

## **Joint open letter on the need for a strong proposal on an EU legislative framework for sustainable food systems.**

*Brussels, 10 February 2023*

Dear President von der Leyen,

**Cc:** Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, Commissioners Stella Kyriakides, Janusz Wojciechowski and Virginijus Sinkevičius

We, the undersigned organisations, are writing to urge you to ensure that a strong proposal for an EU legislative framework for sustainable food systems is presented by September 2023.

While some stakeholders and policy-makers are instrumentalising the current geopolitical context to weaken the Farm to Fork (F2F) strategy, we would like to reiterate our full support for the publication of this proposal. The new legal framework should set a clear path for the transition to a sustainable EU food system and anchor the objectives of the F2F strategy into law by including all the actors in the food supply chain.

This framework law will represent a key political achievement and an important legacy for your Commission mandate, and it is critical to achieving EU international commitments<sup>1</sup> and the European Green Deal.

Furthermore, it has the potential to enable all EU citizens to access more equitable, healthy and environmentally friendly food by fostering food environments that nurture people's health and protect the planet. Making healthy and sustainable food the easiest and most affordable choice is therefore key to the effective implementation of the F2F strategy, as it will help consumers and the food industry support sustainable producers.

Biodiversity loss and climate change are serious threats to food security and require immediate action, as the European Commission emphasises in its analysis "Drivers for food security". It is evident and scientifically proven that their impacts are already hampering our capacity to produce and access food. Strengthening environmental and social sustainability will increase the resilience and security of our food system to external shocks.

For these reasons, the European Commission must keep environmental and social sustainability at the centre of the policy debate around food, agriculture and fisheries. We acknowledge that this transition will present its own challenges and might create some resistance, but the EU and the rest of the world cannot bear the cost of inaction.

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<sup>1</sup> Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement on Climate and the recently agreed Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

<sup>2</sup> IPCC AR6 WGII Report 2022: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability. [https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/report/IPCC\\_AR6\\_WGII\\_SummaryVolume.pdf](https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_WGII_SummaryVolume.pdf)

This framework is a unique opportunity to address the shortcomings of our food system that this Commission cannot afford to miss.

Yours sincerely,

"Dobrze" Food Cooperative  
A ROCHA - Associação Cristã de Estudo e Defesa do Ambiente  
ACU - Associazione Consumatori Utenti  
Agroecology In Action (AiA)  
AirClim  
Altroconsumo  
An Claiomh Glas  
An Taisce- The National Trust for Ireland  
Anima  
Animal Law Italia  
Animal Protection Denmark  
Aosicación Zero Waste Zaragoza  
ARC2020  
Arche Noah  
Asociación Nacional Defensa Animales (ANDA)  
Asociación Vida Sana  
Assiettes Végétales  
Assoc. Risteco La Ville qui Mange  
Associação Natureza Portugal  
Associação Vegetariana Portuguesa  
Associazione Marina Serra ETS  
Bat Conservation Ireland  
Beras International Foundation  
BEUC  
Biom Association - BirdLife in Croatia  
BirdLife Austria  
Birdlife Cyprus  
BirdLife Europe and Central Asia  
BirdLife Sverige  
BirdWatch Ireland  
Bodensee-Stiftung (Lake Constance Foundation)  
Boeren & Buren / La Ruche qui dit Oui !

Boerenforum  
BOS+  
Broederlijk Delen  
Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation  
Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds - BirdLife Partner in Bulgaria  
BUND e.V. (Friends of the Earth Germany)  
Campaigns and Activism for Animals in the Industry (CAAI)  
Canopea  
Capitals Coalition  
CEEweb for Biodiversity  
Ceinture Aliment-Terre Liégeoise  
Centre for Environmental Living & Training  
CERAI - Centro de estudios rurales y de agricultura internacional  
Changing Markets Foundation  
CLCV  
Clickoala.com  
ClientEarth  
Climate and Health Alliance  
Climate Farmers  
CNCD-11.11.11  
Coalition Contre la Faim  
Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements (CFFA)  
Compassion in World Farming Czechia  
Compassion in World Farming EU  
Compassion in World Farming France  
Compassion in World Farming Italy  
Compassion in World Farming Poland  
Compassion in World Farming Spain  
Consumentenbond  
CONVIVIAosta  
Coordinadora Estatal Stop Ganadería Industrial  
Corporate Europe Observatory

