

EFBA
EUROPEAN FUR BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION



ABOUT US

EFBA, the European Fur Breeders' Association

- EFBA represents **15 national fur breeders' associations** located in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden. EFBA has also built a strong collaboration over the years with the Polish national fur breeders' association.
- **Fur-farmed species** cover **minks** (*mustelidae family*), **fitches** (*mustela puterious family*), **foxes** (*vulpes and alopex families*), **finn raccoons** (*nyctereutes procyonoides family*) and **chinchillas** (*chinchilla laniger family*).
- EFBA, originally constituted in 1968, is an **international non-profit association** based in Brussels. This legal status allows the development and financing of projects and also the promotion of all activities of the liaison committees and working groups.

FUR FARMING IN EUROPE

Fur farming in Europe is a key industry with a wide geographical impact

- Fur farming is mainly concentrated in the EU-15, principally Denmark, Finland and the Netherlands.
- Denmark is the largest producer of mink pelts in Europe and fur is the third largest agricultural export from Denmark.
- Finland is the largest producer of fox pelts in Europe.
- Fur is a key industry for new Member States such as Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.
- Fur farming contributes significantly to rural development in certain European regions – such as Kastoria in Greece.

SOME KEY FIGURES 2008

- **6,000** fur farms in the EU Member States.
- **57.5% (28.7 million pelts)** of worldwide mink-fur production and **51.5% (2.3 million pelts)** of worldwide fox-fur production come from European farms.
- China is the second largest worldwide producer of fur pelts and the biggest competitor to European fur farmers.
- It provides an efficient use of more than **1 million tones of animal by-products** each year from the fishing and meat industries.
- The fur sector creates up to **60,000 full-time jobs** in Europe.
- The value of EU farmed fur amounts to **€1.5 billion**.

MISSION & OBJECTIVE

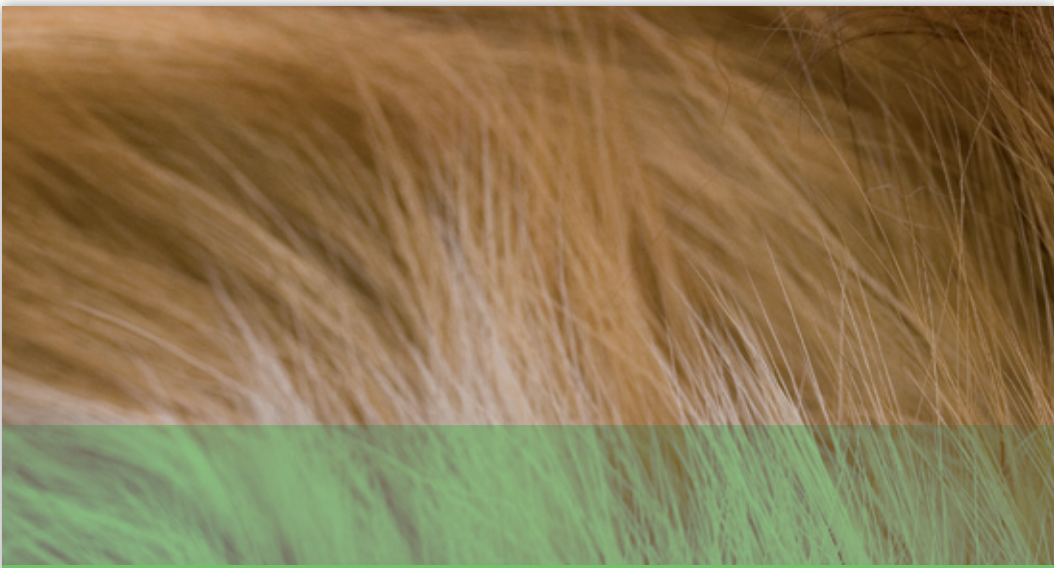
EFBA works to promote a realistic public image of European fur farming based on openness and transparency.

Mission

EFBA represents European fur farmers' interests at both European and international institutions. To fulfill its mission, EFBA participates proactively in the development of a legislative framework and business conditions where all European fur farmers can compete effectively for sustainable growth as well as proudly meeting consumers' demand for information about product origin. EFBA contributes to the development of best practices to respond to these specific areas by encouraging scientific research.

Objectives

- Promote awareness and knowledge of the fur-farming sector in Europe.
- Maintain the European fur-farming sector as a worldwide leader in best practices (e.g. animal welfare) by participating proactively in scientific research.
- Strive to standardise European practices and legislation based on both high welfare standards and socio-economic sustainability.
- Promote a proud and realistic image of the fur-farming sector in public opinion and among European representatives.



MORE INFORMATION

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