

## **EVENT SUMMARY**

The conference was opened by the European Commission's Executive Vice President **Frans Timmermans** and European Commissioners, **Stella Kyriakides**, responsible for Health and Food Safety and **Janusz Wojchiecowski**, responsible for Agriculture.

Notable speakers on the first day of the conference included German Minister for Agriculture **Julia Klöckner** and **Dr. Agnes Kalibata**, Special Envoy for the UN 2021 Food Systems Summit. This was followed by a high-level plenary session with actors from the public and private sectors on working together to transform our food systems.

The second day started with an inspirational talk by **Roberto Flore**, manager of DTU Skylab FoodLab, on re-shaping the food systems from our own kitchen and an intervention by **Professor Klaus Grunert** on consumer attitudes on sustainable food systems. Four breakout sessions on building the EU legislative framework for sustainable food systems, economic opportunities for farmers, helping consumers to choose healthy diets and innovative solutions for sustainable farming finished off the rest of the morning. The event was wrapped up by Commissioners Kyriakides and Wojchiecowski.

Over 1000 stakeholders registered and joined the discussions via the event virtual platform and thousands of viewers followed the live web streaming. Registered participants were able to virtually meet with speakers and other participants on the platform and over 80 such 1:1 virtual networking sessions took place over the two days.

The event was a first opportunity to gather all key players including public authorities, academia and actors in the food value chain - from farmers, food manufacturers, retailers, hospitality and food services to consumers - to discuss the transition towards sustainable food systems. It largely demonstrated that each and everyone's contribution is needed and the dynamic interactions and high interest revealed an appetite for working together to transform our food system.