

“The Farm to Fork strategy: from a trade union vision to trade union actions”

Introduction

The Farm to Fork strategy at the heart of the European Green Deal has the ambition to create an EU food system that provides healthy food to consumers, guarantees a decent living for EU farmers and fishers, and, last but not least, is respectful of the environment.

This ambitious multi-year policy raises the hope to see Europe accelerate its transition to a sustainable food system from an economic, environmental, and social perspective.

But we need to widen the scope of the strategy and ensure the social dimension of it.

Meanwhile, behind ambition and hope, the Farm to Fork Strategy still contains a lot of questions. To cite just a few: what about the social dimension? what are the socio-economic impacts of this strategy on workers across the food chain? What about the evolution of their working conditions during the transition? In terms of governance, how could we monitor progress in the achievement of this policy? What kind of instruments could we use?

These are some of the questions that we are going to discuss in this training.

Objectives

- To introduce the participant to the Farm to Fork Strategy and the notion of a sustainable food system
- To debate the socio-economic impacts of the Farm to Fork Strategy
- To develop ideas supporting workers in the governance of the Farm to Fork Strategy

Learning outcomes

- Formulate a shared trade union vision and understanding of a sustainable food system- Ethics & responsibility competence
- Identify possible socio-economic impacts (direct and indirect) of the Farm to Fork Strategy on workers across the food chain – systemic and prospective competence
- Shaping, influencing and monitoring the policy of the Farm to Fork Strategy – collective competence

Target public

- TU officers and representatives in the agricultural, food and drink and hospitality sector.