

Framework legislation for an EU sustainable food system: how to accelerate the transition to sustainability while ensuring the contribution from all food systems actors

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Farm to Fork Strategy: 27 actions to accelerate the transition towards a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly EU food system

New legislative proposals

Revision of current legislation

Non legislative such as Code of conduct, action plans



New framework legislation on a Union sustainable food system

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE:

- *Set the foundations for the **systemic changes** that are needed by all actors of the food system, including policy makers, business operators and consumers to **accelerate the transition to a sustainable EU food system.***

OVERARCHING SCOPE:

- *The FSFS will target the entire EU food system and will address issues relating to:*
 - Sustainability of **products**
 - Sustainability of **operations**



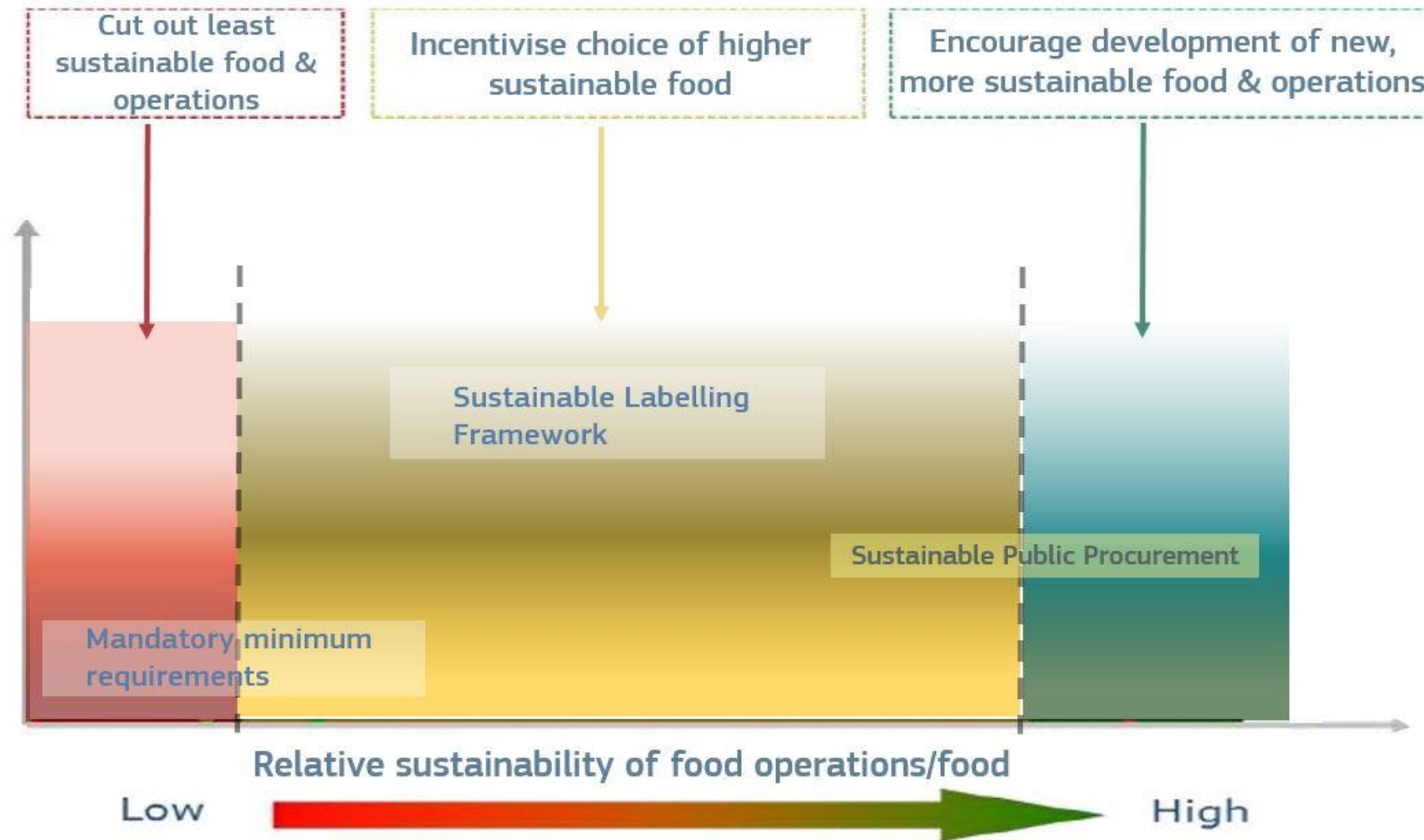
Elements of the legislative initiative

- Common definitions: e.g. (food system/ sustainable food system/ food environment/food system actors/sustainable diets)
- General objectives to be pursued vis-à-vis sustainability of the food system in all future Union and national law, anchoring in law the objectives of the F2F communication;
- General principles targeting policy makers: future and existing legislation will be aligned/adapted where relevant to those principles.
- Governance provisions to frame and encourage multilevel engagement
- ‘Favourable food environment’ provisions
- Enforcement provisions

→ The above provisions are necessary to ensure the progressive **‘paradigm shift’** to a sustainable food system.



Push and pull measures to be analysed in the IA



Policy options for push measures

Option 0	Option 1	Requirements within FSFS				
		Option 2	Option 3	Option 4		Option 5
Do nothing	Voluntary	Review and alignment of sectoral legislation through requirements, in line with FSFS objectives/principles	Increasing compliance with sustainability standards by explicitly establishing the primary responsibility of business operators (strengthened due diligence) for sustainability purposes	Elimination from the Union market of the least sustainable food systems operations/products by setting minimum sustainability requirements based on the 'do no harm principle'		A combination of options 2, 3 (primary responsibility) and 4 (sustainability requirement)
