

# SchoolFood4Change

The project aims to make school food healthier and more sustainable by working with local governments, teachers, school chefs, caterers, farmers, public procurers, and policy-makers.

## Main policy recommendations:

- Create and legislate minimum mandatory sustainable **public procurement criteria** for school food and reform/ simplify the **EU Public Procurement Law** to boost local and regional development.
- Consider and include the training and upskilling of chefs, including waste management, as crucial contributions to the **green transition**.
- Mainstream and include **food education** and schools as well as school restaurants as enabling food environments in upcoming policy developments and continue working on the European Framework Law for **Sustainable Food Systems (FSFS)** and the revision of the **EU School Scheme**.
- Provide at least one healthy and sustainable school meal daily, accessible to all children (0 – 18 years), aligning with the **EU San Sebastian Declaration** on School Meals and drawing from the principles of the **EU Child Guarantee**.



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# PestNu

*Field-testing and demonstration of digital and space based technologies (DST) with agroecological and organic practices (AOP) under a systemic approach to reduce the pesticides and fertilisers use, and loss of nutrients*

## Main policy recommendations:

- Complexity and trade-off between productivity and sustainability requires integrative tools (ex: DSS, fert programs), support to adoption beyond pilot or demonstration scale is needed: **sustainability measuring schemes requirements, labelling for sustainable crops, support to registration of new bioproducts**
- Heterogenous forms of collecting, storing and reporting of agricultural data gathered and generated by digital tools lead to it's underuse - **greater data standards in the agricultural sector, ex: a data type registry standard**
- Potentiation of good practices needs further policy support as stakeholders lack of comprehensive information – **solutions for reducing nutrient leakages and proper management within the agricultural sector, standards for calculating nutrient losses, assessing their impact in agro-ecological ecosystems, methods for measuring CO2 capture, guidelines for soil fertility and plant nutrition, or simplified online consulting platforms**
- Parallel to action next to producers to increase production while keeping the production cost low, policy actions for increasing consumer demand are necessary - **training citizens, communicating sustainable food products' benefits, including them in public procurement schemes, reducing taxes**



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# ClieNFarms

The project aims to demonstrate, evaluate and improve technical, organisational and financial solutions at the farm level that will contribute to achieving climate-neutrality of European agriculture by 2050.

## Main policy recommendations:

- ClieNFarms advocates for policy measures that approach climate neutrality in agriculture holistically:
  - Accounting of **GHG emissions from farm inputs and outputs** and **Carbon sequestration**
  - Prevention of **carbon leakage** and accounting for **trade-offs**
  - Promotion of **dietary changes** and **food waste reduction strategies** throughout the whole FSC
  - Standardisation of **FLW measures** at primary production
  - Promotion of **circular approaches** for **biomass management** at the farm, value chain, and landscape level



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# ZeroW

The project aims to reduce food loss and waste throughout the entire food supply chain (FSC) by developing and testing a synergetic mix of innovations in real life conditions.

## Main policy recommendations:

*ZeroW advocates for a targeted approach to cross-sectoral challenges, such as the excessive length of supply chains leading to increased food waste and leaving farmers in a vulnerable position.*

- **Shortening food supply chains** to strengthen the position of farmers and reduce food waste
- **Logistical articulation spaces** to facilitate a more direct relationship between producers and sellers
- **Opening up networks to vulnerable groups** and providing **more clarity** with regards to regulatory frameworks (i.e. subsidies)
- **Incentivising FSC actors to revalorise food** (instead of selling their waste to energy production)



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# ZeroW / SISTERS

**Common challenge:** *Lack of a compulsory and firmly established quantification and reporting system for food waste that food supply chain operators are required to adhere to, as only Member States authorities are obligated to comply with mandatory FW measurement (European Court of Auditors, 2016, p. 9).*

## **Main policy recommendations:**

- **EU Regulation** to address the inconsistent interpretation across Member States
- **Multi-stakeholder collaboration** to make all FSC operators address the obstacle
- **Sector-specific guidelines** (exceptions for vulnerable farmer groups and some SMEs)
- **A non-punitive consistent and comparable reporting system** and requirements



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# SISTERS

The project aims to reduce food loss and waste in the main stages of the Food Value Chain in Europe through innovations targeting each stage of the chain, including new tools for primary producers, new technologies, and awareness campaigns.

## Main policy recommendations:

*SISTERS advocates for a holistic approach towards food waste reduction through innovations that help stakeholders across the supply chain, and more transparently communicating information to consumers.*

- Define a **common EU definition of food waste** to address uneven implementation by Member States.
- Set binding rules on **food donation harmonisation** for Member States through economic incentives, taking inspiration from Italy's 'Good Samaritan Law' and 'Gadda Law'.
- Establish binding and **ambitious waste reduction targets** together with a **more effective measurement methodology**.



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# Agro2Circular

*The hidden value of agrifood sector residues*

## Main policy recommendations:

- Promotion of harmonised criteria for the classification of waste as by-products and not as waste
- Reduced VAT for food from upcycled products
- More regulation for extracts of natural origin (i.e. agri-food by-products)



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