Sustainable food system – setting up an EU framework

Introduction

Background

In the context of the “European Green Deal”, the European Commission adopted a comprehensive Farm to Fork Strategy[1], which recognises the inextricable links between healthy people, healthy societies and a healthy planet and aims to address comprehensively the challenges of sustainable food systems.

During the last decades the EU has largely been spared from crises threatening food security. However, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the Covid-19 pandemic show that our food system can be exposed to such risks. The threats that the world is facing are severe and imminent, but so are the climate and biodiversity challenges that are here to stay.

Sustainability is fundamental to ensure long-term food security. Without a transition such as the one set out in the Farm to Fork Strategy, food security will be severely at risk in the long-term, with irreversible impacts globally. Natural resources, such as land, healthy soils, water and biodiversity, are key inputs into food production, and their growing scarcity in many parts of the world makes it imperative to use and manage them sustainably.

To drive the shift to a sustainable food system, the Farm to Fork Strategy has launched numerous actions, which should contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, preservation of biodiversity and rural livelihoods, reduction of pesticides use and risk and pressures on water, soil and air quality, and better consumer information and animal welfare, while strengthening the competitiveness of the entire food sector and preserving food security.

The Strategy recognises that these individual and sector-specific actions can neither alone, nor in combination with each other fully ensure policy coherence at EU and national level, mainstream sustainability in all food-related policies and strengthen the resilience of food systems. For this reason, the Farm to Fork Strategy announced an initiative for a horizontal framework law, to accelerate and facilitate the transition to sustainability and ensure that
foods placed on the EU market increasingly become sustainable. Such an EU level intervention aims to establish new foundations for future food policies by introducing sustainability objectives and principles based on an integrated food system approach. This initiative will also include, among others, provisions for a sustainable food-labelling framework to empower consumers to make sustainable food choices, and it will explore new governance systems for a more active involvement of citizens and stakeholders at all levels.

Further background can be found in the Inception Impact Assessment on the Sustainable EU food system Initiative, which was published by the Commission in 2021.

The aim of this public consultation is to gather opinions and evidence from the public and relevant stakeholders on the key issues the initiative aims to address, and on the main elements that may be used in the formulation of policy options to respond to those issues. At the same time, it should be noted that this questionnaire is not exhaustive in its scope. The policy design in the initiative for a Framework for a Sustainable EU Food System will draw on other processes which are ongoing in relation to specific aspects, such as for example the one on Imports of agricultural and food products – applying EU health and environmental standards (report) [2], or other initiatives mentioned on the F2F website.

Moreover, more targeted consultations are also planned to take place during this year for specific stakeholder categories.

Who should fill the questionnaire and how to fill it?

The questionnaire for citizens is accessible in all official EU languages. As there may be delays in translating replies submitted in some languages, contributions in English are welcome, as they will help to process the survey more swiftly.

You can pause at any time and continue later. Once you have submitted your answers, you will be able to download a copy of your completed questionnaire. Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are compulsory. Those who are interested have the option to develop their responses in a more detailed manner.

Please note that in this questionnaire, we do not intend to obtain data relating to identifiable persons. Therefore, in case you will describe a particular experience or situation, please do it in a way that will not allow linking to a particular individual, whether it is you or somebody else.

Received contributions will be published on the Internet. It is important that you read the specific privacy statement attached to this consultation for information on how your personal data and contribution will be dealt with.

[1] Farm to Fork Strategy (europa.eu)
The report, expected in June 2022, will assess the rationale and legal feasibility of applying EU health and environmental (including animal welfare) standards to imported agri-food products, and will identify the concrete initiatives to ensure better consistency in their application, in conformity with WTO rules. The report will not, however, propose any new initiatives.

Glossary/or explanation of terms used in the survey

The present questionnaire makes repeated reference to a number of concepts, for which it is useful to give indicative explanations upfront (i.e. working definitions for the purpose of this questionnaire):

Food system: the food system is understood to include all relevant actors, resources in a broad sense, and activities relevant for the production and consumption of food and beverages and their associated wastes, and their impact on the economy, environment and society (including health)[1]. It considers the processes, infrastructures and interactions involved in feeding a population.

