



**ELTI** – *European Leaf Tobacco Interbranch* organization is the only transnational Interbranch Organization officially recognized by the EU Institutions under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in the agriculture-agribusiness sector according to the Regulation (EU) 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Single CMO) and to the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) n. 2016/232.

The founding Members of **ELTI** are:

-  **UNITAB** – *Union Internationale des Producteurs de Tabac* (International Union of Tobacco Growers) established in 1952, federates the EU (and Switzerland) tobacco growers' National Associations.
-  **FETRATAB** – *Fédération Européenne des Transformateurs de Tabac* (European Federation of Tobacco Processors) established in 1994, federates the EU raw tobacco industrial first and second processors and merchants National Associations/Companies.

**ELTI** members account for about 75% of all the EU raw tobacco grown, contracted and processed volumes, representing a unique and distinctive case in the EU agriculture panorama. **ELTI** main figures are:

-  **11** EU tobacco producing countries
-  **76,000** hectares of tobacco cultivated land
-  **150,000** tobacco tons delivered
-  **500** M€ tobacco farmers revenue
-  **12** National growers' Associations
-  **46** Producers Organisations/Cooperatives
-  **51,000** individual growers/farms
-  **4** first processors' National Associations
-  **18** first and second processing Companies
-  **350,000** workers (>50% women) + tens of thousands in associated jobs

**ELTI's** main goal is to defend and stabilize the production of the EU leaf tobacco in every EU Member States.

**ELTI** agrees with the Commission to exclude raw unmanufactured tobacco from the excise tax system since it is an industrial by-product not for retail nor intended for the final consumers and actively cooperates with the Public Authorities to tackle the illicit tobacco market.

**ELTI** members are operative in: Italy, Spain, Poland, Greece, Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Germany, Portugal, Belgium and Switzerland.