

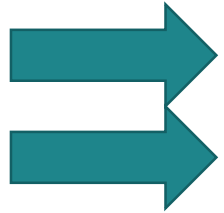
Legislative Initiative on a framework for a Union sustainable food system

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Goals of the F2F Strategy



GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly EU food system

BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FOOD VALUE CHAIN

- 1) Ensure sustainable food production
- 2) Stimulate sustainable food processing, wholesale, retail, hospitality and food services practices
- 3) Promote sustainable consumption & facilitate shift to healthy and sustainable diets
- 4) Reduce food loss and food waste
- 5) Ensure food security, combat food fraud



ENABLE SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION

- 1) Research & innovation
- 2) Advisory services, data and skills



PROMOTE A GLOBAL TRANSITION: coherent global EU food policy



Framework law for a Union sustainable food system

- Flagship initiative of the F2F
- Co-led by SANTE, AGRI, ENV and MARE
- Proposal to be presented by the Commission by end of 2023



Objectives of the Framework Law

Ensure that all foods placed on the EU market increasingly become sustainable

1. Promote policy coherence at EU and MS level
2. Mainstream sustainability in all food-related policies
3. Strengthen the resilience of the food system
4. Ensure a food environment where choosing healthy and sustainable diets is easier for consumers;
5. Avoid externalisation of unsustainable practices;



Policy options to achieve the objectives

- ✓ Option 1 – Baseline
- ✓ Option 2 – Voluntary approaches
- ✓ Option 3 – Reinforcing existing legislation
- ✓ Option 4 – New comprehensive framework legislation on the sustainability of the Union food system –
 - *Lex generalis*, setting the basis for an integrated approach for *lex specialis*;
 - Push provisions would introduce minimum requirements for food products and related operations.
 - Pull provisions would set incentives for food system actors to go beyond the minimal requirements



Indicative elements for the policy options (I)

- ✓ Sustainability principles & objectives to provide common understanding covering the 3 dimensions of sustainability (economic, environmental and social)
- ✓ **Definitions:** ‘*food system*’, ‘*sustainable food system*’, ‘*food environment*’, ‘*food system actors*’, ‘*sustainability analysis*’, ‘*healthy/sustainable diets*’, ‘*traceability for sustainability purposes*’
- ✓ **Minimum sustainability standards** for foods/food operations
- ✓ **Responsibilities** of food system’s actors
- ✓ Horizontal elements for **sustainability analysis for regulated products** in the food chain
 - *relation between risk analysis (GFL) and sustainability analysis (FSFS)*
 - *consequences of the sustainability analysis*
 - *body to carry out sustainability analysis*