Food system actors are therefore a very broad category, but for practical purposes (including of this questionnaire), we consider the most relevant to be food/feed business operators including primary producers of food/feed, manufacturers, retailers, distributors as well as inputs providers, traders, consumers, financial actors, international traders, advisors and public authorities.

The food environment concept in this questionnaire must be understood to include physical and digital dimensions. The physical food environment can be defined as the physical, economic, political and socio-cultural contexts in which people engage with the food system to make their decisions about acquiring, preparing and consuming food. The digital food environment refers to the online settings through which flows of services and information that influence people’s food and nutrition choices and behaviour are directed. They encompass a range of elements, including social media, digital health promotion interventions, digital food marketing and online food retail.[2]

Sustainable food system: An indicative definition of sustainable food system could be considered the following: “A sustainable food system for the EU is one that: provides and promotes safe, nutritious and healthy food of low environmental impact for all current and future EU population in a manner that itself also protects and restores the natural environment and its ecosystem services, is robust and resilient, economically dynamic, just and fair, and socially acceptable and inclusive. It does so without compromising the availability of nutritious and healthy food for people living outside the EU, nor impairing their natural environment.”[3]
About you

* Language of my contribution
  * Bulgarian
  * Croatian
  * Czech
  * Danish
  * Dutch
  * English
  * Estonian
  * Finnish
  * French
  * German
  * Greek
  * Hungarian
  * Irish
  * Italian
  * Latvian
  * Lithuanian
  * Maltese
  * Polish
  * Portuguese
  * Romanian
  * Slovak
  * Slovenian
  * Spanish
  * Swedish

* I am giving my contribution as
  * Academic/research institution
Business association
- Company/business organisation
- Consumer organisation
- EU citizen
- Environmental organisation
- Non-EU citizen
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Public authority
- Trade union
- Other

* First name
Lili

* Surname
Balogh

* Email (this won't be published)
info@agroecology-europe.org

* Organisation name
255 character(s) maximum
Agroecology Europe

* Organisation size
- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

Transparency register number
255 character(s) maximum
Check if your organisation is on the transparency register. It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.
486889834865-61
## Country of origin

Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

- **Afghanistan**
- **Åland Islands**
- **Albania**
- **Algeria**
- **American Samoa**
- **Andorra**
- **Angola**
- **Anguilla**
- **Antarctica**
- **Antigua and Barbuda**
- **Argentina**
- **Armenia**
- **Aruba**
- **Australia**
- **Austria**
- **Azerbaijan**
- **Bahamas**
- **Bahrain**
- **Bangladesh**
- **Barbados**
- **Belarus**
- **Belgium**
- **Belize**
- **Benin**
- **Bermuda**
- **Bhutan**
- **Bolivia**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **Botswana**
- **Bouvet Island**
- **Brazil**
- **British Indian Ocean Territory**
- **Brunei Darussalam**
- **Bulgaria**
- **Burkina Faso**
- **Burundi**
- **Cambodia**
- **Cameroon**
- **Canada**
- **Central African Republic**
- **Chad**
- **Chile**
- **China**
- **Christmas Island**
- **Cocos (Keeling) Islands**
- **Congo**
- **Cook Islands**
- **Costa Rica**
- **Cuba**
- **Curaçao**
- **Cyprus**
- **Czechia**
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo**
- **Denmark**
- **Djibouti**
- **Dominica**
- **Dominican Republic**
- **Ecuador**
- **Egypt**
- **El Salvador**
- **Equatorial Guinea**
- **Eritrea**
- **Estonia**
- **Eswatini**
- **Ethiopia**
- **Falkland Islands**
- **Faroe Islands**
- **Fiji**
- **Finland**
- **France**
- **French Guiana**
- **French Polynesia**
- **French Southern and Antarctic Lands**
- **Gabon**
- **Georgia**
- **Germany**
- **Ghana**
- **Gibraltar**
- **Greece**
- **Greenland**
- **Guatemala**
- **Guinea**
- **Guinea-Bissau**
- **Guyana**
- **Haiti**
- **Honduras**
- **Hong Kong**
- **Hungary**
- **Iceland**
- **India**
- **Indonesia**
- **Iran, the Islamic Republic of**
- **Iraq**
- **Ireland**
- **Isle of Man**
- **Israel**
- **Italy**
- **Jamaica**
- **Japan**
- **Jordan**
- **Kazakhstan**
- **Kenya**
- **Kiribati**
- **Korea, Democratic People’s Republic of**
- **Korea, Republic of**
- **Kuwait**
- **Kyrgyzstan**
- **Lao People’s Democratic Republic**
- **Latvia**
- **Lebanon**
- **Lesotho**
- **Liberia**
- **Libya**
- **Liechtenstein**
- **Lithuania**
- **Luxembourg**
- **Macau**
- **Madagascar**
- **Malawi**
- **Malaysia**
- **Maldives**
- **Mali**
- **Malta**
- **Marshall Islands**
- **Martinique**
- **Mauritania**
- **Mauritius**
- **Mayotte**
- **Mexico**
- **Micronesia**
- **Moldova**
- **Monaco**
- **Mongolia**
- **Montenegro**
- **Montserrat**
- **Morocco**
- **Mozambique**
- **Myanmar**
- **Namibia**
- **Nauru**
- **Nepal**
- **Netherlands**
- **New Caledonia**
- **New Zealand**
- **Nicaragua**
- **Niger**
- **Nigeria**
- **Niue**
- **Norfolk Island**
- **North Korea**
- **Northern Mariana Islands**
- **Norway**
- **Oman**
- **Pakistan**
- **Panama**
- **Papua New Guinea**
- **Paraguay**
- **Peru**
- **People’s Republic of China**
- **Pakistan**
- **Pitcairn Islands**
- **Poland**
- **Portugal**
- **Puerto Rico**
- **Qatar**
- **Réunion**
- **Romania**
- **Russia**
- **Rwanda**
- **Saint Barthelemy**
- **Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha**
- **Saint Kitts and Nevis**
- **Saint Lucia**
- **Saint Martin**
- **Saint Pierre and Miquelon**
- **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**
- **Samoa**
- **San Marino**
- **São Tomé and Príncipe**
- **Saudi Arabia**
- **Senegal**
- **Serbia**
- **Seychelles**
- **Sierra Leone**
- **Singapore**
- **Sint Maarten**
- **Slovakia**
- **Slovenia**
- **Solomon Islands**
- **Somalia**
- **South Africa**
- **South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands**
- **South Korea**
- **South Sudan**
- **Spain**
- **Sri Lanka**
- **Sudan**
- **Suriname**
- **Svalbard and Jan Mayen**
- **Sweden**
- **Switzerland**
- **Syrian Arab Republic**
- **Taiwan**
- **Tanzania, United Republic of**
- **Thailand**
- **Timor-Leste**
- **Togo**
- **Tokelau**
- **Tonga**
- **Tunisia**
- **Turkey**
- **Turkmenistan**
- **Tuvalu**
- **Uganda**
- **Ukraine**
- **United Arab Emirates**
- **United Kingdom**
- **United States**
- **Uruguay**
- **Uzbekistan**
- **Vanuatu**
- **Venezuela**
- **Viet Nam**
- **Vietnam**
- **Virgin Islands (British)**
- **Virgin Islands (U.S.)**
- **Wallis and Futuna**
- **Yemen**
- **Zambia**
- **Zimbabwe**
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bhutan</th>
<th>Greenland</th>
<th>Myanmar/Burma</th>
<th>Svalbard and Jan Mayen</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bolivia</td>
<td>Grenada</td>
<td>Namibia</td>
<td>Sweden</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bonaire Saint Eustatius and Saba</td>
<td>Guadeloupe</td>
<td>Nauru</td>
<td>Switzerland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bosnia and Herzegovina</td>
<td>Guam</td>
<td>Nepal</td>
<td>Syria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Botswana</td>
<td>Guatemala</td>
<td>Netherlands</td>
<td>Taiwan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bouvet Island</td>
<td>Guernsey</td>
<td>New Caledonia</td>
<td>Tajikistan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brazil</td>
<td>Guinea</td>
<td>New Zealand</td>
<td>Tanzania</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>British Indian Ocean Territory</td>
<td>Guinea-Bissau</td>
<td>Nicaragua</td>
<td>Thailand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>British Virgin Islands</td>
<td>Guyana</td>
<td>Niger</td>
<td>The Gambia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brunei</td>
<td>Haiti</td>
<td>Nigeria</td>
<td>Timor-Leste</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bulgaria</td>
<td>Heard Island and McDonald Islands</td>
<td>Niue</td>
<td>Togo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Burkina Faso</td>
<td>Honduras</td>
<td>Norfolk Island</td>
<td>Tokelau</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Burundi</td>
<td>Hong Kong</td>
<td>Northern Mariana Islands</td>
<td>Tonga</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cambodia</td>
<td>Hungary</td>
<td>North Korea</td>
<td>Trinidad and Tobago</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cameroon</td>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>North Macedonia</td>
<td>Tunisia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>India</td>
<td>Norway</td>
<td>Turkey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cape Verde</td>
<td>Indonesia</td>
<td>Oman</td>
<td>Turkmenistan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cayman Islands</td>
<td>Iran</td>
<td>Pakistan</td>
<td>Turks and Caicos Islands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Central African Republic</td>
<td>Iraq</td>
<td>Palau</td>
<td>Tuvalu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chad</td>
<td>Ireland</td>
<td>Palestine</td>
<td>Uganda</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chile</td>
<td>Isle of Man</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>Ukraine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>China</td>
<td>Israel</td>
<td>Papua New Guinea</td>
<td>United Arab Emirates</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christmas Island</td>
<td>Italy</td>
<td>Paraguay</td>
<td>United Kingdom</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Commission will publish all contributions to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would prefer to have your details published or to remain anonymous when your contribution is published. For the purpose of transparency, the type of respondent (for example, ‘business association, ‘consumer association’, ‘EU citizen’) country of origin, organisation name and size, and its transparency register number, are always published. Your e-mail address will never be published. Opt in to select the privacy option that best suits you. Privacy options default based on the type of respondent selected.

