

EU LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS



PUBLIC
CONSULTATION

»» What is the EU legislative framework on Sustainable Food Systems?

In its [Farm to Fork \(F2F\) Strategy](#), published in May 2020, the European Commission (EC) announced it will put a proposal for a **new Legislative Framework for Sustainable Food Systems (SFS Law)** by the end of 2023. This will be a crucial new piece of European Union (EU) legislation on **food**, which could **support advancement towards a sustainability-focused food system transformation**. This new SFS law has the potential to drive the progressive adaptation of other food-related EU laws (e.g. the Common Agricultural Policy) and could also break new ground for the EU on other aspects of the food system, potentially leading to stronger EU action in areas such as food consumption and diets, sustainability obligations for food supply chain actors, as well as enhanced transparency and stronger social and environmental safeguards in seafood and agri-food trade. **Is your work or engagement related to food systems, such as food production or diets? Then this new law should be on your radar, as it has a true potential to boost the transition towards more sustainable food systems. To make it a reality, we need to send the European Commission a clear message!**

»» What is a public consultation?

Public consultations are a way for the EC to gauge interest in policy initiatives, and gather feedback and inputs from multiple parties. They have become an integral part of the European Commission's policy-making procedures. Even if the positions expressed as part of public consultations are not binding for the EC, they inform policy making with the views and requests from citizens and all types of stakeholders, and are therefore a **crucial moment in which all parties can make their voices heard by the EC!** The **SFS public consultation, which opened on the 28th of April 2022 and will close on the 21st of July 2022**, takes the form of an online questionnaire on the [Have your say](#) EC portal. **Now is the opportunity to express your views!**

»» Why is it important?

Public consultations are an important opportunity to send a first strong political signal to the Commission: EU-level decisions are often too far removed from the reality on the ground, so input received through Public Consultations, specially from national and local stakeholders,

is valued as proof of public interest and engagement. **Are you an actor engaged or willing to make our food systems more sustainable? Are you a youth, an NGO or a civil society actor concerned about the future of our food systems? Then your feedback to the public consultation can contribute to the effort of ensuring it is a cross-cutting turning point for EU food systems!**

» How can I participate in the public consultation?

Anyone can participate and provide feedback to the public consultation on the [EC SFS webpage](#). However, this process can be tricky as sometimes technical and politically-loaded, but we can provide you with recommendations. Please refer to our Guidance document "Template answers".

Do you know other actors who are concerned about the future of our food systems? Please share with them these documents and encourage them to answer the consultation, we have to get together to make our voice heard, and make our food systems more sustainable for everyone!