

## POSITION PAPER

# On the implementation of the FARM TO FORK Strategy

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### Background

The European Commission published on 20 May 2020 its Farm to Fork Strategy<sup>1</sup> for a fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food system. This initiative will set out regulatory and non-regulatory measures to deliver more sustainable food systems and help achieve the EU's Green Deal ambitions towards climate-neutrality in Europe.

The European Green Deal<sup>2</sup> had set the path for a new, sustainable and inclusive growth strategy to boost the economy, improve people's health and quality of life, care for nature, and leave no one behind. The Farm to Fork Strategy ambitiously addresses the challenges of sustainable food systems and recognises the links between healthy people, healthy societies and a healthy planet. The strategy is also central to the European Commission's agenda to reach the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

### General comments

The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) welcomes the ambitions of the European Commission's Farm to Fork strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food system.

FEAP completely shares with the European Commission the view that a sustainable food system should deliver affordable foods, improve the incomes of primary producers, and reinforce EU's competitiveness.

FEAP appreciates that in the strategy aquaculture producers are specifically mentioned, alongside farmers and fishers. This reference in the strategy will make aquaculture more visible.

### The relevance of primary producers

- a) FEAP agrees with the strategy on the acknowledgement that European primary producers lag behind in terms of income and that its implementation should aim to ensure the possibility of a sustainable livelihood for them.
- b) This federation stresses the European Commission to also pursue its assessment of the rest of the value chain (manufacturing, processing, retailing, packaging and

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<sup>1</sup> Farm to Fork Strategy Communication: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication-annex-farm-fork-green-deal\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication-annex-farm-fork-green-deal_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> The European Green Deal: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/european-green-deal-communication\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/european-green-deal-communication_en.pdf)