

MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON GENERAL FOOD LAW AND SUSTAINABILITY OF FOOD SYSTEMS

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#### **OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE:**

"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



#### **CONCEPT**

- ➤ New monitoring framework with a limited number of headline indicators (e.g. around 20).
- > Indicators could include:
  - Monitoring progress on aspirational F2F targets (i.e. reduction of pesticide use and risk, reduction of sales of antimicrobials, reduction of nutrient losses and increase of area under organic farming),
  - relevant SDG indicators
  - indicators linking outputs of policy actions to long-term effects.
- > Format: interactive dashboard accessible online



<u>Indicators to cover all dimensions of sustainability</u> (environmental, economic, social – including health) and all parts of the food chain

Sustainability dimensions	Criteria	Pre- production	Primary production	Food processing	Food distribution	Food consumption
Economic	Criterion 1	Indicator		Indicator		
	Criterion n <sub>1</sub>		Indicator			
Social	Criterion 1			Indicator	Indicator	Indicator
	Criterion n <sub>2</sub>			Indicator		Indicator
Environment	Criterion 1		Indicator	Indicator	Indicator	Indicator
	Criterion n <sub>4</sub>	Indicator				



#### **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
- > JRC to use/build on existing indicators (SDG, circular economy, AGRI for CAP, etc.) + conceptualize new ones where needed

#### **Links with the FSFS:**

- ➤ Monitoring chapter in the FSFS
- > FSFS as possible basis for establishing new reporting, to underpin new indicators



#### PROCESS: TENTATIVE TIMELINE AND MILESTONES

- ➤ By summer 2022: mapping of existing indicators, selection of headline indicators out of those, identification of gaps
- ➤ Autumn 2022: development of new indicators proposal
- ➤ End 2022/early 2023 -> stakeholders consultation on the proposal for new & existing indicators to be part of the dashboard:
  - consultation of the new Advisory Group on Sustainability of Food Systems
  - □ consultation of the Expert Group On General Food Law And Sustainability Of Food Systems
- > First half 2023: finalization of monitoring framework concept
- Second half 2023: technical development of the dashboard & publication (with available data/indicators)



## Thank you for your attention!

