

# The Farm to Fork Strategy

**For a fair, healthy and  
environmentally-friendly  
food system**

European Green Deal - *von der Leyen Commission*

European Union



# Farm to Fork Strategy: overall goals



climate  
footprint

Reduce the  
**environmental  
and climate  
footprint** of the  
food system



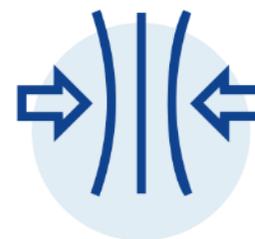
global  
transition

Lead a  
**global transition**  
towards competitive  
sustainability from  
farm to fork



new  
opportunities

Tap into  
**new  
opportunities**



resilience

Create a **robust  
and resilient** food  
system



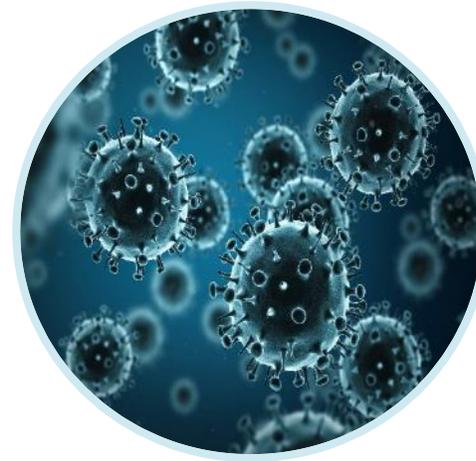
# 2030 Targets for sustainable food production



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**



# Actions for various actors in the food system

Actions to ensure sustainable farming practices



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



Actions for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture



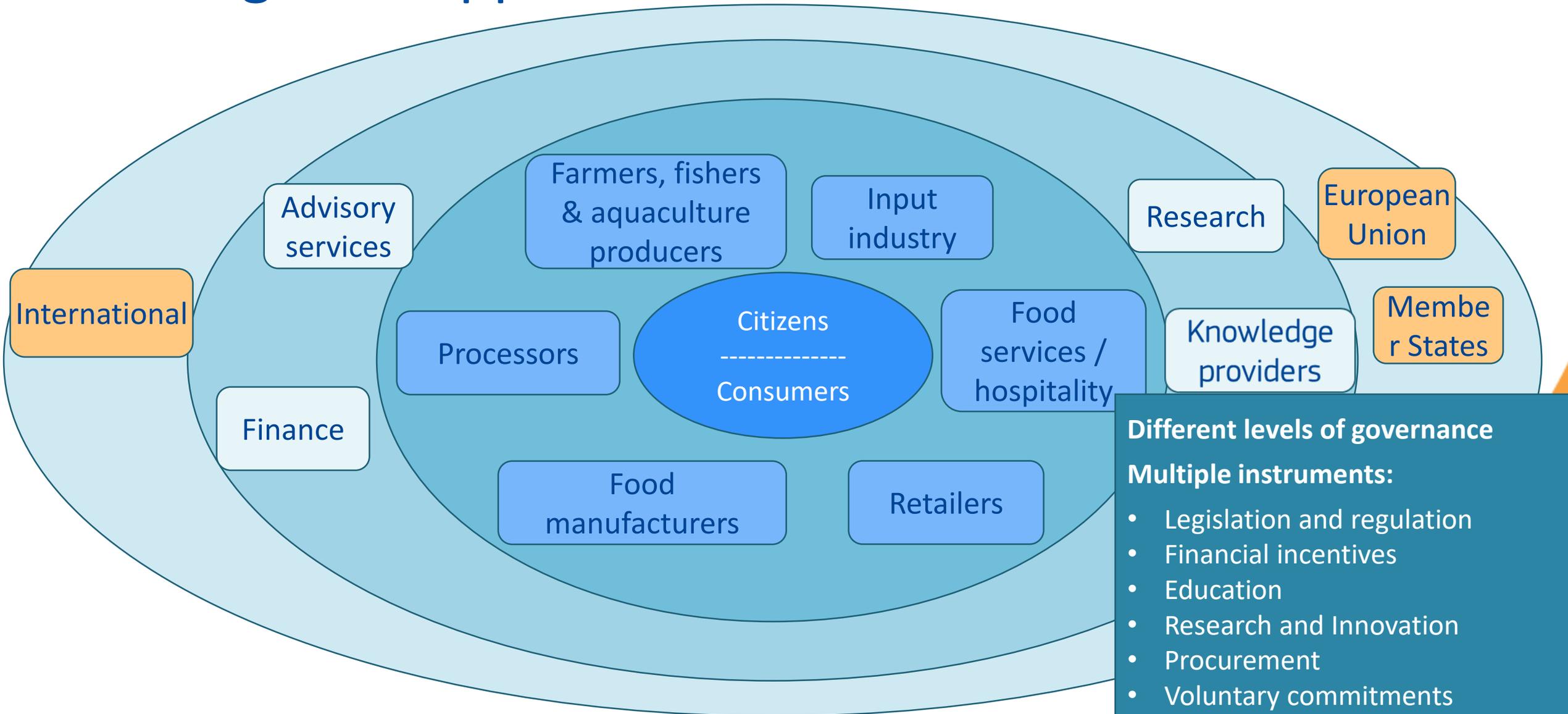
Actions to promote shift towards healthy, sustainable diets



