Farm to Fork Strategy

EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

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Ministers for Agriculture approved Council Conclusions on the Farm to Fork Strategy on **19 October 2020**.

- Conclusions show **overall support for the strategy** and endorse its goal of developing a sustainable European food system.

- Member States stressed the importance of taking national specificities and different starting points into account, in particular for the quantitative targets set in the strategy.

- Member States highlighted the necessity of ensuring the competitiveness of the farming sector and an adequate income for farmers.
The EESC adopted an opinion on the F2F Strategy on 18 September 2020.

According to the EESC, a comprehensive EU food policy should deliver:

- economic, environmental and socio-cultural sustainability;
- integration across sectors, policy areas and levels of governance;
- inclusive decision-making processes; and
- a combination of compulsory measures (regulations and taxes) and incentives (price premiums, access to credit, resources and insurance) to accelerate the transition towards sustainable food systems.

Fair food prices (reflecting the true cost of production for the environment and society) are the only way to achieve sustainable food systems in the long term.

Without changes in EU trade policies, the objectives of the strategy will not be met.
On 15 and 16 October 2020 the Commission organised the first annual Farm to Fork Conference.

Main take-out messages and highlights:

• Urgent, systemic change is required

• The whole food value chain needs to be part of the shift

• Innovation is an integral part of the solution

• Consumers need clear, consistent information on sustainable food
Special EB 505: Making our food fit for the future – Citizens’ expectations

What aspects of a sustainable diet are important for you?

- What you eat is healthy for you: 74%
- What you eat supports local economy: 50%
- What you eat has been produced in a way that minimises waste: 40%

Special Eurobarometer 505, Making our food fit for the future – Citizens’ expectations:
Implementation of the strategy – ongoing work

• The Commission is working on several initiatives, involving several services.
• Ongoing work on initiatives such as:
  • Code of conduct for responsible business and marketing conduct
  • Contingency plan
  • Marketing standards
• Legislative proposals will be preceded by impact assessments and stakeholder consultations.
**Farm to Fork Strategy – External governance**

- **Member States**: the *Expert Group on the General Food Law* will be revamped and will become the *Expert Group on the General Food Law and Sustainability of Food Systems*.

  - Broader range of expertise required to discuss issues related to the Farm to Fork Strategy

  - Terms of reference of this new expert group published

CAP Recommendations

- As announced in the Farm to Fork Strategy, the Commission will issue recommendations to the Member States prior to the submission of the CAP National Strategic Plans.

- Structured dialogues with Member States on the draft recommendations are taking place.

- Recommendations to be adopted by the Commission imminently.
Thank you