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Directorate G. Markets and observatories

The Director

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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The recent and ongoing experience with the COVID-19 pandemic clearly shows us the fundamental importance of the food system and the need to ensure food security in the EU at all times, including in times of crises. In line with its Farm to Fork Strategy and Better Regulation agenda, the Commission is preparing the establishment of a contingency plan for food supply and food security in the EU. This action is co-led by DG AGRI, MARE and SANTE.

An essential part of this process is stakeholder consultation<sup>1</sup>. The Commission now seeks further views on the contingency plan from a broad and comprehensive set of stakeholders. To this purpose, the Commission services have prepared a questionnaire targeted at stakeholders in the food system, available in all EU languages. The questionnaire aims to gather views on lessons learned from the ongoing pandemic, on threats to food security in the EU, and on crises preparation and management in both the food system and at public administration level.

We would appreciate your organisation's own contribution to the questionnaire - and ask you to please disseminate the questionnaire also where applicable to your member associations and in turn to their members through your various communication channels. The views and experience of individual stakeholders are essential to build an effective contingency plan for the EU. The deadline for responses is 3 May 2021.

You will find the questionnaire here: <https://europa.eu/!Mt64MV>.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Already initiated with the publication of a roadmap setting out the issues under consideration (which was available December 2020 – January 2021): <https://europa.eu/!kX77kj>.