

European meeting on foie gras

Brussels, 20 February 2020

The 6th edition of the cocktail of the Circle of Foie Gras Friends was held on Tuesday, 18th of February in Brussels to celebrate this delicacy. Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), representatives of the European Commission, permanent representations of Member States, regional representations and stakeholders met at the Stanhope Hotel to discuss this product, ambassador of European gastronomy.

Following the European elections of 26 May 2019, the Circle of Foie Gras Friends is pleased to welcome ten MEPs from foie gras producing and consuming countries. The cocktail was an opportunity to induct them as members. The Circle is also delighted to count on the loyalty of several re-elected MEPs.

In his opening speech, Mr. Christophe Barrailh, President of Euro Foie Gras, stressed the importance of the European marketing standards for poultry meat for the European foie gras sector: *“The future delegated act revising these standards must imperatively maintain the definition of minimum liver weights for the designation 'foie gras', and if possible, include a definition of 'processed foie gras' (...) in the interest of consumers and producers attached to a product of excellence”*¹. He also insisted on transparency, a value to which Euro Foie Gras is very attached, by offering farm visits to all interested guests.

Throughout the evening, the guests had the pleasure of tasting several recipes created by Stanhope chef Laurent Gauze based on foie gras, smoked duck breast and duck gizzard, in a festive and friendly atmosphere.

¹ Find our commitments [on our website](http://www.eurofoiegras.com/).



The MEPs of the Circle of Foie Gras Friends



The President of Euro Foie Gras Christophe Barrailh gives the opening speech of the cocktail



Foie gras on bread



Terrine of foie gras and smoked eel

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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