Crann - Trees for Ireland  
CultureLab Foundation  
Cyprus Consumers Association (CCA)  
Czech Society for Ornithology  
De Landgenoten  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für  
Ernährungsmedizin  
Deutsche Stiftung Meeresschutz  
Deutsche Umwelthilfe  
Deutscher Naturschutzring e.V.  
Deutscher Tierschutzbund e.V.  
DIE UMWELTBERATUNG  
Dierenbescherming  
Dierencoalitie  
Distretto di Economia Solidale Altro Tirreno  
ETS  
Djurens Rätt  
DOF BirdLife  
EAT Foundation  
Ecologistas en Acción  
EFFAT - European Federation of Food,  
Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions  
Ekowyborca  
EKPIZO  
Entraide et Fraternité  
Environmental Pillar  
Essere Animal  
Euro Coop  
Eurocare - European Alcohol Policy Alliance  
Eurogroup for Animals  
EUROPARC Federation  
European Academy of Paediatrics  
European Alliance for Plant-based Food  
(EAPF)  
European Association for the Study of the  
Liver (EASL)  
European Environmental Bureau (EEB)  
European Heart Network  
European Institute of Women's Health  
European Lung Foundation  
European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)  
European Respiratory Society  
European Vegetarian Union  
Europen Council for Homeopathy  
Fair Trade Advocacy Office  
Feasta: the Foundation for the Economics  
of Sustainability  
Federación de Consumidores y Usuarios  
CECU  
Federation of German Consumer  
Organisations  
Federation of Independent Trade Unions of  
Agriculture/FNSZ  
Fédération romande des consommateurs  
Federazione Nazionale Pro Natura  
Feedback EU  
Fern  
FIAN International - European Sections  
FiBL Austria - Research Institute for Organic  
Agriculture  
Finca El Cabillón  
Fondation Brigitte Bardot  
Food Transition Coalition/Transitiecoalitie  
Voedsel  
foodsharing e.V.  
foodwatch  
Forbrukerrådet  
Forest Friends Ireland  
Foro de Redes y Entidades de Custodia del  
Territorio  
FOUR PAWS  
France Nature Environnement  
Frie Bønder Levende Land  
Friends of the Earth Denmark  
Friends of the Earth Europe  
Fundación Entretantos  
Fundación Global Nature  
Fundacion Nueva Cultura del Agua  
Fundacja Chlorofil  
Fundacja Rething  
Fundacja Strefa Zieleni  
Fundacja Szkatułka  
Fundacja Zielone Swiatło  
Future Food 4 Climate  
GAIA Belgium  
Garden of Eden Projects Ireland  
Garúa Intervención Educativa  
GEOTA

