



The legislative initiative on a framework for a Union sustainable food system

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The Farm to Fork Strategy: overall goals

- 1. Ensure fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly EU food system**
- 2. Build a sustainable and resilient food value chain**
 - Ensure a sustainable and resilient food production
 - Stimulate sustainable food processing, wholesale, retail, hospitality and food services practices
 - Promote sustainable consumption & facilitate shift to healthy and sustainable diets
 - Reduce food loss and food waste
 - Ensure food security, combat food fraud
- 3. Enable a sustainable transition**
 - Research & innovation
 - Advisory services, data and skills
- 4. Promote a global transition: coherent global EU food policy**

Framework law for a Union sustainable food system

1. Flagship initiative of the F2F
2. Co-led by SANTE, AGRI, ENV and MARE
3. Proposal to be published by **Q3-2023**

JRC preparatory work (2021)



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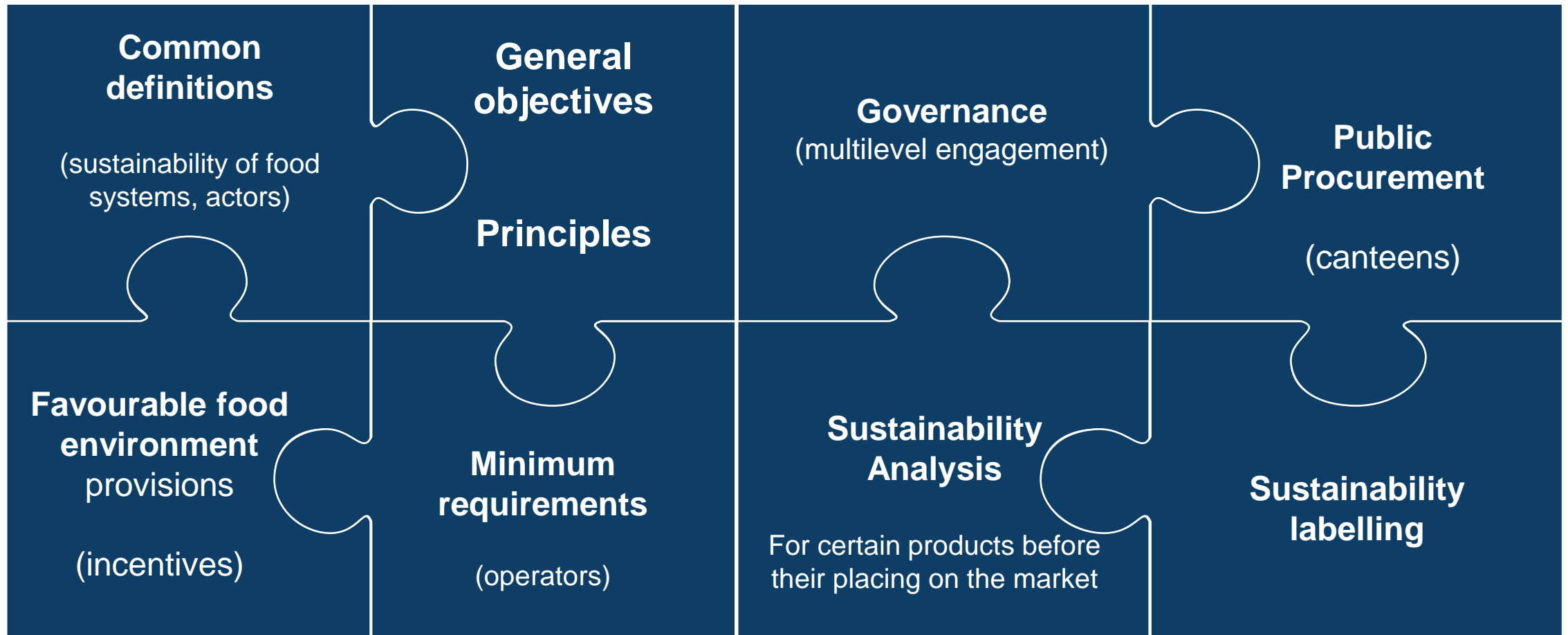
Objectives of the Framework Law

1. Promote **policy coherence** at EU and MS level
2. **Mainstream sustainability** in all food-related policies
3. **Strengthen the resilience** of the food system (food security)
4. Ensure a **food environment** where choosing healthy and sustainable diets is easier for consumers and at an affordable price;
5. **Avoid externalisation** of unsustainable practices;

Policy options to achieve the objectives

- ✓ Option 1 – Baseline
- ✓ Option 2 – Voluntary approaches
- ✓ Option 3 – Reinforcing existing legislation
- ✓ Option 4 – New comprehensive framework legislation on the sustainability of the Union food system –
 - *Lex generalis*, setting the basis for an integrated approach for *lex specialis*;
 - Push provisions would introduce minimum requirements for food products and related operations.
 - Pull provisions would set incentives for food system actors to go beyond the minimal requirements

Building blocks



Indicative elements for the policy options (I)

1. Lay down **sustainability principles & objectives** to provide common understanding covering the 3 dimensions of sustainability (economic, environmental and social)
2. **Definitions:** food system, sustainable food system, food environment, food system actors, sustainability analysis, healthy/sustainable diets, traceability for sustainability purposes
3. **Minimum sustainability standards** for foods/food operations
4. Horizontal elements for carrying out **sustainability analysis** in the food chain

Indicative elements for the policy options (II)

1. Legitimate and proportionate requirements on sustainability for imports of food (e.g. WTO conformity)
2. **Sustainability labelling**
3. Minimum mandatory sustainability criteria for **public procurement**
4. **Governance** systems (multi-level dialogue) and transparency/consultations
5. Actions to **mitigate negative impacts (trade-offs)** of the transition
6. **Monitoring** scheme

Thank you