

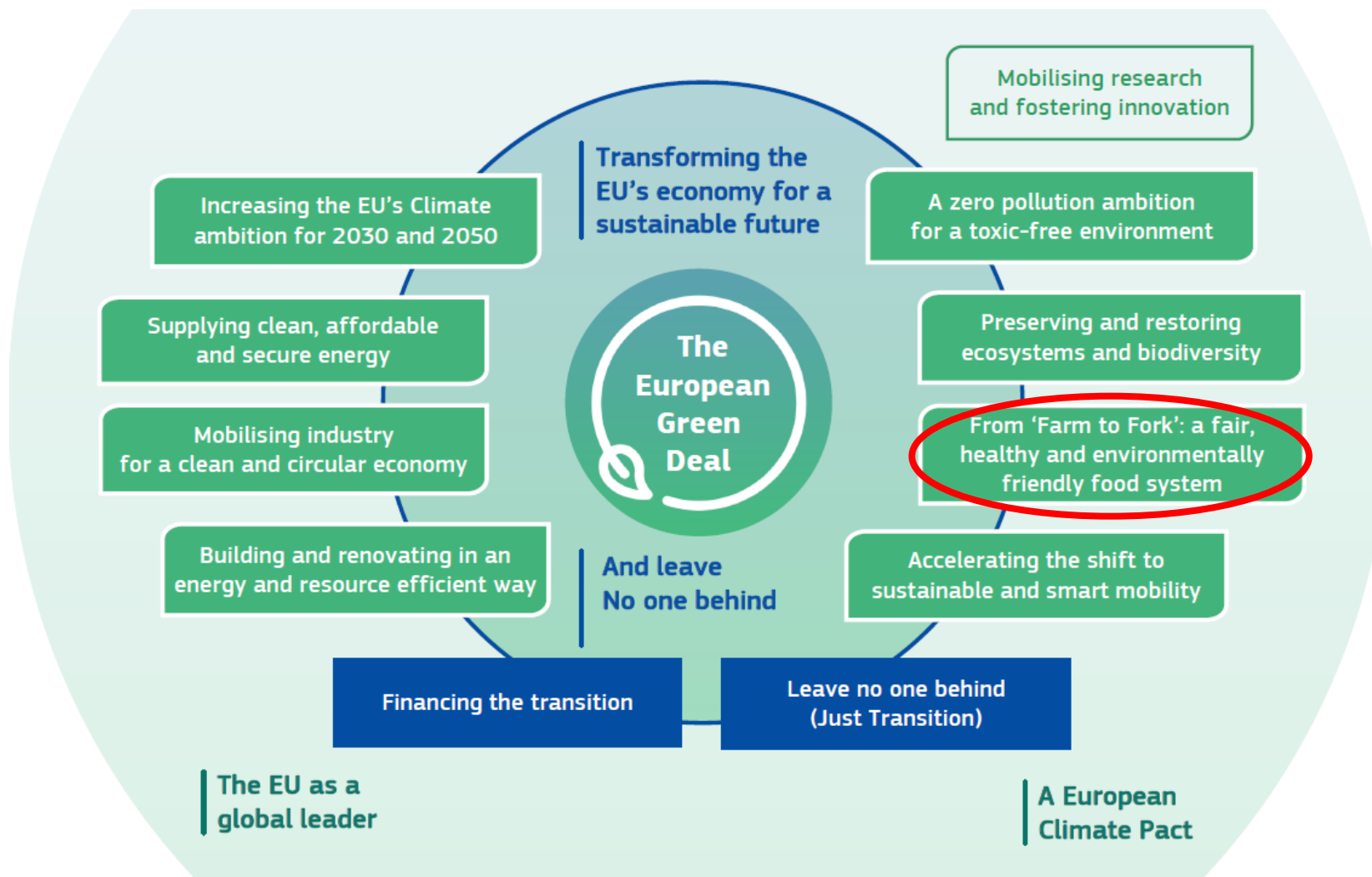


Farm to Fork Strategy

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Impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the 'Farm to Fork' Strategy

- Adoption date of the Strategy postponed due to the current crisis
- The current crisis shows:
 - The importance of a **robust** and **resilient food system** capable of ensuring access to a sufficient supply of affordable food for citizens.

