

Safeguarding food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems



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How did the communication evolve?



Focus on global food security, Ukraine food security, EU food affordability and support to farmers, 23 March

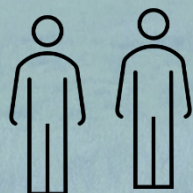
REPower communication, 8 March



Impact of the war on EU farm and consumer prices, 24 February

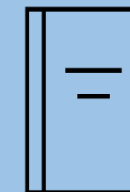
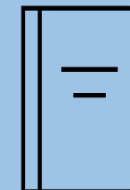


Communication focusing on EU farm and consumer prices



Major interpellation input and commodity prices

time



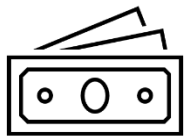
Direct and indirect food security impact of the war in Ukraine



Fuel, gas and
fertilizer prices



Wheat. Maize,
and sunflowers



Import bill for
food deficit
countries



Humanitarian
needs + costs for
humanitarian
assistance



Analysis: Pathways to instability

- When food systems fail, the resulting **disorder threatens society at large**: education, health, economy, natural resources, human rights, and peace and security.
- States will be expected to respond while having little to **no budgetary or fiscal space** to do so – debt levels are very high and exchange rates are under stress – which risks leading to governance failures and providing opportunities for competing actors to fill the void.

➔ **Prioritise global food security, particularly in most vulnerable countries, to avoid a systems breakdown.**



Actions for global food security

- **Debt relief, financing strategies** and actions, in order to sustain green recovery.
- **Macro-economic support** to food-deficit developing countries
- **Analysis of food prices and food insecurity** coordinated with other global actors
- Advocate **against export restrictions** and export bans
- Continue to support countries in the **transformation towards resilient and sustainable agricultural and aquatic food systems**
- **Humanitarian assistance**



Actions for Ukrainian food security

- **Food aid, humanitarian assistance and support to its agricultural and fisheries sector**, in close cooperation with international partners
 - Concretely, **EU humanitarian aid**, already operational, amounts to EUR 93 million for Ukraine and Moldova including food assistance and support to for basic needs (DG ECHO)
 - **EU Emergency Support Programme** in favour of Ukraine (EUR 330 million): securing access to basic goods and services as well as protection (DG NEAR)
- **Macro-economic support** (DG ECFIN, Member States)



Actions for EU food security and farm income

- Fund for European Aid to the **Most Deprived** (FEAD)
 - EUR 500 million to **support farmers** most affected.
 - Derogation from certain greening obligations in 2022 to bring **additional agricultural land** into production.
 - **Market safety net** measures
 - Temporary Crisis Framework (TCF) for **state aid**.
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- Prioritise investments that **reduce the dependency on gas and fuel and inputs** such as pesticides and fertilizers
 - Effectiveness and coverage of **social protection systems** and access to essential services



Food system resilience

- Food sustainability: Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies
- Innovation
- Safeguard soil fertility
- Reducing dependence on feed imports and review of protein policy
- Accelerating renewable energy (REPowerEU)

