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RE: 2019 UECBV AGM and YEMCo event in Athens on 7-9th November

Dear Mr Gitsas,
Dear EDOK colleagues,
Dear EDOK constituency,

Time is ticking now and we are approaching the UECBV AGM in Athens. We would like to thank you for the tremendous work already achieved and we would like to underline how important this event will be for UECBV as a whole.

Greece has been in economic difficulty for a few years, but it is now recovering and, with its situation and its specificity, it plays an important role.

Greece has been represented within UECBV for a long time and the relationship has always been highly cooperative. The 2019 UECBV AGM in Athens is one of the outcomes thereof.

I would even dare suggest that you should not be too shy, on the contrary, be proud and well mobilised to meet your counterpart from other Member States. It will be a great opportunity to highlight the achievements of the livestock and meat sector in Greece and to interact with colleagues from the other Member States.

The choice of topics for the sessions is very relevant for all: well done!

In addition, as you may have seen in a recent UECBV message, the livestock and meat sector has to frontally embrace the strong policy orientations that will come with the greening of the European Parliament and the Green Deal of the new EU Commission.

Commissioner Oettinger told us at the last UECBV board meeting: ***“The livestock and meat sector should not sleep for the next 100 days”***.

We would like to take this strong message on board at the AGM and the speakers, in particular from the EU Commission, will be asked to explain what it means. The AGM will be an important step to prepare ourselves to be listened and to turn the Green Deal into an opportunity for us. We need to have a sustainable sector and we are already doing a lot. Let's coordinate to deliver the right messages and face our own goals!

The AGM will be a success if livestock and meat companies from many Member States and, in particular, from the hosting country, are well mobilised. It will make a difference.
We are counting on you!

We are looking forward to seeing you in Athens and discover what the cradle of Europe has to tell us.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General