

Feedback on Qualitative Mapping

SPECIFIC SITUATION/ INTEGRATION OF POLICIES ON FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY IN FRANCE

Current situation, aims and ambitions for a new national roadmap for Food

The present situation

In the qualitative mapping document, FR presented a list of national strategies/policies relevant to FNS, classified according to Agriculture, Health, Food safety and Climate topics.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food has the lead on food related policies, with a strong link to agricultural issues (national programme for Food, PNA), and on the national Bio-economy strategy. The Ministry of Social affairs and Health is in charge of national nutritional policy (national programme on nutrition and health, PNNS).

The Ministry of Economic Affairs, through the DGCCRF covers regulatory aspects on food offer, consumption and food safety.

The Ministry of ecological transition is in charge of climate related issues, considering also water, circular economy and wastes, and green economy.

ANSES, the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety, has a public mission for multi-disciplinary scientific expertise in this area.

As a follow-up of the French national Food conference (Etats-Généraux de l'Alimentation, July-December 2017), a new governance for food thus for FNS will be set up, with more cooperation between the various ministries involved.

The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (responsible for the national research strategy, SNR) leads Research and Innovation policy and programming, with the support of ANR, national research agency, as the national funder. The main public research organisations operating in the area of FNS are INRA (with Agriculture and Research as supervising ministries) and INSERM (with Health and Research as supervising ministries).

Aims and ambition

Launched by the government mid-2017, the “Etats-Généraux de l'Alimentation” or EGA, the French National Food Conference had the aim to revitalize the creation of value and its fair distribution, enable farmers and growers to earn a decent living from their work by receiving payment of fair prices, support a transformation in models of production in order to respond more effectively to consumer expectations and needs and, lastly, promote consumer choice with food that is healthy, safe and sustainable.

The EGA have been divided into two broad work areas:

- An initial area on the creation and distribution of value,
- A second area on food that is healthier, safer, more sustainable and affordable for all.

Fourteen thematic workshops have been held and their contributions used to define **a governmental roadmap 2018-2022 for Food policy**, starting with a draft law and other actions in 2018. Eleven ministries are involved in this roadmap.

The roadmap defines **three main strategic goals: 1. Guarantee the food sovereignty of France 2. Promote healthy and sustainable food choices 3. Reduce the inequalities of access to quality and sustainable food/diets.**

Under these headlines, the **objectives relevant to FNS** are:

1. Guarantee the food sovereignty of France

- transform the agricultural and food systems
- reinforce the French food industry
- promote the French agricultural and food excellence in an open world

2. Promote healthy and sustainable food choices

- adopt a diet approach based on nutritional balance and pleasure
- guarantee a high level of food safety
- develop European and national strategies on emerging and chronic risks
- support production modes that are environmentally friendly, and respectful of animal welfare

3. Reduce the inequalities of access to quality and sustainable food/diets

- rely on collective catering
- fight against food wastes and favour food donation
- develop education and consumer information
- encourage coherence with international actions

Description of the conditions of success

- improve governance to have a better articulation of national programming tools (PNA, PNNS, others)
- favor local initiatives
- make jobs more attractive, with adequate training in agriculture and food industry
- perform transforming investments and support research and innovation

The roadmap relies on a **draft law for “balanced trade relations in the agricultural and food sector and healthy and sustainable food” (1st semester 2018)** and on **other actions** followed by the National Food Council (CNA).

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