

The Task Force work process and its deliverables

Kick-off Task Force meeting

DG SANTE (D1)

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Process:

- Four Task Force thematic sessions, all chaired by FoodDrinkEurope.
- Meetings take place under Chatham House rules.
- Each TF consists of members that attend all TF meetings, and specific TF members. This allows coherence and coordination in the work between the different TF meetings.
- Limited number of members per taskforce (around 20) in order to have constructive discussions.
- Three meetings per Taskforce.



Process:

- TF meetings are meant to bring solutions, not the problems
- Homework questions ahead of the TF meetings, proper preparation will allow smooth progress
- TF members bring their expertise, when possible existing initiatives refer
- If not part of the middle part or primary producers, TF members share their expertise in an objective and scientifically-underpinned way
- Rapporteurs will prepare text for the building blocks and a half-a-pager for the webpage after each TF meeting
- Building blocks and progress will be reported at the plenary meetings
- Decisions will be taken on a consensus-basis
- Commission may propose text for the general part of the Code



Task Force deliverables

- TF1, TF2 and TF3 (under component 1) will concentrate on the aspirational objectives and actions and will encompass the three pillars of sustainability
- A list of priorities will be set (largest impact, data available?)
- TF4 will concentrate on the monitoring of the actions in the above
- Parallel track with individual companies to be set up, Commission will provide a framework for these component 2 commitments
- Associations will be involved to notify companies hereof and ensure coherence



Topics & aspirational goals Code of Conduct based on:

International agreements and conventions, such as:

- UN Sustainable development goals
- 'Paris' target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Biodiversity (CBD): Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, 2011-2020

EU policy documents, amongst other Green Deal ambitions:

- Farm to Fork Strategy
- Biodiversity Strategy
- 2030 Climate Target Plan

Other relevant input:

- Existing guidelines, good practices
- Input from stakeholders



Purpose of aspirational objectives

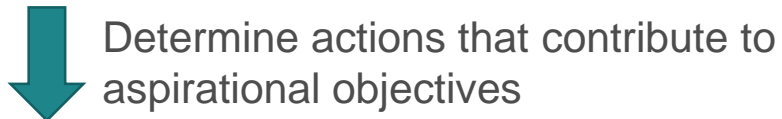
- Non-binding objectives
- Objectives will show for which themes change is needed, and how much;
- The actions included in the Code should be proportional to the aspirational objectives;
- Overall objectives, in many cases other policies and developments will contribute (for example climate policy, CAP, CFP etc)
- Objectives may help to build an intervention logic and show which actor can contribute
- Objectives will provide guidance for concrete commitments by individual companies (second component).
- Objectives are often thematic, actions might be more integrated (for example synergies between health and environment)
- Objectives will create link to monitoring
- Strive for limited number of objectives: ranking of priorities



Two components in Code of conduct

Component 1 = general part Code

Aspirational objectives



- Specific actions that can be practically adopted by all actors
- Go beyond current legal obligations and existing voluntary codes
- Minimizing administrative burden esp for SMEs

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Monitor adherence to code

Commission will monitor overall effect F2F (incl. Code)

Component 2 = specific part Code for individual companies

Selected targets + monitoring framework



Freedom for companies how to reach targets



Monitor progress (outcome)

Deliverables first TF meeting

- Discussion and consensus on format of the Code (in liaison between TF meetings)
- Presentation replies to homework questions
- Discussion on common denominators: list of priority aspirational objectives
- First part of the discussion on the modality of listing subsequent actions (under component 1)
- Homework questions to be addressed in relation to the concrete actions to achieve the aspirational objectives



Deliverables second TF meeting

- Presentation replies to homework questions
- Finetuning of aspirational objectives, if need be
- Second part of the discussion and agreement on the common type of actions that all can subscribe to, ensuring all three pillars of sustainability are covered
- Discussion on potential incentives for SMEs
- Discussion on monitoring of the actions (KPIs present, liaison with TF4)
- Homework questions to be addressed in relation to outstanding issues that need clarification



Deliverables third TF meeting

- Presentation replies to homework questions
- Discussion and consensus on outstanding questions
- Review of the text of the Code as it stands so far and final finetuning
- In between TF meetings a drafting committee will write the Code of Conduct.



Thank you for your attention

Any questions?

