

# EUROMALT Statement on sustainability of the malt value chain

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EUROMALT is the trade association representing the malting industry in Europe. Established in 1959, it represents and promotes the interests of the European malting industry at EU and international levels, including issues affecting the supply chain, the manufacturing, distribution and trade of malt.

EUROMALT members fully support sustainable supply chain practices developed under the framework of international organisations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),

the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and others.

EUROMALT members are committed to work on solutions for innovative food systems and to improve agri-food infrastructure as well as to take actions to combat climate change. Improving standards on a global level, in the spirit of the WTO and other international agreements, ensures a level playing field for a global agri-food industry.

*EUROMALT supports initiatives under the following UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):*



More specifically, and in line with the above-mentioned UN SDGs, EUROMALT members are committed to:

Improving since the last 40 years, the overall energy efficiency and emission reductions of malt production, by shifting to alternative and greener energy sources where possible

Working towards a Net Zero target in line with EU and partner countries' ambitions

Sourcing malting grains (i.e., barley, wheat, rye, oats, triticale, spelt) in a sustainable way, by working closely with supply chain partners and by promoting the adoption of regenerative farming practices

Where possible, supporting local sourcing programmes, which reduces the environmental footprint of transport of malting grains

Benchmarking the Carbon footprint (with practical implementation of the EUROMALT Carbon Footprint Calculator) of malthouses and upstream supply chain and engaging to reduce such footprint

Looking for sustainable sources of water and ways to use it more efficiently (especially during the steeping process) by adopting emerging water saving, and wastewater recycling, technologies

Keeping channelled dust emissions to air, in compliance with Best Available Technique – Associated Emission Level (BAT – AEL)

Optimising waste management practices