

Legislative framework for a Union sustainable food system



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 in order to **accelerate the transition to a sustainable EU food system.***
- *Promote policy coherence at EU and national level, mainstream sustainability in all food-related policies and strengthen the resilience of food systems.*



Elements of the FSFS

- Common definitions;
- 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;
- Monitoring and enforcement provisions



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: 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

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

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 2670 responses

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

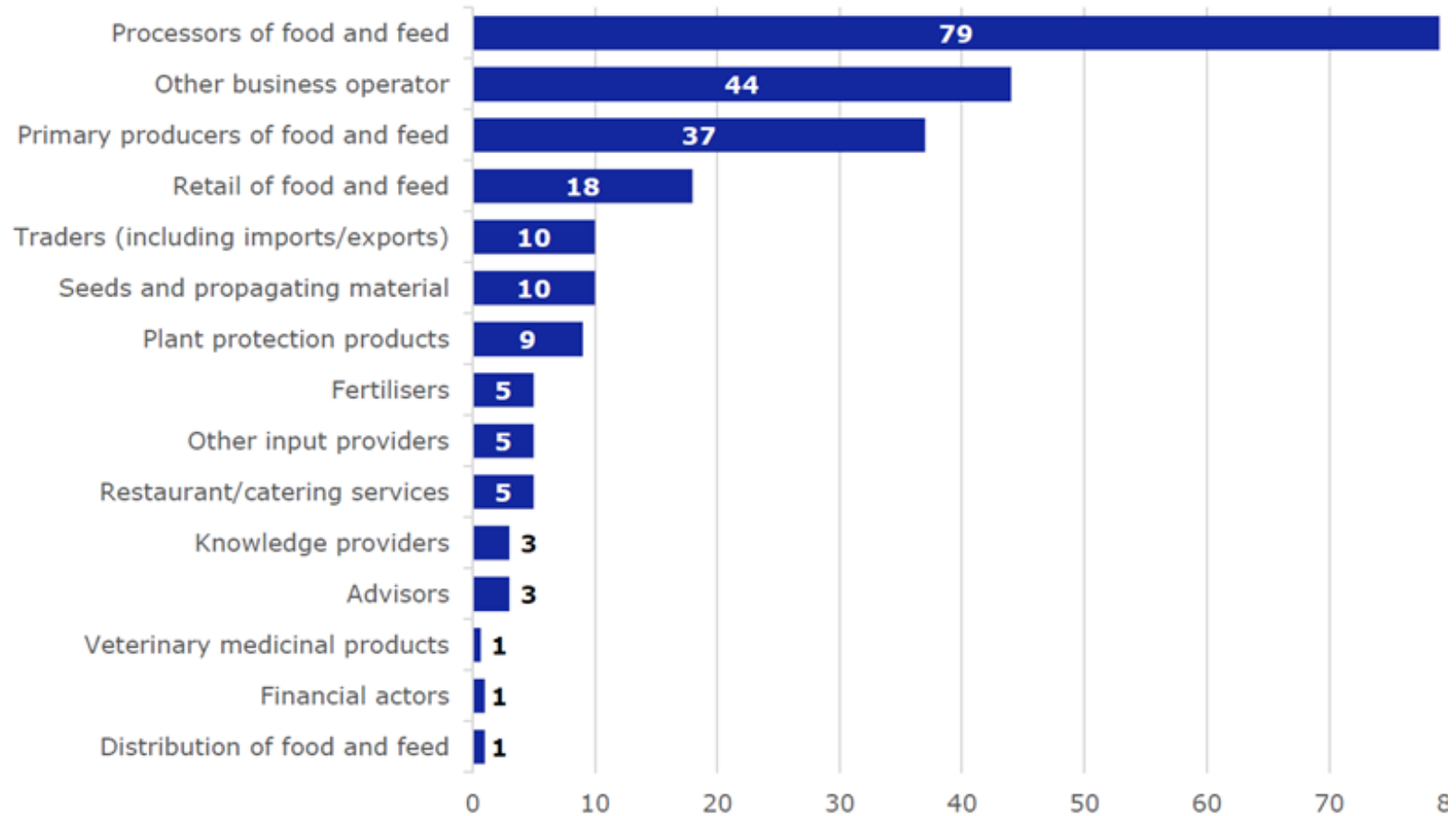
- End of May/June and October 2022

➤ TARGETED STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS:

- 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



OPC : preliminary results



Thank you