

SNE

Specialised  
Nutrition  
Europe



# HAVE YOU HEARD OF 'THE BRUSSELS EFFECT'?

Did you know 90% of legislation impacting your business is made in Brussels?

Additionally, EU legislation often inspires national and/or international standards.

Join Specialised Nutrition Europe to act on this legislation and shape our environment!

“Estimates show that some 90% of Europeans will need specialised nutrition at some stage in their lives”



# WHO WE ARE

Specialised Nutrition Europe (SNE) is the voice of the specialised nutrition industry across Europe.

## Join us if you're looking to:

- ◆ Keep up to date and anticipate future European political, legislative and regulatory developments that will allow your members to plan ahead.
- ◆ Collaborate with partners to better profile the sector, and its contribution to combating today's societal challenges.
- ◆ Shape the future of the specialised nutrition sector and promote continued innovation.
- ◆ Network with industry and political leaders in Europe and globally.
- ◆ Reach alignment amongst food business operators across Europe and agree on industry positions to influence European and national decision-makers.
- ◆ Grow your reach by liaising with scientific societies.

## Are you active in one of these sectors? If so, join us!

### Join us if you're producing foods intended to:

- ◆ Infants and young children
- ◆ Patients under medical supervision
- ◆ Overweight and obese consumers
- ◆ Gluten intolerant and coeliac sufferers
- ◆ Sportspeople

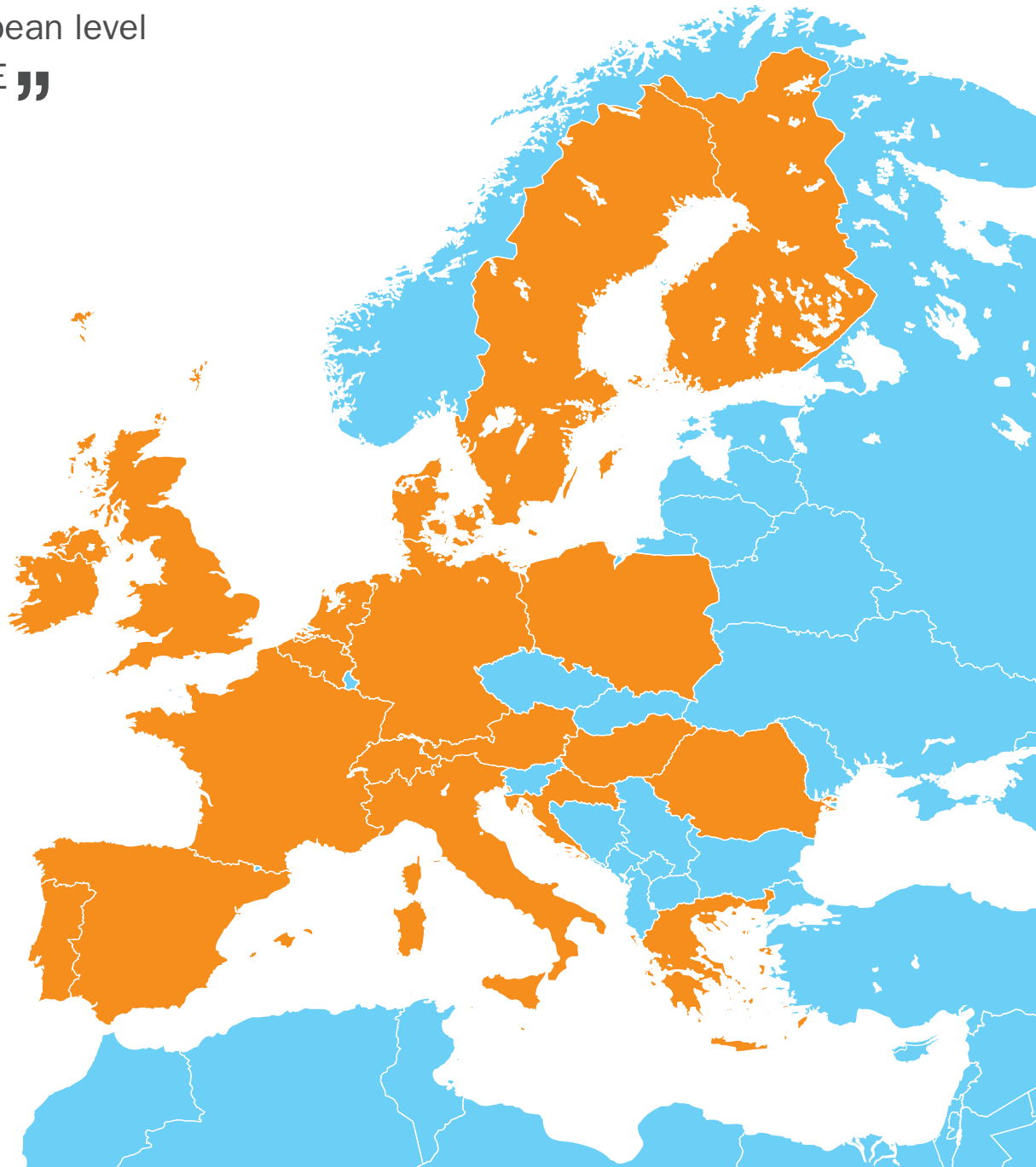


# Our presence in Europe

Being affiliated to SNE network, you will benefit from:

