

ENRD Thematic Group on Sustainability Agreements

Second meeting

Agenda

1 June 2022

Collective initiatives leading to agreements between actors in the agri-food supply chain have the potential to make a significant contribution to a sustainable food system, ensuring that actors in the agri-food value chain (vertically or horizontally) collaborate effectively to deliver agreed outcomes and ultimately contribute to the achievement of the national and EU goals.

The future development of such initiatives depends on the knowledge and ability of stakeholders to manage any challenges. In the first meeting, members took stock of the new regulatory framework and began to identify the key challenges and opportunities for Sustainability Agreements, with a particular focus on what Sustainability Agreements could mean for businesses, the environment, and the consumer.

Aims of the meeting

- Further explore how the added value of Sustainability Agreements is being realised by businesses and consumers alike.
- Draw together the conclusions of the Thematic Group.

Timing	1 June 2022 Agenda Items
09.30 - 10.00	<i>Registration</i>
10.00 – 10.05	Welcome participants and agenda of the day



<p>10.05 – 11.00</p>	<p>Updates on Sustainability Agreements Work</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <p><i>Overview of TG work to date (Alistair Prior, ENRD CP)</i></p> <p><i>Update on Sustainability Agreements and Competition Law (European Commission)</i></p> <p><i>What have we learned from the case studies & examples? (Elena Garcia Garrido, ENRD CP)</i></p> <p>Followed by Discussion</p>
<p>11.00 – 11.15</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>11.15 – 12.45</p>	<p>Introduction to working groups</p> <p>Parallel group discussions - Realising the added value of Sustainability Agreements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges to establishing a credible sustainability standard (going beyond mandatory standards) - Opportunities for attracting consumers willing to pay a premium - Opportunities for cost sharing, price making through the supply chain
<p>12.45 – 13.45</p>	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
<p>13.45 – 14.00</p>	<p>Reporting back from group discussions</p>
<p>14.00 – 15.20</p>	<p>Bringing it all together</p> <p>Panel Discussion - Reflections and next steps</p> <p><i>Vanessa Turner, BEUC</i></p> <p><i>Jan Willem Van Der Schans, Researcher, Netherlands</i></p> <p><i>Alison Graham, Irish Co-operative Organisation Society, Ireland</i></p> <p><i>Esther Ontiveros, PO DCOOP SCA, Spain & Portugal</i></p> <p><i>Niccolo Ciulli, EUROCOMMERCE</i></p> <p>Followed by group discussion</p>
<p>15.20 – 15.30</p>	<p>Conclusions and outputs of the TG.</p>

