

Challenges to the EU food system

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY





Healthier diets
- reduce
overweight

Improve animal welfare





Social rights workers in food chain Food affordability

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



Tackle climate change



Protect the environment



Preserve biodiversity



Reduce food losses and waste



Circular biobased economy

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY





Fairer incomes for farmers, fishers & aquaculture producers

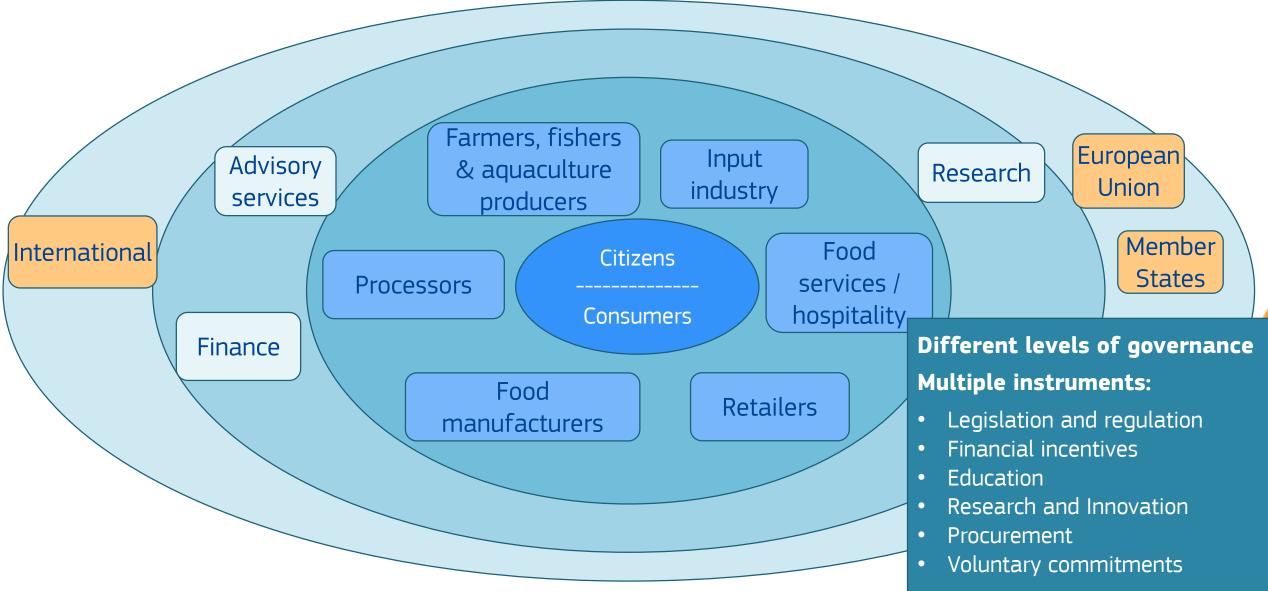
Just transition



New business & job opportunities



Integrated approach from farm to fork needed



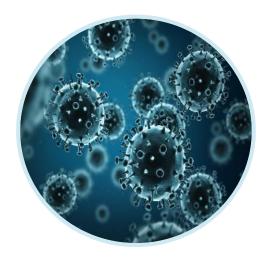
2030 Targets for sustainable food production



Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of **chemical pesticides** and reduce use by 50% of more hazardous **pesticides**



Reduce **nutrient losses** by at least
50% while ensuring
no deterioration in
soil fertility; this will
reduce use of **fertilisers** by at least
20 %



Reduce sales of antimicrobials for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 50%



Achieve at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under **organic farming** and a significant increase in **organic aquaculture**



Concrete actions: overarching



Legislative framework for sustainable food systems (2023):

- Framework with comprehensive set of general principles and requirements on the sustainability of food systems
- Basis **to ensure policy coherence** at EU and national level; mainstream sustainability in food-related policies
- Provisions on governance, collective involvement of stakeholders

Development of a **contingency plan** (2021) for ensuring food supply & security in times of crisis



Actions to ensure sustainable food production (1)



Adopt recommendations to MS addressing the nine specific objectives of the **Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)**, before submission draft **CAP Strategic Plans** (2020)



Revision of **Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive** and enhancement of Integrated Pest Management (2022)



Revision of Regulations to facilitate plant protection products containing biological active substances (2021)



Action plan **for the organic sector** for 2021-2026 to stimulate supply and demand for organic products (2020)



Action plan for **integrated nutrient management** to reduce the pollution from fertilisers (2021)









Actions to ensure sustainable food production (2)

Proposal for a revision of the existing **animal welfare** legislation, including on transport and slaughter (2023)

Proposal for a revision of the **feed additives** Regulation to reduce the environmental impact of livestock farming (2021)



Legislative initiatives to enhance **cooperation of primary producers** (support position in food chain) (2021-22)

Clarification of the scope of **competition rules** with regard to sustainability in collective actions (2022)

Proposal for a Farm
Sustainability Data
Network (data and advice
on sustainable farming
practices) (2022)



Actions to stimulate sustainable practices by food industry and retail, hospitality and food service

Initiative to improve the corporate governance framework (integrate sustainability into corporate strategies) (2021)

Develop an EU code and monitoring framework for **responsible business and marketing conduct** in the food supply chain (2021)

Stimulate **reformulation** of processed food, including setting of **maximum levels for certain nutrients** (2021)



Set **nutrient profiles** to restrict promotion of food high in salt, sugar or fat (2022)

Proposal revision EU legislation on **Food Contact Materials** (food safety, environmental footprint) (2022)

Revision **EU marketing standards** for agricultural,
fishery and aquaculture products
(ensure uptake and supply of
sustainable products (2021-22)

Enhance coordination to tackle **Food Fraud** (2021-2022)



Actions to promote shift towards healthy, sustainable diets

Determine the best modalities for setting minimum mandatory criteria for sustainable food procurement (2021)

Review of the **EU school scheme** legal framework: refocus on healthy and sustainable food (2023)

Review of the **EU promotion programme** for agricultural and food products (aimed at sustainable production and consumption) (2020)

Proposal VAT rates (currently being discussed in Council): could allow to make more targeted use of rates (e.g. to support organic fruit and vegetables).



Proposal for a harmonised **mandatory front-of-pack nutrition labelling** to enable consumers to make health conscious food choices (2022)

Proposal to require **origin indication** for certain products. (2022)

Proposal for a **sustainable food labelling framework** to empower
consumers to make sustainable food
choices (2024)

Nutrition - health Nutrition Declaration Per 100 g Energy KJ/kcal Fat g of which saturates Carbohydrate of which sugars Protein Salt Environment Social

Transition requires a collective approach

Farmers, fishers and aquaculture producers;
Input industry,
Advisory services

Food industry, processors, retail, food services and hospitality sector



Research & innovation
Knowledge providers
Finance

Citizens, NGOs, social partners, educators, local, regional & national authorities





For healthy people, healthy societies and a healthy planet.

The Farm to Fork Strategy

IT'S DOWN TO US!

