



International bilateral outreach on Sustainable Food Systems

Objective

To jointly promote the global transition towards competitive sustainable systems of food

To contribute to the development of sustainable, inclusive, healthy and resilient food systems

Cooperation Areas

- Sustainability of the food production, processing, marketing and consumption
- Reduce the use and risk of fertilizers and chemical pesticides
- Reduce the use of antimicrobials
- Promote the decrease of the greenhouse gas emissions of food systems, increase carbon sinks and reverse biodiversity loss.
- Promote the uptake of healthy and sustainable diets, reducing the carbon footprint of consumption
- Innovation and technologies that contribute to adaptation and resilience to climate change impacts.
- Phase-out the use of antibiotics as growth promoters
- Develop contingency plans to ensure the security of the food supply in times of crisis,
- Fight against food fraud along the food chain
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- Reduction of food loss and waste

Cooperation in AW &
Fight against AMR

International outreach



- ▶ **Informative sessions: general, specific, bilateral, regional**
- ▶ **Inclusion of the Strategy in the EU Regional Programmes**
(Western Balkans, Southern Neighborhood, Eastern Partnership etc)
- ▶ **Inclusion in**
 - ✓ SPS Committees
 - ✓ meetings, seminars, discussions
- ▶ **Dialogues under the Foreign Partnership Instrument**
- ▶ **Inclusion of a Sustainable Food Systems Chapter in EU Agreements (FTAs and other)**

Free Trade Agreements

Chapter on Sustainable Food Systems

- ▶ The Council conclusions on the Farm to Fork Strategy (19 October 2020): *FTA are one of the ways to promote EU standards and raise standards globally. The Council also encouraged the inclusion of sustainable food systems as an objective of the EU external policies and the inclusion of specific chapters on sustainable food systems in all new alliances and agreements with all partners.*
- ▶ The Commission Communication on Trade Policy Review states that for future Agreements, the Commission will propose a chapter on sustainable food systems.
- ▶ The SFS Chapter is closely linked to the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Chapter of the FTAs as both Chapters aims to regulate the relationships of the Parties in the food area and have as common objective the health protection.

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- ▶ **Objective:** To establish close cooperation within the Parties to jointly promote the global transition towards competitive sustainable food systems.
- ▶ **Provisions.** To promote:
 - ▶ The sustainability of the food production: Reduction in the use and risk of pesticides, reduction in the use of fertilizers, animal welfare, fight against antimicrobial resistance;
 - ▶ The sustainability of the food processing and marketing.
 - ▶ The sustainability of the food consumption: labelling etc.;
 - ▶ The reduction of the food loss and waste and strengthen the resilience of food systems;
 - ▶ The fight against food fraud.

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State of Play of the negotiations

- ▶ Chile-EU: **Concluded.**
- ▶ Thailand-EU (PCA): **Concluded.**
- ▶ New Zealand-EU: Well progressed, some provisions already agreed. Some of them included in the SPS Chapter
- ▶ Australia-EU: On-going negotiations. EU proposal well received by Australia
- ▶ Indonesia-EU: On-going
- ▶ GB-EU: On-going
- ▶ India-EU: Chapter proposed for the relaunching of the negotiations. First meeting scheduled for 11-12 May.

Thank you



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