

Regulation, F2F, Bioecon

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■ Regulatory Goal:

- Becoming the global standard for sustainability, maintaining safe and secure food
- Decrease GHG emissions by 50 % in 2030 compared to 1990 and become climate neutral by 2050.

■ Regulatory Tools (selection):

- Combat Unfair Trading Practices
- Define Food not as Commodity
- Increase Organic Agriculture
- Shift People's Diet
- Align Subsidies to climate friendly goals, in particular in the CAP
- New Biotechnologies

■ Increase organic agriculture while reaping benefits from new biotechnology?

Recital 9 Regulation 834/2007:

- (9) Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and products produced from or by GMOs are incompatible with the concept of organic production and consumers' perception of organic products. They should therefore not be used in organic farming or in the processing of organic products.

■ Define food not as commodity; Sustainability equal goal as safety and security?

„feeding people healthily is just a subordinate goal in this framing, and that viewing food mainly as a commodity is not compatible with a sustainability focus” (SAM’s report “Towards a Sustainable Food System”, p. 31)

■ Fight Unfair Trading Practices

Very limited competence norm at EU level, current basis
already debateable (see Schebesta, Verdonk, Purnhagen, Keirsbilck, EJRR 2018, 690)

■ Shift People's Diet

How to bring in line with consumer sovereignty, a guiding line for EU (consumer) law, based on Art. 114 TFEU?

- Align subsidies with climate friendly goals, in particular in the CAP

How to bring in line with goals of Art. 39 TFEU, the prerequisites of EU agricultural policy?

- Is Commission proposing a big legal reform?
 - Changing organic law to open for GMOs?
 - Changing consumer law away from consumer sovereignty?
 - Changing Art. 39 TFEU to implement sustainability?

- Crises have always been the driver of EU integration and especially food law.
- Why should this be different with COVID?