				4A – Only products produced in the EU	4B – Products produced and placed in the EU (imports are covered in the scope)	The options are not mutually exclusive

Pull measures: sustainable public procurement

Option 0	Option 1	Regulatory options	
		Option 2	Option 3
Do nothing	Voluntary	General provisions and requirements aiming to raise awareness and improve skills and knowledge of SPP, capacity building and support authorities in using public procurement strategically	Mandatory general and specific requirements

Pull measures: sustainability labelling

Option 0	Option 1	Regulatory options				
		Option 2	Option 3		Option 4	
			New EU framework for sustainability labelling			
Do nothing	Voluntary	Sustainability labelling provisions developed in sector specific legislation	General framework for sustainability related information to consumers for all foods + voluntary harmonised EU sustainability label		General framework for sustainability related information to consumers for all foods + mandatory harmonised EU sustainability label	
			3a: only for food products of higher sustainability performance.	3b: all food products	4a: for all EU food products	4b: for all EU and imported food products

Governance

Provide a frame for a multi-level cooperation of food system actors

- Laying down appropriate processes and arrangements to enhance and frame multi-level and multi sectorial cooperation, engagement and public participation both at EU, MS and regional or local levels

Provide a basis for the development of food sustainability strategies by MS

- Introduction of provisions requiring or recommending MS to develop plans to meet certain identified goals/objectives set out in the FSFS or nationally set (quantified) goals in specific areas
- National Strategies should be regularly reviewed
- MS performance would be monitored via a monitoring framework with key indicators for the food system, the main features of which could be laid down in the FSFS

Consultation activities for the FSFS

➤ OPEN PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

- 12 weeks of consultation in all EU languages from 28 April 2022 to 21 July 2022
- Total of 2671 responses

➤ WORKSHOPS with EP, EESC, CoR, relevant EU agencies:

- End of May/June and October 2022

➤ TARGETED STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS:

- Being organized by SANTE external contractor (Ecorys):
 - Interviews – July/August/September 2022
 - Targeted surveys – July/August/September 2022
 - Stakeholder workshops – September/October 2022
- SME survey running from 31 August to 30 October 2022



Thank you



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