

## WORKSHOP

### POLICY DIALOGUES EU - CENTRAL AMERICA ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

22 - 23 MARCH 2022

The **Farm to Fork Strategy** is at the heart of the **European Green Deal** aiming to make food systems fair, healthy and environmentally friendly. Its objectives will be reached with the proper involvement of countries across the globe, and the LAC region is a major EU partner concerning agricultural trade.

It is in this context that the European Union (FPI, DG AGRI and DG SANTÉ, working closely with the EEAS), is launching this initiative to promote a constructive exchange of ideas with the LAC partners and build strategic alliances in support of the global transition towards sustainable agri-food systems.

Dialogues on sustainable food systems: from production to consumption 22 March 2022, Day 1 Hour (16:00 Brussels, 09:00 Central America)	
16:00-16:10 09:00-09:10 10 Min	<p><b>Opening: setting the scene</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. Sandra Gallina</b> - Director-General, Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), European Commission - (Video)</p> <p><b>Mr. Francisco A. Lima Mena</b> – Secretary General, Secretaria de Integracion Economica Centroamericana (SIECA)</p>
16:10-18.00 09:10-11:00 105 Min  20 Min   15 Min	<p><b>The EU perspective in motion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs. Cristina Laso Sanz</b>, Deputy Head of Unit, Unit Bilateral International Relations, Directorate Sustainability and International relations, DG SANTE, European Commission.</li> <li>• <b>Mr Giulio Menato</b>, Deputy Head of Unit, Unit The Americas, Directorate International, DG AGRI, European Commission</li> </ul> <p>An EU Strategy for sustainable food systems: How the EU aims to make food systems sustainable and integrate sustainability into all food related policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Joaquim Ordeig Vila</b>, Unit Bilateral International Relations, Directorate Sustainability and International relations, DG SANTE, European Commission.</li> </ul> <p>The EU Code of Conduct on Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices</p>
5 Min	<b>Break</b>

<p>20 Min</p>	<p><b>The Central American countries perspective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Roberto Azofeifa</b>, Director Departamento de Producción Agroambiental del Ministerio de Agricultura de Costa Rica (MAG). The strategy for the region.</li> </ul>
<p>15 Min</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ing. Stephanie Rodriguez</b>, Presidente de la Cámara Nacional Productores y Exportadores de Piña (CANAPEP). Role of private stakeholders in the strategy for the region: Caso Comisión Socio Ambiental de la Piña (COSAP).</li> </ul>
<p>30 Min</p>	<p><b>Panel discussion (presenters):</b> Moderated discussion by <b>Mr. Renaud Guillonnet</b>, expert on innovation, agricultural trade, and policies for sustainable food systems Q&amp;A session on cooperation and synergies between approaches in the EU and Central America on sustainability of the food systems, including opportunities to collaborate for the transition at global level.</p>
<p>18:00 -18:10 11.00 - 11:10 10 Min</p>	<p><b>Closing: moderator wrap-up of day 1</b> Operational conclusions and possible follow-up (fields for cooperation or further discussion)</p>
<p><b>Dialogues on sustainable agriculture and sustainable food systems</b> 23 March 2022, Day 2 Hour (16:00 Brussels, 09:00 Central America)</p>	
<p>16:00 -16:05 09:00 - 09:05 5 Min</p>	<p><b>Opening remarks and taking stock of day 1</b> <b>Moderator, Mr. Renaud Guillonnet</b>, expert on innovation, agricultural trade, and policies for sustainable food systems</p>
<p>16:05-16:50 09:05-09:50 45 Min</p> <p>10 Min</p> <p>10 Min</p> <p>20 Min</p>	<p><b>Session 1: Dialogue on Soil health and innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs. Annette Schneegans</b>, Senior Expert, coordinator EU soil mission – Unit Research and innovation– European Commission – DG Agriculture. The EU perspective: EU policies on soil such as combatting desertification, denutrition, erosion referring to the basic principles of EU approach and the role of research and innovation to address these issues.</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Roberto Azofeifa</b>, Director Departamento de Producción Agroambiental del Ministerio de Agricultura de Costa Rica (MAG). The Central America perspective: approach/strategy on soil as factor of Organic policies and initiatives in Central American countries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion (presenters):</b> Moderated discussion by <b>Mr. Renaud Guillonnet</b>. Q&amp;A session on cooperation and synergies between approaches in the EU and Central America on soil</p>

5 Min	<b>Break</b>
16:50-17:35 09:50-10:35 45 Min 20 Min	<p><b>Session 2: Dialogue on sustainable use of pesticides</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Graeme Jones</b>, Deputy Head of Unit, Plants and organics, Health and Food audits and analysis, DG SANTE, European Commission The EU perspective (DG SANTE): EU policies on sustainable use of pesticides. Present and future.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion (presenters):</b> Moderated discussion by <b>Mr. Renaud Guillonnet</b>. Q&amp;A session on cooperation and synergies between approaches in the EU and Central America on sustainable use of pesticides</p>
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5 Min	<b>Break</b>
17:35-18:05 10:35-11:05 40 Min 10 Min	<p><b>Session 3: Dialogue on food loss and waste</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs. Anna-Laure Gassin</b>, Team Leader, Unit Farm to Fork Strategy, Directorate Food sustainability and international relations, DG SANTE. European Commission. The EU perspective: EU policies on food loss and waste.</li> </ul>
10 Min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ing. Laura Brenes Peralta</b>, PhD. Profesora Asociada Escuela de Agronegocios del Tecnológico de Costa Rica. The Central America perspective: Policies on food loss and waste</li> </ul>
20 Min	<p><b>Panel discussion (presenters):</b> Moderated discussion by <b>Mr. Renaud Guillonnet</b>. Q&amp;A session on cooperation and synergies between approaches in the EU and Central America on food loss and waste</p>
18:05-18:30 11:05-11:30 25 Min	<p><b>Closing remarks: moderator wrap-up of the three sessions</b> Operational conclusions and opening up possible follow-up actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs. Nathalie Chaze</b>, Director, Food Sustainability and International relations, DG SANTE, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Mr John Clarke</b>, Director International, DG AGRI, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Francisco A. Lima Mena</b>, Secretary General, Secretaria de Integración Económica Centroamericana (SIECA)</li> </ul>