



Traditional for today and tomorrow



EUROPEAN RURAL POULTRY
ASSOCIATION



What is "rural poultry"?

A large variety of productions and producers of poultry meat or eggs:

- Live poultry, chicks, 4/6 weeks old or adults, which can be sold on spot or in markets, or sold as ready-to-eat products
- Traditional poultry, or with national quality label (Label Rouge), with PGI or PDO, or organic
- Independent producers, sometimes with a small slaughterhouse, or producers grouped into organized sectors

With an ethics in common:

Outdoor Farming - Coloured birds from rustic slow-growing strains - Limited sizes for farms and buildings - Link to the land - Family farms

Who is ERPA?

ERPA is a European association created in 2007 to:

- **Represent professional producers of rural poultry** in the UE
- **Help preserve rural poultry production** and its **genetic diversity** in Europe, by recognizing its specificities in the European legislation
- **Promote in particular extensive and family-based methods of farming, open-air breeding and coloured birds from rustic slow-growing strains**

ERPA is recognized at European level:

- Member of 3 civil dialogue groups of DG AGRI (poultry / eggs, organic, quality)
- Member of the Animal Health and Welfare Advisory Committee of DG SANTE
- Member of the Animal Welfare Platform of the European Commission

Our commitments

- **Guaranteeing high quality poultry and eggs to consumers, as well as a high level of animal welfare**, promotion of slow growth as well as an extensive and outdoor breeding
- **Valuing and protecting alternative farming methods** for the benefit of rural poultry and their producers and for adequate information for consumers
- **Allowing the development of a sustainable and small-scale organic poultry farming**
- **Valuing and protecting poultry under EU signs of quality and origin (PDO / PGI / TSG)** for educated consumers
- **Guaranteeing an exemplary high standard of health for rural poultry**, with conditions adapted to this type of farming and to small slaughterhouses
- **Maintaining a viable base of farms and slaughterhouses in the territories**, for proximity and quality networks as well as jobs in rural areas

«Rural poultry is an example of respect of animal welfare, of the preservation of environment and rural territories. Support our action!»

Carlos TERRAZ, ERPA President



A recognized expertise at European level



- **2019** : follow-up of the reflexions on the evolution of **marketing standards**
- **2019** : contributions on the future CAP
- **2018-19** : contributions on **Official Controls** and the **Animal Health Law**
- **2017** : production of **practical fact sheets on biosecurity measures** in poultry farming presented to the Animal Health Advisory Committee of the DG SANTE. **Download on : www.erpa-ruralpoultry.eu**
- **2017** : study **comparing Member States' bio-safety regulations** regarding Avian Influenza
- **2017** : **expert for EFSA** on outdoor and rural production in the working group on biosecurity measures against Avian Influenza
- **Since 2014** : work on the **evolution of regulation on organic farming**
- **2013** : new single CMO Regulation. Modification of **Spanish translations of meat broiler farming methods** to better respond to the Spanish market
- **2012** : **analysis period for Salmonella before slaughter adapted to slow-growing poultry** (> 81 days) (Regulation (UE) N° 200/2012 and N° 1190/2012)

Who are the members of ERPA?

National associations of rural poultry producers from Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, Czech Republic, Romania...

Our Members:

- **AGROLAND • AVIALTER • CNADA**
- **COLLÈGE DES PRODUCTEURS** (Wallonie)
- **FAC • SNA • SYNALAF • UNAITALIA • VOFM**

Our Associated Members:

- **DOMINANT CZ** (poultry and eggs) • **GROUPE GRIMAUD** (poultry and eggs) • **HENDRIX GENETICS**
- LAYERS - ISA** (eggs) • **HUBBARD** (poultry) • **HY-LINE France** (eggs) • **LOHMANN TIERZUCHT GmbH** (eggs) • **NOVOGEN** (eggs) • **SASSO** (poultry)