CAP national strategic plans  
Better implementation of existing rules  
New initiatives (regulatory and non)



# | Integrated approach from farm to fork needed





## But also a **science-based approach...**

- For a successful transition to sustainable food systems, there is a need for an integrated approach to also take into account the work of agencies:
  - at EU/national level
  - Cross-sectoral (food, environment, health, etc.);



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# Implementation of the F2F Strategy

- collaboration with EFSA/  
AF members





# | Legislative framework for sustainable food systems (2023)

Framework will set out:

- **comprehensive set of common definitions and general principles and requirements** on the sustainability of food systems;
- Responsibilities of all actors in the food system
- **Basis to ensure policy coherence** at EU and national level; mainstream sustainability in food-related policies
- Combined with certification and labelling on the sustainability performance of food products / targeted incentives – operators to benefit from sustainable practices / raised sustainability standards



# | Legislative Framework for sustainable food systems – Envisaged timeline

- 2021:
  - Inception Impact Assessment – Roadmap: publication for feedback
  - Launch of external study
- 2021-22:
  - Stakeholder (MS/Agencies/other stakeholders) consultation
- 2023:
  - Finalisation of impact assessment
  - Adoption of legislative proposal by the Commission



# | Other actions of relevance to EFSA/AF (1)

- **Plant protection products and MRL:** Following REFIT, no formal mandate to EFSA but possible requests for scientific support;
- **Animal welfare:** mandates to EFSA (protection of calves, pigs, broilers, laying hens; and on transport);
- **Contingency plan on food supply and availability:**
  - Overarching action
  - Need to develop tools to assess in real time food supply and availability
- **Front-of-pack labelling and nutrient profiles:** mandate to EFSA on nutrient profiling;
- **Date marking:** EFSA's consultation (mandate ongoing)



## | Other actions of relevance to EFSA/AF (2)

- **Future legislative revisions:** Food contact materials, feed additives
- **Sustainable diets:**
  - Need to adapt national dietary advice to to include other sustainability considerations than health
- **Monitoring of the implementation of the F2F Strategy**



# | Research, innovation, investments, skills & data (1)

- **Horizon 2020** (call for Green Deal priorities) & **Horizon Europe**: EUR 10 billion
  - Establishment of a **High Level Expert Group** to assess the needs, potential feasibility and approach for International Platform for Food Systems Science (**IPFSS**)
    - IPFSS would act as a **network of high-level scientific experts from a wide diversity of relevant disciplines** to:
      - gather and analyse the state of the art in food systems science
      - provide the necessary evidence based decision making tools
      - mobilize larger communities of related scientists from all strands of food, nutrition and agriculture research in a farm to fork platform, including related fields of health, biodiversity and social sciences
      - provide structured and transparent peer review processes contributing to the clarification of key food systems issues.
  - **High Level Expert Group**: to advice the European Commission on **the idea of an IPFSS**



# High Level Expert Group for IPFSS - Objectives

- Support the Green Deal policy priorities, including the EU Farm to Fork Strategy and other EU priorities.
- Advise to the European Commission, in close collaboration with UN Food Systems Scientific Advisory Committee, on the needs, potential, feasibility, options and eventual approaches for the potential establishment of an IPFSS, which could provide a new or reinforced international science-policy mechanism to support food systems-related policies
- Assess the potential impacts of an IPFSS on informing food system governance and policy development (including for research, innovation and investment) at multiple levels (global/regional, EU, sub-regional/national), and on engaging stakeholders, communities and citizens on the transformation of their food systems.
- Foster Food Systems Science Diplomacy towards EU being a leader in the transformation towards sustainability. In particular, to provide a tangible contribution in the lead up and follow up actions of the 2021 UN World Food Systems Summit.



# | Research, innovation, investments, skills & data (2)

- **Partnership** on food systems & European Innovation Partnership (**EIP-Agri**)

## Advisory services, data and knowledge sharing:

- MS support for **advisory services** for sustainable farm management
- **Support to SME** food processors, small retail and food service operators: new skills and business models



# | F2F Governance

- **MS:** “Revamping” the Expert Group on General Food Law to ensure a cross-sectoral discipline
- **Stakeholders:** Creating a sub-group dedicated to Farm-to-Fork with enlarged participation (call for applicants to be launched in the coming weeks)
- **Ad Hoc engagement:**
  - EFSA and the EFSA Advisory Forum
  - Head of Agencies (through the Working Group on Sustainability)
  - SANTE inter-agency meetings (EFSA/ECHA/ECDC/EMA/CPC)



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***IT'S DOWN TO US!***



# Thank you



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