Meeting notes

Meeting between Cabinet Timmermans and Food Drink Ireland (FDI) on agri-food policy and in particular the Farm to Fork Strategy, CAP and sustainable food systems

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Issues raised & follow-up

- FDI expressed their support to the Commission’s work on the Farm to Fork Strategy and highlighted their ambitions to meet the climate targets.

- However, FDI also questioned how to get farmers to adopt sustainable production methods and engage in the transition towards a more sustainable farming and agricultural production in Ireland. They voiced a need for funding and incentives.

- The Commission established how CAP is meant to accompany the work of farmers in efforts of achieving sustainable food production methods. Cooperations with actors in the middle of the food chain was also mentioned as key in the transition along with the importance of consumer recognition in terms of receiving a fair market value.

- Discussions further involved the upcoming proposal on Framework for Sustainable Food Systems, especially regarding the economic and social aspects to be included.

- Other aspects discussed included the importance of biogas, feed additives as well as links to the Carbon Removal Certification Framework and the upcoming Soil Health Law.

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