

**In economic terms**  
***“Agricultural contractors – essential partners”***

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**Considering that:**

1. With the many changes in the agricultural sector and the changes in depth and endless questioning in the agricultural field, new jobs have been created and that the threatened jobs have diversified.
2. These new jobs have been created in the specialised sector of the ARFC, and have replaced the traditional tasks and the specific activities of the primary sector of agricultural production.
3. Over 25 years the ARFC has been structured, step by step in the EU member states and progressively at a European level.
4. Despite the technical evolution and the European structure of the sector, the profession is often not recognized and rarely considered as a full members within the agricultural sector.
5. Through their full-time involvement in agriculture, the ARFC contribute to reduce the fixed cost of machinery of the farmers, reinforced their financial power and embrace new technological challenges in agricultural production.
6. The introduction many years ago of mechanical services to the agricultural sector and the resulting increase in productivity, the diversification and technical specialisation of ARDC employment opportunities proves the economic and social relevance of this sector at a national and community level.
7. In agriculture, rural development and environment development, the ARFC are asked to provide a new and growing diversity of technical and sophisticated ideas and services. Their function cannot be limited to be a testing ground for agricultural machinery manufacturers

### **CEETTAR asks the European Commission:**

- That they will be involved on a regular basis and at the highest level with the expert working groups, the authorities and the other social partners, to all professional economic decisions at a European level; to be involved in consultations on the evolution of the CAP.
- That they will be involved with the structure and implementation of professional training modernisation and transformation of the production capacities and transformation of agricultural products, management of land and of environmental protection.
- To implement research on the disparities existing in the different countries of the UE regarding VAT, the prices of the fuel, the rules and codes for the operation of working vehicles when in use on a public roads and on a environmental level.
- To regulate the technical labour in agricultural, rural and forestry without aiming at a harmonisation and elimination of disparities.
- **To be able to benefit at the same level as other socio-professional European organisation from technical and financial support in matters of organising international meetings, covering the transport and interpreting and translation costs.**