

# Monitoring of the Farm to Fork Strategy

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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



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## 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



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Indicators to cover all dimensions of sustainability (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				



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## 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



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## 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 Member States in 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!**

