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ON DECIDE

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Title: Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Farm to Fork Strategy for a Sustainable Food System

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Positive with comments

Comments:

- Thank you for consulting Digit on this timely and important initiative. DG Digit has one general remark and three specific suggestions.
- General remark:
- Implementing the strategy and enforcing policies requires particular attention to well-designed data collection and exchange mechanisms, across borders and sectors and involving multiple sources. Information systems and data flows should be interoperable, inclusive and reusable, in accordance with the European Interoperability Framework (EIF - https://ec.europa.eu/isa2/eif_en). This contributes to increasing value and reducing burden and cost for users, companies, citizens, public administrations alike.
- Specific remarks:
 - In section 2.1 on Sustainable Food Production we suggest -
 - After paragraph 6: "... more precise fertilization and sustainable practices, including through the measures in the CAP strategic plans."
 - To add: "such as the Farm Sustainability tool for nutrients."
 - With an accompanying footnote reference: "As indicated in the proposal for the CAP beyond 2020 (COM(2018)392), in full respect of the European

Interoperability Framework (COM(2017)134)”

- In section 3.2 Advisory services, data and knowledge sharing we suggest –
 - After paragraph 1: ... The Commission will develop a Farm Sustainability Data Network that will allow primary producers to monitor not only their economic results but also their environmental and climate performance.”
 - To add: This will exploit the potential of a multitude of data and knowledge-based decision support systems from various sectors.
 - With an accompanying footnote reference: “In full respect of the European Interoperability Framework (COM(2017)134), including for instance the Farm Sustainability tool for nutrients included in the proposal for the CAP beyond 2020 (COM(2018)392).
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- In section 3.2 Advisory services, data and knowledge sharing we suggest –
 - After paragraph 2 on data use, analysis and support services,
 - To add: “Given the multi-source and multi-sector nature of the Farm to Fork Strategy, relevant information systems, data exchange mechanisms and support services will be designed fully interoperable, inclusive and reusable, building on existing systems and citizen-engagement wherever possible.”
 - With an accompanying footnote: “Building on the European Interoperability Framework (COM(2017)134)”

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