

CIBE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 20 MAY 2026 –

Brussels, Belgium

CIBE elects its new President and advocates for a true EU sugar policy

European Sugar Beet Growers held their annual General Assembly in Brussels on 20 May 2026.

On that occasion, CIBE members elected Guillaume Gandon (France) as new CIBE President for the two years to come. Guillaume Gandon farms in Chery les Pouilly (Aisne department, situated North-East of Paris) since 1994 and grows sugar beet, wheat, spring barley, oil seed rape and industrial vegetables. He is Vice-President of the French Sugar beet growers' association (CGB) and since 2022, Vice-President of the World Association of Sugar Beet and Sugar Cane Growers (WABCG). He was Chair of the CIBE Economic Committee since 2022.



*"I am taking over from Marcel Jehaes, whom I would like to thank, as his term comes to an end, for having established the CIBE roadmap during our last year Congress. I realize how big this task for the future of our sugar beet sector is, at a time when it is facing market imbalances and increasing geopolitical risks, when growers are struggling to maintain the means of production needed to protect their crop, and at a time when we must prepare for a further CAP reform and for future EU enlargement to include Ukraine. My aim will be to tirelessly defend growers' income, to support the establishment of an effective and solid EU sugar policy, with a real safety net, a risk-based policy for crop protection, and a level playing field with third competitors. These are the necessary conditions for the sustainability of our EU sugar beet family farms and of our sector. **My goal, as President of CIBE, is to rebuild a real European sugar policy now**",* stated CIBE President Guillaume Gandon.

CIBE members also elected Arwin Bos (The Netherlands) as CIBE Vice-President, Bernhard Conzen (Germany) and Hendrik Vandamme (Belgium) as respectively Chair and Vice-Chair of the CIBE Economic Committee as well as Krzysztof Nykiel (Poland) and Luigi Maccaferri (Italy) as respectively Chair and Vice-Chair of the CIBE Technical and Reception Control Committee.

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