

CODE OF CONDUCT

Task Force 2 – Improving the Impact of food processing, retail and food services’ own operations on sustainability

Report of the second meeting – 15 April 2021 (DRAFT)

The second meeting of the Task Force on Thematic Session 2 on “*Improving the Impact of food processing, retail and food services’ own operations on sustainability*” concentrated on the deliberation of members’ **on the fine-tuning of Aspirational Objectives, Indicative Actions and Enablers** in view of preparing for the drafting phase of the code.

After introductory remarks by the Chair, representatives of a prominent European food innovation initiative were invited to present some models of public private partnerships in the area of food sustainability.

A **compilation of members’ feedback** to the “homework” questions was then presented by the rapporteur.

In the ensuing deliberations, the **main points** were:

- Concern raised by individual members of the thematic session as to the feasibility of certain actions proposed in the feedback.
- Concern by some members of the thematic session as to the SME-friendliness of some of the actions proposed.

On the basis of the responses to the homework questions, the Chair presented a new version of a potential framework of Aspirational Objectives, Targets and Indicative Actions. The Chair proposed to add the feature of “enablers” to the structure of the code.

In the ensuing deliberations, the **main points** were:

- Overall consensus on the approach presented by the Chair and on that the framework consisting of the Aspirational Objectives, Targets, and Actions is the right way forward.
- Overall consensus on the level of granularity of indicative actions as presented by the Chair.
- Overall consensus on the addition of a column to the table for enablers, needed to support stakeholders in reaching the indicative actions.
- Aspects with relation to the inclusion of socioeconomic considerations were raised, but did not reach a final consensus at this point. Questions remain with respect to its appropriateness.
- Overall consensus, in the interest of progress, to limit new additions to the Aspirational Objectives, Targets and indicative Actions, in view of moving to the drafting phase of the code.
- Overall agreement that new contributions should focus on addressing existing elements (Aspirational Objectives, Targets, Indicative Actions).
- Overall agreement that the actions are to be seen as an inspirational, non-exhaustive list of actions, to help to clarify the aspirational objectives.

Building on the progress made during the meeting, and on the Chair’s proposal for the way forward, preparatory **homework questions** were presented in view of the **next meeting on thematic session 2 (12 May 2021, time TBD)**. The deadline for feedback is **6 May 2021 COB**.