Contribution publication privacy settings

The Commission will publish the responses to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would like your details to be made public or to remain anonymous.

Anonymous

Only organisation details are published: The type of respondent that you responded to this consultation as, the name of the organisation on whose behalf you reply as well as its transparency number, its size, its country of
origin and your contribution will be published as received. Your name will not be published. Please do not include any personal data in the contribution itself if you want to remain anonymous.

**Public**

Organisation details and respondent details are published: The type of respondent that you responded to this consultation as, the name of the organisation on whose behalf you reply as well as its transparency number, its size, its country of origin and your contribution will be published. Your name will also be published.

I agree with the [personal data protection provisions](#)

**Questionnaire**
1. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Statement</th>
<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Somewhat agree</th>
<th>Neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>Somewhat disagree</th>
<th>Strongly disagree</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>* The existing EU food system is not sustainable in the long term</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* There is a strong interplay and interdependence between the environmental, social (including health and nutrition) and economic dimensions of sustainability</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Sustainability is fundamental for food security and for the resilience of the food system in the long term</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Consumers do not have sufficient information on the sustainability of foods</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* The current food system is not ready to meet future challenges, e.g. climate change, preserving natural resources and reversing biodiversity loss</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* In order to be successful, food systems sustainability must be ensured both in the EU and at global level</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2. To foster the transition to sustainable food systems, how important (or impactful) are the actions of the actors listed below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Very important</th>
<th>Somewhat important</th>
<th>Neither important nor unimportant</th>
<th>Rather not important</th>
<th>Not important at all</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Consumers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Primary producers of animal products (e.g. livestock farmers)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fishers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aquaculture producers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Primary producers of crops for food and feed (e.g. farmers)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Food/feed manufacturers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Traders (of food commodities or food/feed) importing from 3rd countries</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Traders (of food commodities or food/feed) exporting to 3rd countries</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retailers of food/feed</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hospitality and food services, including restaurants and caterers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of plant protection products</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of fertilizers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Category</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of seeds and plant propagating material</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of food contact materials</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of veterinary medicinal products</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in biotechnology relating to the food system</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EU institutions</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National governments</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regional governments</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cities, local authorities</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Educational system</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-governmental organisations</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investors, banks or financial institutions</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Knowledge providers, advisors, research and innovation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other category: [please specify]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3. How easy is it, in your assessment, for the following actors of the food system to make sustainable choices:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Actor</th>
<th>Very difficult</th>
<th>Difficult</th>
<th>Relatively easy</th>
<th>Very easy</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Consumers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Primary producers of animal products (e.g. livestock farmers)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fishers and aquaculture producers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Primary producers of crops for food and feed (e.g. farmers)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Food/feed manufacturers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Traders (of agricultural commodities or food/feed), including importers /exporters, wholesalers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retailers of food/feed</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hospitality and food services, including restaurants and caterers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of plant protection products</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of fertilizers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of seeds and plant propagating material</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of food contact materials</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the area of veterinary medicinal products</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in biotechnology relating to the food system</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EU institutions</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National governments</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regional governments</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To a high extent</td>
<td>To some extent</td>
<td>To no extent</td>
<td>Do not know</td>
<td>Do not take position</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cities, local authorities</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Educational system</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-governmental organisations</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investors, banks or financial institutions</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Knowledge providers, advisors, research and innovation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other category: [please specify]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Optional: please justify your answer briefly**

