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“In a meat-eating world, wearing leather for shoes and clothes and even handbags, the discussion of fur is childish”

Karl Lagerfeld, *The Daily Telegraph*, January 2009

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European fur farming is a classic agricultural activity among many others: there is no difference between breeding mink or fox for fur and pigs, chickens or cows for their meat or leather. The importance is that the animals are properly kept and this is incontestably the case for fur farming in Europe. European fur farmers respect very tough regulations in terms of animal health and welfare at national and EU level.

### European fur farming is a growing agricultural activity

With 64.07% of global fur production, Europe is the world leader in fur-pelt production, followed by China, the USA, Canada and Russia. Europe wants to maintain its leadership by providing the best quality production. The global production of fur has grown by more than 45% in the past ten years to reach an annual figure of more than 50 million units. The value of EU farmed fur amounts to €1.2 billion.

As fur farmers only or in combination with other agricultural activities, European fur farming provides many thousands of jobs to communities and families living in isolated and rural areas.

**European fur farmers are members of the European Copia-Cogeca federation.**