EU farm and food products – review of policy on promotion inside and outside the EU

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Introduction

The EU agricultural and food promotion policy aims at enhancing the competitiveness of the EU farming sector and at increasing awareness of the quality and high standards of EU food products in the EU and in non-EU countries. The promotion policy is rooted in the support foreseen in the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union for the farming sector through the common agricultural policy.

The policy evaluation found that the promotion policy has broadly achieved its objectives and that there are no major inconsistencies with other EU policies. The Commission’s report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the promotion policy noted that the promotion policy could be better aligned with political priorities and that it is an increasingly important tool to deliver on the objectives of the European Green Deal, the Farm to Fork strategy and of the Europe Beating Cancer Plan.

Therefore, the policy’s review in 2021 should enhance its contribution to sustainable agricultural production and consumption, in line with a shift to a more plant-based diet, with less red and processed meat and other foods linked to cancer risk and more fruit and vegetables while maintaining or even increasing the policy’s effectiveness in supporting the EU agri-food sector’s competitiveness and resilience.

This consultation aims to collect the public opinions on possible options for the review of the promotion policy. Your answers will feed into an impact assessment. Replying to the questionnaire will take about 10 minutes. You can also upload documents at the end of the questionnaire.

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- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Public authority
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Organisation name

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Organisation size

- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

Transparency register number

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- Djibouti
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
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- Equatorial Guinea
- Libya
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macau
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Saint Martin
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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Awareness of promotion policy and experience with it

Are you aware of the EU agricultural and food promotion policy covering various EU agricultural products (including fish products)?

- No
- Yes

If yes, to what extent do you support this policy?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Do not support
- Do strongly not support
- Support for some product categories but do not support for other product categories
- Don't know

Does your organisation have experience with EU promotion policy?

- No
- Yes

If yes

- Applicant to call for proposals
- Beneficiary of grant(s)
- Implementing body
- National authority
- Trade promotion organisation
- Other
Relevance and EU added value

The Commission adopts a work programme every year to set the EU strategy for the promotion of agricultural and food products in terms of topics, products and regions to be targeted.

To which extent do you agree that the following actions can increase the EU added-value and the relevance of the promotion policy in the future?

Reference to quality schemes is to **EU organic certification**, **EU geographical indications** and the EU outermost regions logo.

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For both inside and outside the EU, introduce **new eligibility criteria** based on EU quality schemes and EU agri-food **products meeting economic, environmental, climate-relevant and social sustainability criteria** (future EU sustainable food system foreseen in the Commission’s Farm to Fork Strategy)

For **inside the EU**, introduce **new eligibility criteria** based on EU quality schemes and agri-food products **contribution to healthy and balanced diets** (based on Commission’s communications on Europe Beating Cancer Plan)

In your opinion, how can the promotion policy be made more coherent with the sustainable food systems as foreseen in the Farm to Fork Strategy and promote a shift towards healthy sustainable diets as described in the Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan?

Focusing the scope of the policy

The promotion policy currently supports promotion programmes targeting countries inside and outside the EU. In your opinion, on which markets should the EU co-finance promotion programmes for EU products?

- Both in the EU and in non-EU countries, but primarily in non-EU countries (as is currently the case)
- Both in the EU and in non-EU countries, but primarily in the EU
- In Non-EU countries only
- In EU countries only
- Don’t know

To what extent do you agree that the promotion policy should support the following promotion and information action

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Enhance contribution to other policies objectives through new eligibility / selection conditions

The agricultural promotion policy currently supports a wide range of products of the agri-food sector. The list of eligible EU products and schemes is mentioned in Article 5 of Regulation 1144/2014.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

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**Inside the EU**, with regard to **spirits** (with a protected geographical indication), **wine** (with designation of origin or protected geographical indication status or wine carrying an indication of the wine grape variety) and **beer**, promotion is limited to informing consumers of the EU quality scheme and of the responsible consumption of those beverages. In the case of simple programmes, wine must be associated with other products (wine and cheese for instance).
Inside and outside the EU, promotion campaigns must adhere to applicable national rules on advertising and promotion campaigns.

In your opinion, how should the promotion of alcoholic beverage be in the future?

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In your opinion, how can the EU agricultural and food promotion policy be improved?

Do you have any other points you would like to raise in the context of the public consultation?

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Thank you for participating in this survey!

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