

F2F - Contingency plan to ensure food supply and food security

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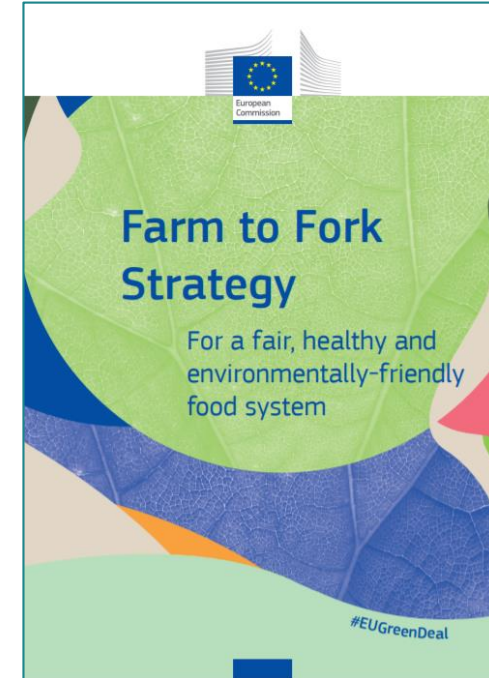
Context

1. Farm-to-Fork Action #2:

- “common European response to crises”; “drawing on lessons learned”; “food crisis response mechanism”; “coordinated by the Commission and involving Member States”; “various sectors (agriculture, fisheries, food safety, workforce, health and transport)”
- Communication of the Commission/ No impact assessment (but SWD)

2. Contingency vs Resilience

- Contingency = what if the food system does not cope anymore?
Resilience = sustainable food systems → F2F Action #1: legislative framework accompanied by Impact assessment



Some lessons learned from COVID

1. The EU food system proved to be resilient
 - Importance of CAP (and CFP), single Market (free movement of goods and labour) & trade, and role of private actors
2. Value chains are interdependent (importance of inputs)
3. In a fast moving situation, coordination may be difficult (beginning of the crisis)
4. Communication and information are key

What is envisaged?

Contingency plan to ensure food supply and food security during crises

- A common EU food crisis response mechanism:
 - A **forum** with Member States (& possibly stakeholders) – COM coordinates
 - (also: market monitoring and risk assessment, and market management measures → already existing)
- An agreed set of procedures to follow to respond to crises → in the form of guidelines and recommendations & (non-binding) agreements w/ MSs
 - **Informed** by the work of the forum

Forum features

- different sectors represented
- coordinated action and dialogue to support policy consistency across the EU
- a space for the exchange of best practices and lessons learned, use a solid and up-to-date evidence base
- continuously evaluate threats to the EU's food system,
- engage with international partners and organisations, and
- transparent communication to stakeholders and the public.

Contingency Plan – Consultation

- *Roadmap feedback - 66 replies received*

➡ <https://europa.eu/!jv63gY>

- *Targeted questionnaire to stakeholders
Closed 3 May , > 250 replies*
- *Joint AGRI MARE group of experts*

Roadmap feedback – main insights

- Recognition of CAP, CFP, food safety rules, and single market / intl. trade role during pandemic, including flexibility
- Coordination needed between actors including staff in the food chain, sectors, with public bodies, internationally
- Communication & transparency
- Access & affordability
- Funding

Contingency plan webpage on EUROPA

- Including consultation strategy, roadmap, stakeholder consultation, expert group information
- https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/key-policies/common-agricultural-policy/market-measures/agri-food-supply-chain/contingency-plan_en

Main next steps

- AGRI-MARE expert groups – monthly (from 20 January till 15 July, 7 in total)
- Technical workshop (w/ JRC) – 20 May
- Market Observatories, CDGs, and other consultative bodies, ad hoc meetings

Q4 2021: F2F → Communication and SWD

Thank you.

GREX planning – provisional timetable

Date	Topic
20 January 2021	<u>1. What are the lessons learnt from COVID-19 and other crises with regard to food security in the EU?</u>
25 February 2021	<u>2. What are the threats to EU food security?</u>
26 March 2021	<u>3. How are the EU, Member states, non-EU countries and international organisations prepared to handle crises?</u>
21 April 2021	<u>4. How are companies in the EU food system prepared to handle crises?</u>
20 May 2021	5. JRC academic workshop
16 June 2021	6. How to best organise a coordinated approach ?
15 July 2021	7. What kind of EU general principles/guidelines to ensure continuity of food security in times of crises?