- ◆ **Increased profiling and visibility:** SNE has strong relationships with politicians and decision makers and is a full member of the European Commission Advisory group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health and of EFSA stakeholder forum.
- ◆ **A strong voice for the sector:** Your Association will be able to participate directly in the process of formulating SNE's policy and strategy via our working groups, the development of our position papers, and our meetings with policy makers and relevant stakeholders.
- ◆ **An excellent network:** Network with SNE members and with other European associations, such as FoodDrinkEurope, as well as via SNE partnerships such as the European Week of Sport.
- ◆ **Tailored and comprehensive monitoring:** Every day, and based on insights received from its network, SNE is carefully tracking European developments on a number of topics relevant for the specialised nutrition industry. This ensures members' anticipation on regulatory developments and the adoption of appropriate SNE strategic positions to be heard in the debates.

“Be seen and heard  
at the European level  
through SNE”



# The environment we aim to shape

With the support and expertise of our members, we are engaging closely with European policy-makers to ensure that the rules governing our sector are designed in a way that best serves our industry and our consumers:

- ◆ **We promote** a better understanding of the specialised nutrition sector among decision-makers in Europe.
- ◆ **We advocate** for an environment which enables our members to manufacture and distribute their products but also innovate.
- ◆ **We share data and information** with the European risk assessors (EFSA) to substantiate our positions and ensure the adoption of appropriate European provisions on food safety, in consideration of the current state of the science.
- ◆ **We are supportive** of the International Special Dietary Foods Industries (ISDI) representing the industry at global level and in particular in CODEX sessions, whilst also collaborating with the Medical Nutrition International Industry (MNI) on foods for special medical purposes (FSMPs) matters.

We also focus on broader issues such as food safety, communication and labelling, health claims, innovation and sustainability, among others.



# Our recent successes

Just to mention a few:

- ◆ We shared our expertise with European decision-makers to ensure the **adoption of a science-based and solid framework for Foods for Specific Groups** (Regulation (EU) 609/2013). This includes appropriate and implementable provisions for **foods for infants and young children, foods for special medical purposes** and **total diet replacements**.
  - Provisions adopted on **infant and young children nutrition** ensure that these foods intended to these vulnerable groups of consumers **meet the highest standards of safety and quality**. They are also making a valuable contribution to support the nutritional needs of babies up to 36 months of age, in consideration of their different developmental phases.
  - Through our participation at the European Commission Advisory group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health, we secured **harmonisation of the scope and definition of Food for Special Medical Purposes (FSMPs)**, whilst reflecting the **diverse nature of FSMPs** – in collaboration with MNI.
  - Very-Low-Calorie Diet foods are now contemplated in the European legislation and can be legally sold across Europe. The **new composition rules** adopted for total diet replacements will be **challenging to implement**, but in consideration of SNE's expressed concerns, a **5-year transition period** has been granted in the EU legislation on TDRs. The new rules shall apply from 27 October 2022.
- ◆ We also worked with European decision-makers to ensure the adoption of appropriate and specific provisions for **meal replacements for weight control**, securing the continued use of the two related health claims.
- ◆ We built a **strong partnership with the European Week of Sport**, promoting the role that physical activity plays in the everyday lives of European citizens.
- ◆ We are also committed to **contribute to the fight of doping substances in sports nutrition**. Through our **observer status**, we are actively contributing in the ongoing European discussions aiming at **developing a European wide standard laying down good manufacturing practices** to prevent the presence of prohibited substances in food intended for sportspeople and food supplements.
- ◆ Along with the International Special Dietary Foods Industries (ISDI), SNE is engaged for more than **50 years in the work of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)**, contributing to the delivery of sound policy guidelines for foods for special dietary uses at global level.

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## About SNE

Specialised Nutrition Europe (SNE) is the voice of the specialised nutrition industry across Europe. Founded 50 years ago, SNE's membership represents 19 European countries including EU Member States, the United Kingdom and Switzerland. Our sector is the third biggest agri-food exporter in Europe.

For more information, please visit our website at: [www.specialisednutritioneurope.eu](http://www.specialisednutritioneurope.eu)

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