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Subject: Sustainability agreements in agriculture | Launch of the public consultation on the draft Sustainability Guidelines

Attachments:

Dear Sir/Madam,

First of all I hope that these email address are correct to send comments on draft Guidelines for sustainability agreements in agriculture. First of all I hope that these email address are correct to send comments on draft Guidelines for sustainability agreements in agriculture.

Please find below my answering in this consultation as citizen.

In the current context of challenges regarding environmental protection and the effects of climate change, but also to meet the new demands promoted by the EU Green Deal, the delimitation and definition of sustainability agreements in the agri-food supply chain is a real necessity. The main strategies of Green Deal relevant for promoting sustainability in the agri-food supply chain are the EU Farm to Fork Strategy and EU Biodiversity Strategy. Operators in the agri-food supply chain, including agricultural producers, play an essential role within these strategies, being able to cooperate in the adoption of sustainable practices exceeding mandatory sustainability standards at EU and national level.

The guidelines presented in the draft are intended to support agricultural producers and operators in the food value chain who intend to have a sustainability agreement.

- Examples presented in the draft document are sufficient, concise and clear. The examples argue and demonstrate the content of the document.
- Sustainability agreements could also be supported by certain instruments (logo, special labels for the products obtained, subsidies, access to financing, etc.).
- The draft should mention that the approval of such sustainability agreements does not involve additional costs.
- Also, some information should be included regarding:
 - the role of local/central authorities;
 - monitoring and control of the implementation of such agreements.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Kind regards,

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