



Press release

20/05/2022 - CEVI's members met in Belgium for 3 intense days of work and discover

Independent winegrowers' wine tasting in Brussels

Tuesday 10 May, CEVI had the pleasure to receive the MEPs, their assistants, the permanent representations of the Member States as well as members of the European Commission for a wine tasting in Brussels.

Matilde Poggi, the president of CEVI recalled *"independent winegrowers play a key role in rural areas. Indeed, our wines are deeply rooted to our terroir, where we are proud to preserve tradition."*

Mr. Herbert Dorfmann, Member of the European Parliament, also honoured us by taking the floor to express his support and his attachment to defend the independents winegrowers on the European files.

CEVI General Assembly welcomed a special guest: Ms. Valérie de Bue, Minister for tourism in Wallonia

CEVI general assembly took place on 11 May, in Belgium. It was the opportunity to discuss the most actual issues at EU level, such as BECA report, nutritional labelling and excise duties.

Ms. Valérie de Bue, Minister of Tourism of Wallonia, honoured us by joining the assembly. As she rightly said, the development of the Belgian vineyard represents a great opportunity for tourism in the region, where oenotourism projects are being considered. The Minister recalled the dynamism that winegrowers bring to related sectors of activity, and their role in the rural economic fabric.

To end this wonderful Belgian trip, we had the opportunity to visit some independent winegrowers from Wallonia and Flanders and their vineyards and wines, under the Belgian sun !

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About CEVI:

CEVI is the only organisation representing and defending the interests of independent winegrowers at European level. CEVI counts today 12 000 members from 12 different States. Independent winegrowers are entrepreneurs at the head of a micro / small enterprise, often a family business. They make everything from the vineyard to the glass meaning that they produce and sell their wines directly to the consumer.

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