1000 character(s) maximum

The question does not put light on systemic problems and considers only individual or sectorial 'choices'. Sustainability should not be about choice, it should be about a legal and economic framework that does not give another alternative. At the moment, it is difficult for consumers to make sustainable choices in current food environments, as the healthiest and most sustainable option is not the easiest to choose nor the most affordable.

In a food systems approach, all actors are important for the transition to sustainability. However, actors with relatively more power in the agri-food chain should bear the brunt of the transition, as it is much easier (cheaper in relative terms) for them to make sustainable choices that have wide-ranging consequences. For example, it is much easier for large agri-food businesses to make sustainable choices than it is for small producers, but this distinction is not possible in the survey.

4. To what extent do the following factors prevent food system actors from making sustainable choices in the production/processing/distribution/consumption of food products:

- Long-term/real costs and impacts of food are not reflected in the price and cost of food
- Food system actors’, including consumers’, choices are based mainly on short-term costs
- Increasing competition on global markets
- No systematic integration of sustainability in the operations of food system actors
- Lack of common understanding of sustainability among food system actors in the EU single market
- Lack of common understanding among food system actors at global level in relation to sustainability
Lack of transparency on/information about the sustainability of a product or its production/distribution process in the EU market

- Lack of transparency/information about the sustainability of a product or its production process at global level
- Marketing and advertising practices
- Unbalance of market power in the food system, weakening the ability of certain actors (e.g. farmers) to invest in more sustainable practices.
- Behavioural biases and habits of food system actors, including consumers
- Food environments which predispose to unsustainable choices by consumers
- The regulatory framework (lack of systematic sustainability objectives, definitions etc.)
- Lack of targeted incentives to produce sustainable food (e.g. financial, R&I)
- Insufficient availability of/accessibility to sustainable processes/products/services
- Existence of multiple private standards
- Lack of international standards on sustainability
- Lack of proper education, training, advisory services to assist food systems actors in the transition to sustainable food systems.
- Lack of investment in / knowledge/ access to innovation support measures
- Insufficient research on food systems interdependencies, co-benefits and trade-offs of possible actions
- Other (please specify):

If other, please specify

Optional: If you wish, please briefly justify your answer

1000 character(s) maximum

The multiplication of sustainability labels is not per se a barrier to sustainable choices for consumers. Nevertheless, a lot of labels developed by food industries themselves without third party certification are misleading and create confusion among consumers. Participatory Guarantee Systems are a way to include...
different actors in defining their own sustainability standards taking into account global standards. Research on SFS: We already have enough evidence on agroecology (cf: Politics of Knowledge, Global Alliance) and on why and how we should move towards more sustainability within food systems. Policymakers do have the power to apply them. However, we support further investment in research on SFS, particularly on citizen’s sciences models, participatory research (e.g.: https://www.youcountproject.eu/) to empower communities, have a common understanding of sustainability and engage with social groups who are currently excluded from research and science.