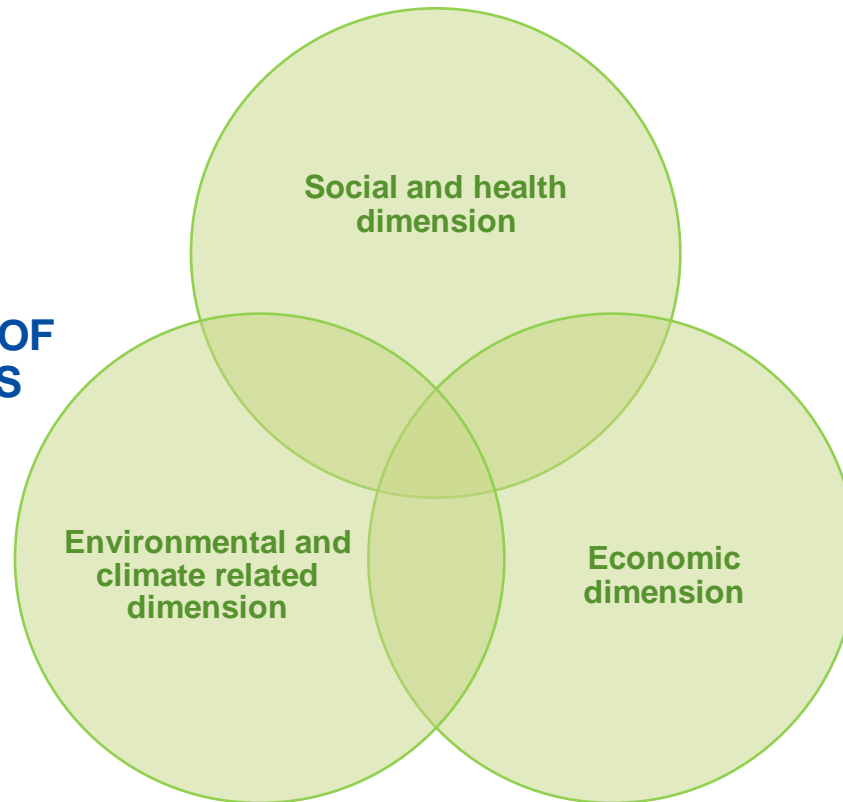


- The importance of a **good health status** of people as the COVID-19 pandemic has been severely affecting people who have serious underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, serious heart conditions or severe obesity.

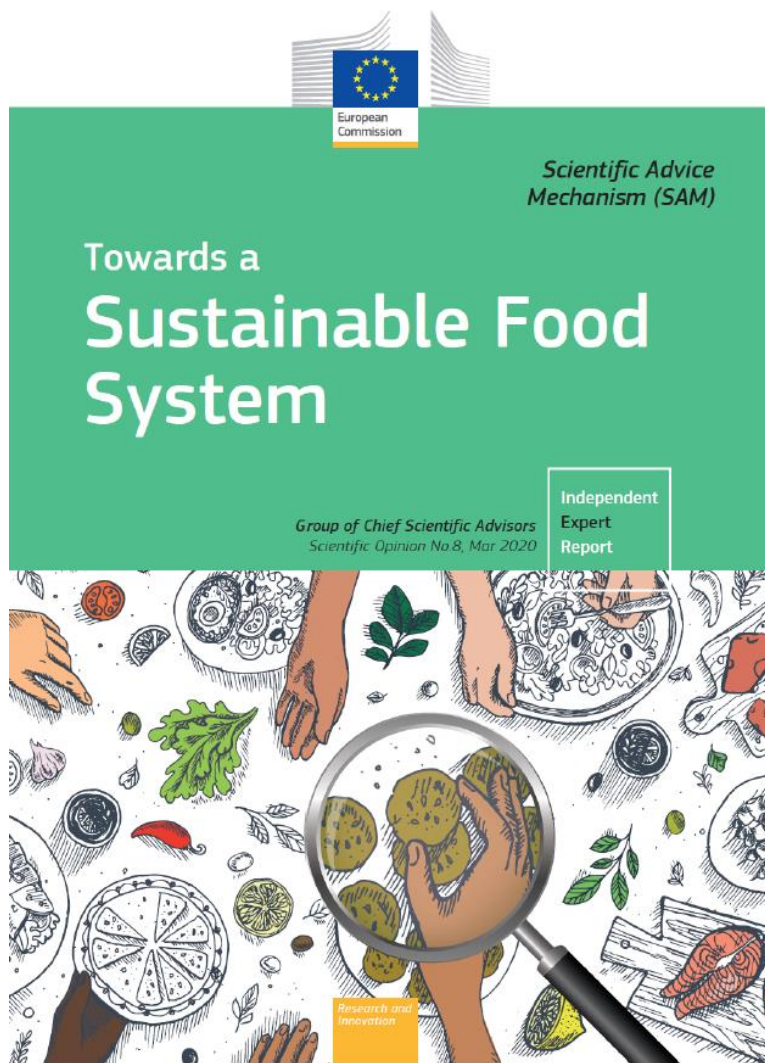


Farm to Fork' strategy overall aim remains relevant in the current crisis as no food system can be resilient in the long term if it is unsustainable

THE THREE PILLARS OF SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS



Group of Chief Scientific Advisors: *Towards a Sustainable Food System*



- Opinion adopted end of March and published in April 2020
- Main conclusions:
 - Moving from food as a commodity to food as more of a common good
 - Question of how to achieve a sustainable food system
 - The EU should utilise the complete policy mix, focussing on regulatory and fiscal measures; voluntary means only as supplementary drivers.
 - An iterative, responsive and adaptable approach with appropriate monitoring is warranted.

Feedback mechanism on the F2F roadmap

- Consultation period: 17 February 2020 - 20 March 2020
- **654** contributions received in total
- The main points of interest were:
 - the overall framework of the Farm to Fork strategy, especially the strategy's methodology, its coherence with other EU policies, and the necessary focus on R&I
 - international aspects, in particular preserving the competitiveness of the EU food sector compared with third countries ;
 - production aspects, such as farmers' position in the food chain and pesticides and fertiliser use ;
 - processing and distribution issues ;
 - consumption and food labelling, especially origin and nutritional labelling ;
 - food waste and the circular economy.



Timeline

- **Targeted consultations – Q1 2020**
- **Feedback on the Roadmap** (completed)
- **Report Group of Chief Scientific Advisors:**
Towards a sustainable food system (March 2020)
- **Farm to Fork strategy:** Communication and action plan: to be adopted in May 2020 (not certain yet).
- From May 2020 onwards: **elaboration of actions** as included in the Farm to Fork action plan
- **Further consultation** on individual initiatives announced in the **Action Plan**

Thank you



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