Farm to Fork Strategy: state of play

EFSA 8th Roundtable with Industry Associations, 16 June 2021
Actions to achieve the objectives of the F2F

- Two **horizontal** ‘flagship’ actions:
  - Proposal for a legislative framework for sustainable food systems (2023)
  - Contingency plan for ensuring food supply and food security (2021)

- 25 further **initial** actions in the action plan of the Strategy, organized along the **different stages of the food value chain** aiming at:
  - Ensure sustainable food production
  - Stimulate sustainable food processing, wholesale, retail, hospitality and food services’ practices
  - Promote sustainable food consumption, facilitating shift towards healthy, sustainable diets
  - Reduce food loss and waste
Horizontal F2F actions
Legislative framework Sustainable Food Systems

- **Objective**: accelerate and facilitate the transition to sustainable food systems and ensure that all foods placed on the EU market become increasingly sustainable

- **Comprehensive set of definitions, 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

- **Strengthen** the resilience of food system
Next steps in 2021

• Discussion on areas of relevance, approaches, ideas and concepts aimed at designing available options for a comprehensive policy intervention on food sustainability

• Publication of inception impact assessment for feedback

• Launch of a study supporting the impact assessment

→ continuous discussion with public and private stakeholders throughout the process: EG GFL has been revamped into EG GFL SFS
Contingency plan – state of play and next steps

• 1 March – 3 May 2021: stakeholder consultation, following roadmap feedback (for which 66 replies received)

• AGRI-MARE expert groups – monthly (up to Summer)

• Technical workshop (JRC)

• Market Observatories, CDGs, and other consultative bodies, ad hoc meetings

Q4 2021: F2F → Communication and SWD
Other initiatives of the Farm to Fork Strategy
EU code and monitoring framework for responsible business and marketing practices in the food supply chain

- Voluntary initiative

- It will set out the actions that the actors ‘between the farm and the fork’, such as food processors, food service operators and retailers, can voluntarily commit to undertake to tangibly improve and communicate their sustainability performance.

- First stakeholder meeting in December 2020, high-level launch event held in January 2021, plenary meeting with stakeholders on 23 February 2021.

- Regular meetings with stakeholder to discuss the content of the Code (February – June 2021)

- Code should be ready for signature by stakeholders by end of June 2021.
Proposal for a revision of the feed additives regulation

- EU rules on feed additives ensure that only those that are safe and effective can be sold in the EU, and ban the use of antimicrobials as growth promoters.

- This update will make it easier to bring sustainable & innovative additives to market, and streamline the authorisation process without compromising health and food safety.

- It should make livestock farming more sustainable and reduce its environmental impact.

- Consultation on IIA ended 25 January 2021.

Revision of the sustainable use of pesticides directive

• This initiative will be driven by the following objectives:
  o reduce the use and risk of pesticides containing more hazardous active substances;
  o increase the uptake of less hazardous and non-chemical alternatives for pest control;
  o improve the implementation, application and enforcement of the SUD across all Member States;
  o improve the availability of monitoring data, e.g. on the implementation and application of the SUD and health and environmental aspects.

• Consultation on IIA ended 7 August 2020.

• Public consultation ended 12 April 2021.

• Commission adoption planned first quarter 2022.
Food labelling initiatives: FOP, country of origin, date marking, nutrient profiles

- **Public feedback on IIA (23 Dec – 4 Feb):** 472 reactions. Analysis of reactions ongoing.
- **Launch of study (Q2 2021)** to support the Impact Assessment
- **Consultations** during course 2021:
  - Online public consultation (12 weeks, foreseen for Q4 2021)
  - Targeted Member States / stakeholders consultations,…
- **Additional input** to impact assessment *(next slide)*
- **Finalisation** **impact assessment** (Q3 2022)
- **Drafting** **legislative proposal** & internal process for adoption (Q4 2022)
Food labelling initiatives - additional input to IA

- **EFSA Scientific advice** for development of harmonised mandatory front-of-pack nutrition labelling and setting of nutrient profiles for restricting nutrition and health claims on foods (Adoption by March 2022)

- **JRC FOP literature review** (August 2021)
  - Update with scientific publications since March 2018
  - In addition, focus on specific aspects (e.g. combined presence FOP & claims,…)

- **JRC literature review** on the indication of origin on food labels (August 2021)

- Date marking: **EFSA Guidance on date marking** (March 2021) and consumer research study (Q1 2022)
Food waste

• Committed to reaching the UN SDG Target to halve food waste at retail and consumer levels by 2030, and reduce food losses along the food production and supply chains

• Proposal for EU-level targets for food waste reduction

• IIA to be published for feedback in the course of 2021

• Commission adoption planned for 2023
Animal welfare - the process ahead

1) **Fitness Check** based on external studies, new scientific evidence, the evaluation of the EU Animal Welfare Strategy (2012-2015), pilot projects, Commission audits in the Member States etc. – including *consultation of stakeholders*.

2) **Revision** of the EU animal welfare legislation, subject to customary impact assessment(s).
Recent measures to support the achievement of the F2F target:

1- **New EU Regulations on Veterinary Medicinal Products and Medicated Feed:**
   - measures to promote prudent & responsible use of antimicrobials in animals
   - mandatory data collection on sales & use per animal species of antimicrobials

2- **Future Common Agricultural Policy**
   - National Strategic Plans to include a national target value on sales of antimicrobials & proposed interventions to support
   - Farm Advisory System to support through training & info on farming methods
Integrated approach from farm to fork needed

Different levels of governance

Multiple instruments:
- Legislation and regulation
- Financial incentives
- Education
- Research and Innovation
- Procurement
- Voluntary commitments
Further insights

- **Farm to Fork Strategy**: [https://ec.europa.eu/food/farm2fork_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/farm2fork_en)

- Recordings of the **Farm to Fork Conference, 15-16 October 2020**: [https://ec.europa.eu/food/farm2fork/farm-fork-conference_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/farm2fork/farm-fork-conference_en)

- **Forthcoming Farm to Fork Conference, 14-15 October 2021**: check website!