5. In your direct experience, what are the most important obstacles in the transition to more sustainable practices?

4000 character(s) maximum

Market-oriented approach on agriculture and food and short-term views. Food being considered as a mere commodity removes the multidimensional importance of food in the social, cultural and environmental perspectives and hinders the taking of relevant political decisions. Research and education, and food environments have to be redesigned to fit with the public interest (public health, environmental protection and regeneration, etc.) and move away from corporate influence.

6. To what extent do you consider that the following levels of government promote sustainable food systems in their policies?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Not at all</th>
<th>Insufficiently</th>
<th>Sufficiently</th>
<th>Too much</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>EU</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>National</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Regional</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Local</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

7. Which level of government can best accelerate the transition to a sustainable food system?

(tick all that apply)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>No role</th>
<th>Limited role</th>
<th>Important role</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Global (international organisations)</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>EU</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>**</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>National</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>**</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Regional</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>**</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Local</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>**</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
8. To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Somewhat agree</th>
<th>Neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>Somewhat disagree</th>
<th>Strongly disagree</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>To encourage and accelerate the transition to a sustainable EU food system, it is necessary to establish EU-wide general objectives, principles and definitions relevant for the sustainability of the food system</td>
<td>◯</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>At EU and national level competent authorities should ensure that sustainability is mainstreamed in all food related policies</td>
<td>◯</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EU trade policy, in particular, should be consistent with the objectives of the transition to a sustainable EU food system</td>
<td>◯</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators active in the food system should have mechanisms in place to ensure that operations/processes and/or products within the businesses under their control satisfy any sustainability-related requirements of EU law</td>
<td>◯</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sustainability objectives for the EU food system should be translated into specific requirements by sector where not available</td>
<td>◯</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A sustainability analysis in the form of a global analysis of the sustainability profile of a product or operations is needed to accelerate the transition to sustainable food systems forward</td>
<td>◯</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business operators of different sizes should have different levels of responsibility</td>
<td></td>
<td>◯</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Best practices contributing to achieving a sustainable EU food system should be shared across the EU and nationally</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The new law must first and foremost establish key principles and overarching objectives to which all other policies touching on food systems (at every governance level) must conform (alignment clauses!). Measures should not be limited to ensuring the sustainability of individual products or processes, but of whole systems, addressing the main drivers of unsustainability in the whole system. Business operators and public actors should be held accountable for ensuring products/processes comply with EU sustainability requirements. Sustainable public procurement is a goal within reach, and a win-win situation for consumers, farmers and public authorities. It is a key area of action and one in which the sharing of best practices is particularly relevant and effective.
9. How important would you consider that the activity of a food system actor (to be considered as covering their internal operations/processes and/or products, within their businesses and under their control) should not significantly harm the following aspects:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Very important</th>
<th>Important</th>
<th>Not very important</th>
<th>Not at all important</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>* Climate change mitigation (e.g. reduction of greenhouse gas emission)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Climate change adaptation (e.g. improvement of irrigation efficiency)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* The sustainable use and protection of land</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* The transition to a circular economy (“reduce, reuse, recycle”)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Pollution prevention and control of air, water and soil</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Environmental protection (Minimise or improve all environmental aspects linked to the food system in a holistic way)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Prevention of slavery and forced labour</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Fair and just working conditions</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Fair and just remuneration of primary producers (farmers and fishers)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Prevention of child labour and protection of young people at work</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Food safety and risks to human health</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Availability of food supplies</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Affordability of sustainable food</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Category</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accessibility of sustainable food</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cultural/culinary habits</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quality nutrition, to promote human health</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Animal welfare</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Animal and plant health</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Impact on developing countries</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other [ please specify ]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If other, please specify

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Impact on other EU countries</th>
<th>Human rights</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

10. At what level does the transition to sustainable food systems need to take place? (tick all that apply)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Level</th>
<th>Very important</th>
<th>Important</th>
<th>Not very important</th>
<th>Not at all important</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Global</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EU</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regional</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Local</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
<td>○</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* 11. How do you see your role in the transition to sustainable food system?

