

BETWEEN THE FARM AND THE FORK

HOW CAN THE STARCH INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTE TO A
MORE SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM

Civil Dialogue Group – Starch

KEY FIGURES OF THE INDUSTRY



75 PLANTS



24M TONNES
EU RAW MATERIALS



15.000
JOBS



60.000
FARMERS



5M Tonnes
Native & Modified Starches



6M Tonnes
Starch Derivatives



> 5M Tonnes
Proteins & Fibres



FOOD
> 6M Tonnes



FEED
5M Tonnes



NON-FOOD
> 4.5M Tonnes



FUEL
< 0.5M Tonnes



WE SUPPORT THE **FARM TO FORK** STRATEGY

WE ARE A ZERO-WASTE INDUSTRY

- ❖ We produce ingredients to make food taste better, more nutritious and last longer
- ❖ We make a significant contribution to sustainable food systems

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS ARE NEEDED ON ALL NEW INITIATIVES

- ❖ In current challenging environment, need to ensure that initiatives in no way impact food safety of food security



INITIATIVES MUST LOOK BEYOND FOOD

- ❖ Serving all four outlets of the bioeconomy is what makes us zero-waste

EMBRACING INNOVATION IS FUNDAMENTAL

- ❖ We welcome the additional funding for R&D, notably in bioeconomy and EU grown plant-based proteins
- ❖ Consumer acceptance is required, and all stakeholders have a crucial role in promoting importance for sustainability of food innovation

EU FARMERS NEED ACCESS TO ALL TOOLS

- ❖ Pesticides play important role in guaranteeing food safety and crop yield
- ❖ Restrictions must be accompanied by alternative solutions, including clarity on use of new genomic techniques



INITIATIVES **MUST BE BASED ON** ROBUST SCIENCE

ALWAYS INNOVATING, MAKING **600 INGREDIENTS**

- ❖ We are innovating each day, to continue to make our more than 600 ingredients better
- ❖ Working constantly with our customers to help provide solutions to reformulate
- ❖ Must ensure that reformulation efforts make a genuine contribution to more sustainable diets, not just the label

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD NEEDED TO COMPETE

- ❖ We welcome the Farm to Fork strategy's ambition to pursue Green Alliances on sustainable food systems and include an ambitious sustainability chapter in bilateral trade agreements
- ❖ If global level playing field can not be achieved, suitable mechanisms will be needed to ensure that EU starch producers can compete



THANK YOU !

#BeyondStarch