has had since 2011 a [European Charter on breeding of waterfowl for foie gras](#), which sets out the commitments that must govern the production already subject to European legislation on animal welfare.

The General Assembly was punctuated by visits to a foie gras farm as well as a feather and down upgrading plant. « **European voters will go to the polls in a few days. By making strong decisions in Plovdiv, the European Capital of Culture this year, we are participating in our own way in building the European Union** », concluded Christophe Barrailh, President of Euro Foie Gras.



General Assembly



Visit of a foie gras farm



Visit of a feather and down upgrading plant

*Created in 2008, Euro Foie Gras, the European Federation of Foie Gras, brings together producers' federations from France, Belgium, Bulgaria, Spain and Hungary. Its goal is to establish a continuous exchange of good practices, know-how and promote the profession of foie gras producer.*

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