



## PRESS RELEASE

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**Ingredia received the award for social and environmental commitment as part of the trophies of the 5th edition of the EY Food Industry Award 2021 in partnership with the National Association of Food Industries (ANIA).**

**This "Prize for societal and environmental commitment" is the recognition of Ingredia by the ANIA (which groups together the flagship of the French food industry), for its committed and innovative collective action in the service of a sustainable dairy production rooted in a living territory.**

Selected by the ANIA from major names in the food industry and before a prestigious jury, Ingredia was awarded tonight the prize for excellence of an entire industry. Presented by the Managing Director of Lesaffre, an international player and neighbor of the Hauts-de-France, the prize for social and environmental commitment is the recognition of a group of women and men united by CSR, an agile and innovative company, promoting all the links in the regional dairy chain.

According to the organizer, "in the current context of economic and social crisis linked to the Covid-19 Crisis, the ANIA and EY teams are more than ever keen to reward and value companies that have been able to resist and adapt to feed the French despite the difficulties. Business leaders and their employees who embody the future of the French food industry".

Composed of about 460 employees, subsidiary of the dairy cooperative Prospérité Fermière and its 1200 members in the Hauts de France, Ingredia is today a representative player of the possible synergy of a territorial anchorage with international development.

*"We are very honored by this award, which rewards the efforts made for several years by all the actors of our company, farmers, transporters, employees, partners or customers, to strengthen our responsible approach towards society and the environment. We are proud to be a leader in dairy innovation to better feed the planet and protect the environment and people's health. "* **declares Sandrine Delory General Manager of Ingredia.**

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**The first milk connected with blockchain technology, a collective commitment from the farmer to the consumer aiming at quality, traceability and transparency.**

This prize rewards Ingredia as an innovative player, who dared to undertake with the startup Connecting Food to launch the first milk connected with blockchain technology. Ingredia offers bottles of milk, cream and dairy ingredients under blockchain, a world first, which raises Ingredia from BtoB to FtoC (Farmer to consumer), with real time audit by the consumer.

*"It is a blockchain that guarantees traceability from producer to consumer 'Actor! "* **comments Julien du Boisgheheneuc, Ernst & Young Development Director (Western region).**

This pioneering technological initiative connects breeders and consumers in complete transparency, providing access to the origin of the milk through a real-time digital audit. The breeders of Prospérité Fermière, located within a radius of 80 km around the Ingredia dairy, are committed to respecting the company's eco-responsible specifications: cows fed without GMOs, straw in the barn, minimum grazing area for animal welfare, guaranteed price to the breeder.

*"This prize is a great recognition of the work of our members. The breeders of the Prospérité Fermière cooperative are resolutely turned towards the world of the 21st century, a world where consumers are demanding in terms of quality and transparency,"* **concludes Serge Capron, President of Prospérité Fermière.**

### **About Ingredia Farm Prosperity**

The cooperative group Prospérité Fermière was founded in 1949 and its subsidiary Ingredia was launched in 1991 to develop and produce dairy ingredients: milk powders, functional and nutritional proteins and innovative active ingredients for the food, nutrition and health industries in 90 countries. Ingredia currently processes more than 400 million liters of milk per year, collected from 1,200 member farmers, and has become the European leader in dairy ingredients and the 3rd worldwide player in specialty proteins. Established on the 5 continents, Prospérité Fermière Ingredia has 460 employees.

### **About Connecting Food**

Connecting Food makes food more transparent. Our blockchain platform allows producers, manufacturers and distributors to follow their production batch by batch, in real time. We check that each criterion of the product specifications is actually respected. We enable brands to prove to consumers that their promises are being kept. We check that each criterion of the product specifications is really respected.

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