1000 character(s) maximum

Agroecology Europe, a European association to promote agroecology, intends to place agroecology high on the European agenda of sustainable development of farming and food systems. It wants to foster interactions between actors in sciences, practices and social movements, by facilitating knowledge sharing and action. It aims at the creation of an inclusive European community of professionals, practitioners, and more generally societal stakeholders in agroecology. In order to achieve these it organizes fora, conferences, workshops for different actors, factsheets, position papers, and create dialogue with decision-makers and other relevant stakeholders.

* 12. Are you involved in any platform/dialogue group/initiative that aims to contribute to sustainable food systems?

○ Yes
○ No

13. If yes: at what level is it active?

☑ International
☑ EU
☐ National
☐ Regional
☐ Local
Optional: Please elaborate on its activity and your role in it

1000 character(s) maximum

Global Alliance for the Future of Food
Agroecology Coalition
TP Organics
EU Food Policy Coalition
SCAR-Agroecology
Good Food Good Farming
PAN-Europe

14. What role do you see for platforms/dialogue groups/initiatives in the transition to and governance of a sustainable food system?

2500 character(s) maximum

Platforms/dialogue groups/initiatives play a key role in the exchange and spread of knowledge and best practices, creating international alliances, collaboration and cooperation, inspiring and creating linkages between different actors in order to facilitate communication, increasing participatory processes and therefore the acceptance of different concepts and techniques.

The inclusion of civic society organisations into food governance is key for the transition to more sustainable and fair food systems.

For the purpose of questions 15, 16 and 17 of this questionnaire, sustainability information to consumers (or sustainability labelling) covers, as specified in the Farm to Fork Strategy, information on the nutritional, climate/environmental and social aspects of food products. Social aspects include amongst others animal welfare and socio-economic aspects.

15. On which of the below aspects of sustainability, should consumers receive information to empower them to make sustainable food choices

(please select and rank in order of importance, the first being the most important and the last being the less important)

Use drag&drop or the up/down buttons to change the order or accept the initial order.

- Environment
- Nutrition
- Animal welfare
- Fair and just remuneration of producers
- Fair and just working conditions
- Climate
If "other aspects", please specify

Environment goes hand in hand with Climate and Biodiversity conservation
16. To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Statement</th>
<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Somewhat agree</th>
<th>Neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>Somewhat disagree</th>
<th>Strongly disagree</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Consumers pay more and more attention to the sustainability of the food they buy</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sustainability information currently provided to consumers on food products is reliable</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sustainability information currently provided to consumers on food products is clear and easy to understand</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sustainability information currently provided on food products allows consumers to choose sustainable food products</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The multiplicity of sustainability labels on food products are confusing for consumers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Providing information to consumers about the sustainability of the food they buy is a useful tool and it will accelerate the transition to a sustainable food system</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reliable and evidence-based sustainability labelling of food products would also help incentivising operators to supply more sustainable products</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Food businesses should be subject to the same rules on sustainability information to consumers across the entire EU</td>
<td>J</td>
<td>J</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A dedicated sustainability label which allows comparing the sustainability of food products would help consumers to make sustainable food choices</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
17. If an EU sustainability label was established:

(please select only one answer)
- Such a label should be a voluntary label identifying only sustainable food products
- Such a label should be a voluntary label identifying sustainable and non-sustainable food products
- Such a label should be a mandatory label informing on the sustainability of all EU food products
- Such a label should be a mandatory label informing on the sustainability of all EU and imported food products
- A EU sustainability label is not necessary / desirable
- Don’t know
- Other (please specify)

18. To what extent should schools and public institutions consider sustainability when purchasing food?
- None
- Limited
- Moderate
- Great
- Do not know
- No opinion

