

# Monitoring of the Farm to Fork Strategy

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## OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE – a reminder:

” The Commission (...) will monitor the transition to a sustainable food system so that it operates within planetary boundaries, including progress on the targets and overall reduction of the environmental and climate footprint of the EU food system.” (*F2F Strategy, final paragraph*)

## STARTING POINT:

- F2F Strategy -> first sustainable food policy of the EU -> no adequate existing monitoring framework
- Related monitoring frameworks/indicators in place -> agricultural and environmental themes (e.g. for CAP, CFP, emissions, water quality and biodiversity etc).
- Limited coverage of diet and health aspects (e.g. food consumption, health impact from diets or affordability of healthy food).
- No systemic indicators on sustainability



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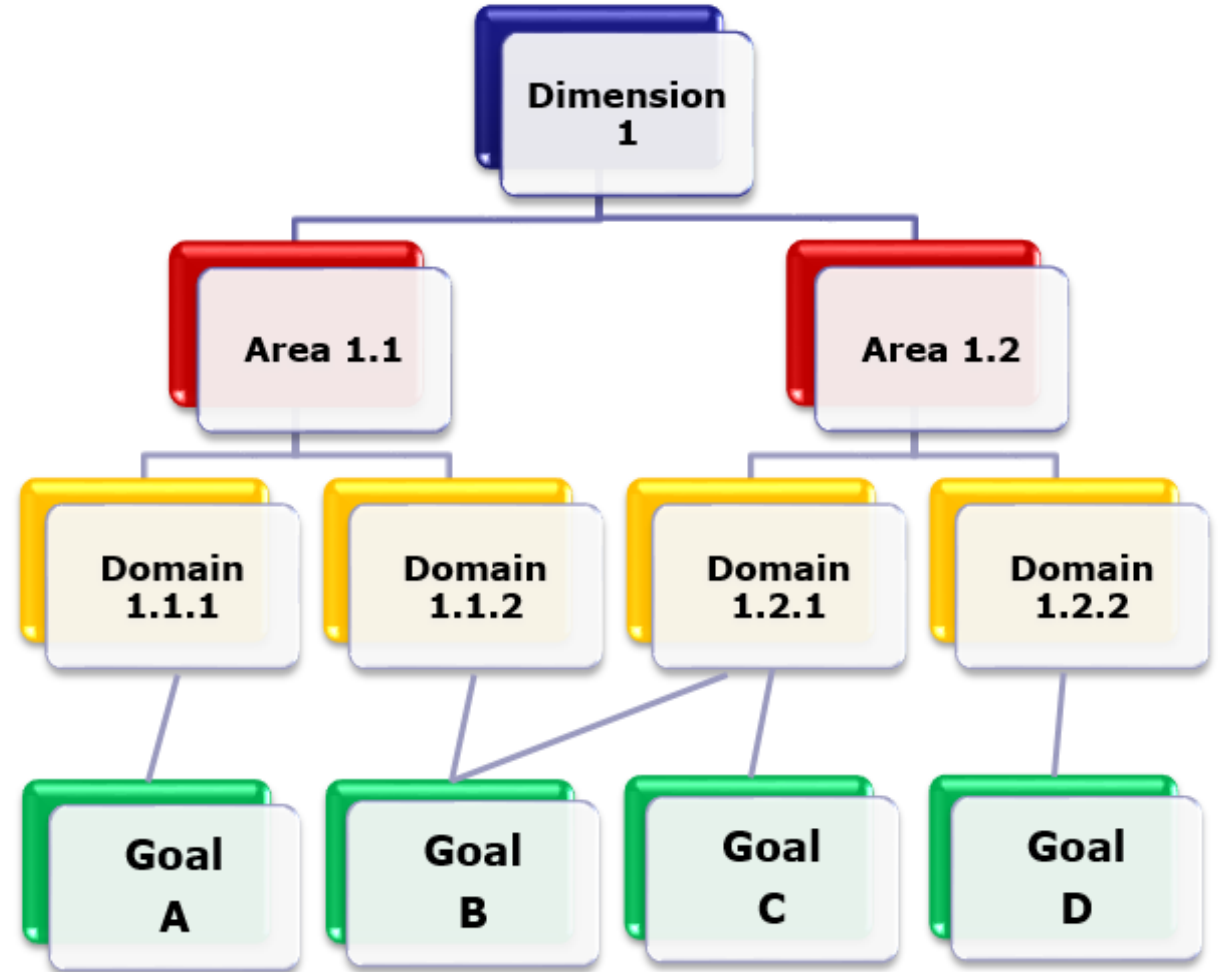
## CONCEPT

- New monitoring framework with a limited number of headline indicators
- Indicators could include, for example: monitoring progress on aspirational F2F targets, relevant SDG indicators, new indicators to cover F2F policy areas which are currently less monitored
- Indicators to cover all dimensions of sustainability (environmental, economic, social – including health) and all parts of the food chain
- Operationalisation: administrative arrangements with the JRC to develop the monitoring framework
- Steering by DG SANTE in close cooperation with co-lead services for the F2F and other Commission services as needed
- Format: interactive dashboard accessible online
- Links and synergies <-> monitoring chapter in the FSFS



# Work done so far

- Development of food system approach
- Inventory of drivers along the various components of the food supply chain to highlight domains where sustainability of the food system is (likely to be) impacted
- Review of existing and relevant initiatives
- High level food system concept
- Mapping of the 3 sustainability dimensions into thematic areas, sub-dimensions, goals/targets
- Gathering of pool of existing indicators with potential relevance



**Drivers and contextual aspects**

Demographics

Socio-economics

Socio-cultural

Environment

Policy

Technology & Science

Geo-politics

**Food supply chain**

Agricultural practices  
Genetic resources improvement  
Agricultural inputs



Research, input industry,  
genebanks

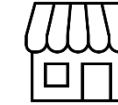
Growing, harvesting



Farmers, fishermen,  
workers

**Direct supply chain**

FARMERS & MARKETS



**Conventional supply chain**

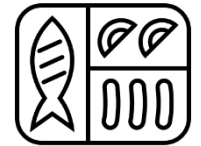
Transforming  
Packaging

Food processors,  
wholesalers, retailers

Storage, wholesale,  
retail, transport

Food companies,  
food service, media

Cooking,  
eating



Households, institutions,  
restaurants

Pre-production

Production

Processing

Distribution

Consumption

Food waste and losses management

**Pressures & Impacts**

**Environmental**

**Economic**

**Social (incl. health)**

**Response**

***Farm to Fork Strategy***

*Monitoring framework: Sustainability dimensions and criteria – FS elements*

**Vision - Normative criteria:** definition of expected progress for FS elements under monitoring and definition of targets and goals (incl. Planetary Boundaries)

# Process : Tentative Timeline and Milestones

- Autumn 2022: mapping, selection of headline indicators out of existing indicators, identification of gaps
- Winter 2022-2023: development of new indicators proposal
- Spring 2023 -> consultations on the proposal for new & existing indicators to be part of the dashboard:
  - ❑ Internal Commission consultations + consultation of relevant agencies
  - ❑ consultation of the *Advisory Group on Sustainability of Food Systems*
  - ❑ consultation of Member States in the *Expert Group On General Food Law And Sustainability Of Food Systems*
- By summer 2023: finalization of monitoring framework concept
- Second half 2023: technical development of the dashboard & publication (with available data/indicators)

**Thank you for your attention!**

