



Framework for Sustainable Food Systems Stakeholders workshop

Economic Operators - *Trade, transport and logistics, wholesale, and retail, food services, and financial services providers*

18th October 14:00 – 17:00

About this workshop

To accelerate and facilitate the transition towards sustainable food systems and ensure that foods placed on the EU market increasingly become sustainable, the Farm to Fork Strategy announced a horizontal framework law. The EU sustainable food system initiative (Framework for Sustainable Food Systems, “FSFS”), to be put forward by the European Commission in the second half of 2023, will aim to establish new foundations for future food policies by introducing sustainability objectives and principles based on an integrated food system approach and lay down general principles and objectives, together with requirements and responsibilities for all actors in the EU food system.

This workshop is one of the many consultation activities that have taken place on the FSFS since 2021, and aims to gather more detailed insight on the different elements of the FSFS and the impacts of envisaged policy measures, all the while offering the opportunity for constructive discussion amongst stakeholders and experts.

In order to facilitate and achieve interesting and productive discussions, please note that this event is limited to only one representative per organisation.

During the event, we would like to explore the following questions :

- ◆ What should be encompassed in the definition of sustainability within the FSFS initiative? How do you see the formulation and articulation of general objectives and principles in the initiative?
- ◆ What would be the direct and indirect costs/benefits of setting general minimum sustainability requirements to be met for foods produced and potentially placed on the Union market (imports)?
 - What are your thoughts on establishing technical screening criteria per sustainability dimension and possibly per sector?
 - When it comes to the minimum sustainability requirements, what should be the relation between the sectorial/thematic legislation and the FSFS?
 - How would you approach the development of a food sustainability compliance/management system (e.g., building on food safety management system)?
- ◆ To what extent would provision of consumer information on the sustainability performance of the food (sustainability labelling) contribute to the transition to a sustainable EU food system and what would be the implications for your sector?
- ◆ What would be the role of sustainable public procurement in the transition towards sustainable food systems? Under which conditions?

- ◆ Which elements should be taken carefully into account to ensure wider policy coherence across the EU?
- ◆ What are possible actions that can be undertaken to mitigate impacts or reinforce the transition towards a Union sustainable food system?

Workshop programme

TIME	ITEM
14:00-14:10	Welcome
14:10-14:20	Plenary: Presentation of preliminary results of the public consultation and targeted surveys
14:20-15:00	CLUSTER 1 (plenary): Sustainability definition, general objectives, and principles of the FSFS initiative
15:00-16:15	CLUSTER 2 (parallel breakout sessions): Policy Measures 2A. Sustainability requirements for foods produced or placed on the Union market and related food operations 2B. Sustainability labelling 2C. Sustainable Public procurement
16:15-16:45	CLUSTER 3 : Governance, Monitoring & Enforcement
16:45-17:00	Conclusions