19. If “moderate” or “great”, how important do you think such an action would be for the transition to sustainable food system...?
- Very important/impactful
- Moderately important/impactful
- Neutral
- Only with a limited importance impact
- Not important/impactful at all
- I do not know
- I do not take position
20. In relation to **public procurement of food served in schools and public institutions**, to what extent do you agree with the following statements?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><em>The meals should be enjoyable and tasty</em></th>
<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Somewhat agree</th>
<th>Neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>Somewhat disagree</th>
<th>Strongly disagree</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><em>The meals should be accessible to all, at an affordable price</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Plant based alternatives should be offered more frequently</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Food produced locally should be offered more frequently</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Nutritionally well balanced meals (e.g. alternatives lower in sugars and fats) should be offered more frequently</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>More fruits and vegetables should be offered</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Food produced from traditional and locally adapted varieties, in particular for fruit and vegetables, should be offered more frequently</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Production of food of animal origin should respect high animal welfare standards</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Organic meals/ingredients should be offered more frequently</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>The social impact of the meals offered (e.g. human rights, workers rights) should be taken into account in procurement</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>The environmental impact of the meals offered should be taken into account in procurement</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>The nutritional quality of meals offered should be taken into account in procurement</em></td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>---</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Food services companies that respect social values beyond the sectoral collective agreements should be favoured in procurement
- The school has an educational role to play concerning the sustainability of food
- Information about the nutritional composition, of the meals served should be provided in the canteens of public institutions
- Information about the environmental impact of the meals served should be provided in the canteens of public institutions
- Information about the social impact of the meals served should be provided in the canteens of public institutions.
- Information about the animal welfare standards respected should be provided in the canteens of public institutions.
21. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Somewhat agree</th>
<th>Neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>Somewhat disagree</th>
<th>Strongly disagree</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>* Food composition targets for sugars, salt, and saturated fat for all food categories should be set</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="bubble" alt="Bubble" /></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Targets for added sugars, salt and saturated fat for processed and ultra-processed foods and meals should be set</td>
<td><img src="bubble" alt="Bubble" /></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="bubble" alt="Bubble" /></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* When designing policies that impact food prices (such as subsidy schemes and taxation), competent authorities should consider how these policies can encourage a higher consumption of whole grain cereals, vegetables, fruits, legumes and nuts, and a lower consumption of red meat and foods high in sugars, salt, and saturated fat</td>
<td><img src="bubble" alt="Bubble" /></td>
<td><img src="bubble" alt="Bubble" /></td>
<td><img src="bubble" alt="Bubble" /></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
22. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Statement</th>
<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Somewhat agree</th>
<th>Neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>Somewhat disagree</th>
<th>Strongly disagree</th>
<th>Do not know</th>
<th>Do not take position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• The marketing, advertising and sales promotion, including online, of foods high in saturated fat, salt or sugars to children should be restricted</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Marketing techniques should be restricted unless the products they relate to are of high nutritional standard (e.g. low in saturated fat, salt or sugars)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Sponsorship activities that result in advertising during big events (e.g. sports events) should be restricted for products high in saturated fat, salt or sugars</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• The merchandising of foods (i.e. the way food products are presented in retail outlets) should promote healthier food choices</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
23. What incentives would be most effective in stimulating sustainable production/processing/distribution/consumption methods and techniques?

1000 character(s) maximum

Food Education
Establish a specific public support to facilitate the development of direct selling and short food supply chains (such as Participatory Guarantee Systems)
Establish a European Regulation in order to give advantage to local and sustainable food products for the public food procurements.
Incentivise and give a greater visibility to local and peasant products in supermarkets
Specific subsidies, social minimum schemes to support the purchasing
Reduce taxes for local and agroecological products
Farm Advisory systems and free training for farmers for the transition
Subsidies to support the establishment of agroecological farm practices (through eco schemes)
Research subsidies
Access to land for young people

* 24. Do food system actors have sufficient knowledge and skills for the transition to sustainable food systems?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- I do not take position

* 25. Are there food system actors that are better prepared for the transition than others?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- I do not take position

Optional: Please elaborate
500 character(s) maximum

Transition is already happening: a lot of different actors are precursors of sustainable practices but lack public support through subsidies, and legislation. These agroecological initiatives shall be further supported and promoted as living and well-working good examples not only for the farming community, but for each one of us in the food system - from consumers to producers and all actors involved.

Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire!

Document upload

Please feel free to upload a concise document, such as a position paper.
The uploaded document will be published alongside your response to the questionnaire which is the essential input to this public consultation. The document is optional and serves as additional background reading to better understand your position.

Please upload your file

Only files of the type pdf, txt, doc, docx, odt, rtf are allowed

b916bdfe-f37c-4960-ac1e-581e6d1790ca/AEEU_contribution_-_Public_consultation_on_EU_sustainable_food_systems.pdf

Contact

Contact Form