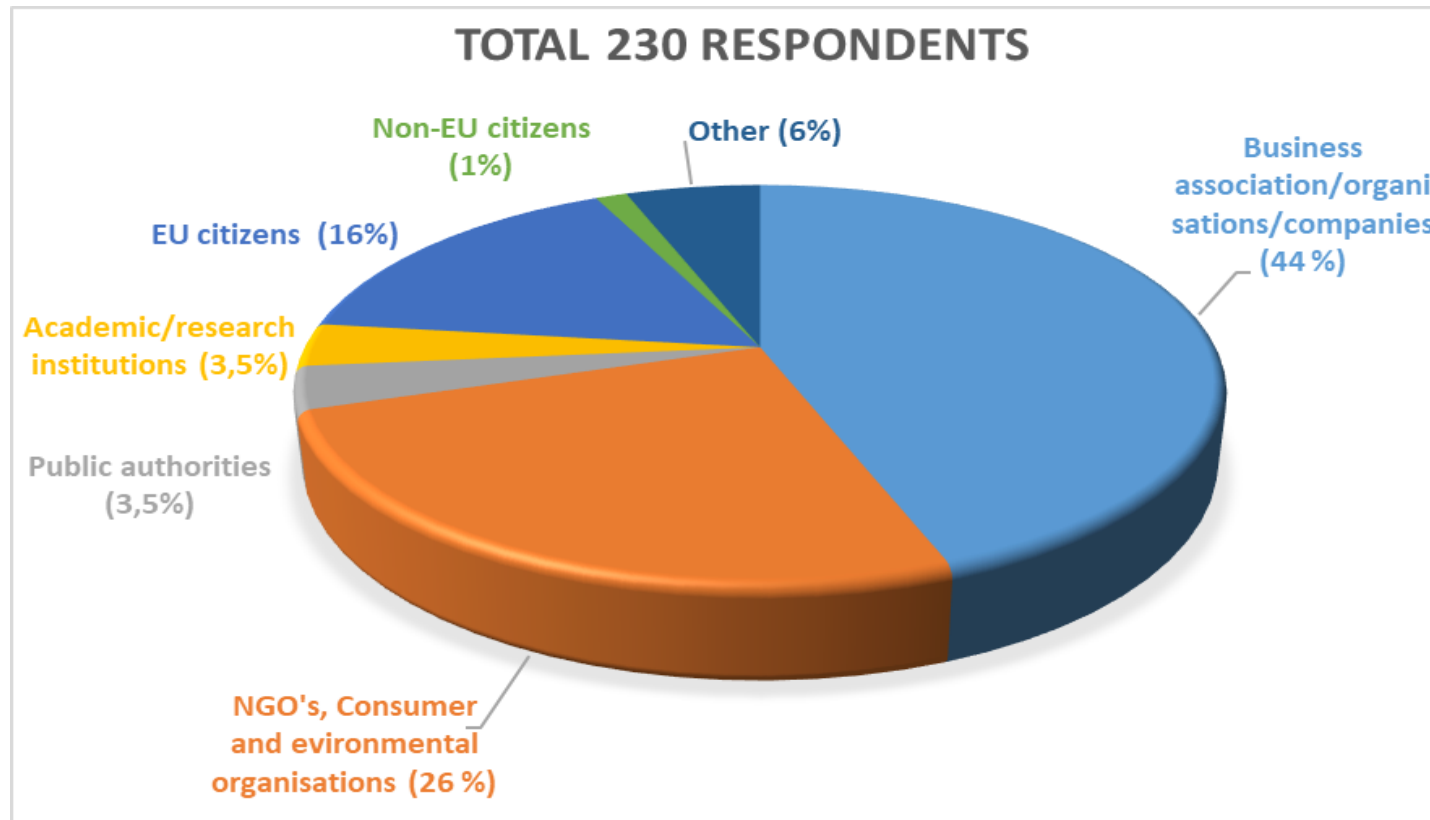
Indicative elements for the policy options (II)

- ✓ Legitimate and proportionate requirements on sustainability for imports of food (e.g. WTO conformity)
- ✓ **Processes to ensure synergies/mechanisms** to facilitate the transition towards sustainable food systems
- ✓ **Sustainable labelling**
- ✓ Minimum mandatory sustainability criteria for **public procurement**
- ✓ **Governance** systems and transparency/consultations
- ✓ Actions to **mitigate negative impacts (trade-offs)** of the transition
- ✓ **Monitoring** scheme



Inception Impact assessment

- Consultation period: 28 September – 26 October 2021



Inception Impact assessment (I)

➤ For **businesses & business associations**:

- Overall consensus on the need of sustainability definitions, assessment of impacts on costs, food price and trade, with relevant support measures
- Diverging views on sustainability assessment and labelling;

➤ For **academia**: focused on recommendations as regards labelling, pricing of sustainable food, and support measures for the transition to more sustainable food systems.



Inception Impact assessment (II)

- **Member States** (BE, CZ, DK, FI and IE),
 - Highlight importance to assess the impact of the different options. Explore also voluntary measures;
- **NGO's/Environmental and Consumer organizations**
 - General support for the initiative. Emphasis on the role of sustainable public procurement, labelling and the need for transition towards plant based diets.
- **EU citizens**
 - Concerns raised about unsustainable animal production practices and high consumption of meat, as well as intensive livestock production and general call for more plant-based alternatives.



Upcoming Impact Assessment (2022)

1. JRC support
2. New **Better Regulation Guidelines** in place shaping the impact assessment work!
 - ✓ **Economic**
 - ✓ **Social**
 - ✓ **Enviromental**
 - ✓ Fundamental rights
 - ✓ Simplification and/or administrative burdens



Upcoming stakeholders consultation (2022)

- Targeted expert workshops
- Annual Farm to Fork Conference
- Relevant experts/stakeholders groups
- Consultation of European Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, decentralised agencies (EFSA; EEA; ECHA)
- Targeted interviews and questionnaires

Looking forward to hear also your views!



Thank you



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