German Alliance on Climate Change and Health (KLUG)  
Gewerkschaft Nahrung-Genuss-Gaststätten  
Global Action Plan (GAP)  
Green REV Institute  
Green Transition Denmark  
Greenpeace  
Gunnela Stähle  
Hedge Laying Association of Ireland  
Hellenic Ornithological Society  
Hnutí DUHA - Friends of the Earth Czech Republic  
Huerta Clarita  
Humánný pokrok o.z  
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, European Secretariat  
IFOAM Organics Europe  
IFOAM Organics Mediterranean (AgriBioMediterraneo)  
Iles de Paix  
ImPAACTe  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
International Diabetes Federation Europe  
International University College of Turin  
Irish Heart Foundation  
Irish Peatland Conservation Council  
Irish Wildlife Trust  
ISDE ( International Society of Doctors for Environment)  
Italian coalition "#CambiamoAgricoltura"  
Jemy z klimatem  
Join For Water  
KEPKA - Consumers' Protection Center  
Kindernothilfe Österreich  
KRAV ekonomisk förening  
L214 Ethique & animaux  
LAV  
Leave No Trace Ireland  
Legambiente  
Les Amis de la Terre - Belgique  
Linked.Farm  
Lipu BirdLife Italia  
Living Earth Coalition  
Magazyn Istota.info  
Marttaliitto ry  
Mensa Cívica  
Mouvement d'Action Paysanne  
Mudita  
Natagora  
National Society of Conservationists - FoE Hungary  
Natur an Umwelt a.s.b.l.  
Natura International Polska  
Natuur & Milieu  
Natuurpunt  
NESEHNUTÍ  
OBRAZ - Obránci zvířat  
Observatorio de Producción Local y Consumo Sostenible  
Observatorio para una Cultura del Territorio  
OceanCare  
OCU  
Organic Denmark  
Organization Earth  
Österreichisches Ökologie-Institut  
Otwarte Klatki  
Oxfam  
Palombar - Associação de Conservação da Natureza e do Património Rural  
PAN Europe  
Physicians Association for Nutrition International  
Physicians for the Future (Läkare för framtiden)  
PlanteVekst  
Plataforma por la Ganadería Extensiva y el Pastoralismo  
Polish Agroforestry Association  
Polish Chamber of Organic Food  
Polish Society for the Protection of Birds, BirdLife Poland  
Polska Dla Zwierząt  
Polski Klub Ekologiczny  
ProVeg International  
ProVeg Netherlands  
Quercus - Associação Nacional Conservação da Natureza  
Querfeld GmbH

Questionmark Foundation  
Quinoa asbl  
recelio association  
Reformaten  
RESTLOS GLÜCKLICH e. V.  
Rete Semi Rurali ETS  
Rikolto in Belgium  
Romanian Ornithological Society  
RUCH zaNIEdbani  
Safe Food Advocacy Europe  
Sciaena  
SEAE-Sociedad Española de Agricultura Ecológica y Agroecología  
Seas At Risk  
SEO/BirdLife  
SEY Animal Welfare Finland  
Sharkproject International  
Sindikát PPDIV  
SIRPLUS  
Skutečně zdravá škola, z.s.  
Skutočne zdravá škola o.z.  
Slovene Consumer Association (ZPS)  
Slow Food Deutschland  
Slow Food Europe  
Slow Food Italy  
Slow Food Youth Network  
Society for Animals, CZ/Společnost pro zvířata  
Society for Territorial and Environmental Prosperity (STEP)  
Sonairte - the National Ecology Centre  
SOS Faim  
SOS/BirdLife Slovakia  
SPECO - Sociedade Portuguesa de Ecologia  
Stockholm Consumer Cooperative Society  
Stowarzyszenie Protest Porszewice  
Surcos Urbanos  
Susmetro  
Sustainable Ireland Cooperative  
Sustainable Projects Ireland  
Sustainable Water Network (SWAN)  
Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)  
The International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems, IPES-Food  
The Organic Centre Ireland  
The Polish Society for Bird Protection, PTOPI  
The Swedish Consumers' Association  
Too Good To Go  
True Animal Protein Price Coalition (TAPP Coalition)  
UFC-Que Choisir  
ULB-coopération  
Umanotera, Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development  
Umweltinstitut München  
Unión de Huertas Agroecológicas de Madrid  
Unión Vegetariana Española  
Urgencxi International Network  
Varia Posnania Foundation  
Vegane Gesellschaft Österreich  
Vegetarian Society of Denmark  
Viral Vegans  
Voedsel Anders  
Voedsel Anders Vlaanderen  
Voedselteams  
Vogelbescherming Nederland  
Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment (VOICE)  
Welthaus Diözese Graz-Seckau  
Werkgroep Natuurlijk Imkeren  
Wervel vzw  
Wildlife Society "STORK"  
WirMarkt eG  
World Animal Protection  
World Animal Protection NL  
World Benchmarking Alliance  
WWF  
Zielone Wiadomości