



**FoodSHIFT 2030 Webinar**

*Farm to Fork - Why a sustainable food strategy is the only option to solve today's and tomorrow's crises*

Political developments following the war in Ukraine

# First reactions after start of the War - EU Institutions

- Statements about standing in solidarity with Ukraine



**Charles Michel** @eucopresident · 24 Feb

President @ZelenskyyUa addressed the members of the European Council tonight.

We commend the determination and the courage of the people of **#Ukraine**

The EU is united in its **solidarity** with **Ukraine**.



**Ursula von der Leyen** @vonderleyen · 24 Feb

In these dark hours, tonight the colours of the Ukrainian flag shine bright on the @EU\_Commission headquarters.

A symbol of our **solidarity**. Friendship. And steadfast support.

More than ever, the EU stands with **Ukraine** and its people.



**Roberta Metsola** @EP.President · 24 Feb

We will not leave **#Ukraine** alone.

@Europarl\_EN #StandWithUkraine



# First reactions after start of the War - Associations

IFOAM 20

IFOAM Organics Europe @OrganicsEurope · 24 Feb

We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian [#OrganicMovement](#), our members as well as all people in **Ukraine**. Senseless violence and **war** are never a solution 🕊️  
[#StopWar](#) [#UkraineRussia](#) [#PeaceForUkraine](#) [#WWIII](#) @organic\_ukraine @agroportex



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COPA-COGECA @COPACOGECA · 28 Feb

Our statement on the Russian invasion of [#Ukraine](#) and its implications for EU agriculture.

We express our solidarity with the people, with special thoughts going to our fellow farmers and agri-cooperative colleagues in these difficult times.

[bit.ly/3C791Pt](https://bit.ly/3C791Pt)



Christiane Lambert and 8 others

- CEJA “called for urgent action to safeguard food security as agri-commodity markets soar following Russia’s attack on Ukraine”

# The importance of food security

- FNSEA:

- Rethink the objectives of the F2F strategy as they would lead to lower yields
- Stop the requirement in the CAP to leave 4% of agricultural land unfarmed
- Need to address food insecurity in the EU and globally

- Julien Denormandie, FR Agriculture Minister:

- Produce more at EU level
- Farm the 4% of fields that are currently set aside for environmental purposes

- Copa-Cogeca:

- Paradigm shift needed in the way Brussels thinks about agriculture
- COM to reconsider the calendar for F2F Strategy targets



"If food security is in danger, then we need to have another look at the objectives of the Farm to Fork strategy and correct them," says EU agriculture commissioner [@jwojc](#) after a special meeting with EU ministers in the wake of the crisis in Ukraine



# NGOs react

[Statement](#) signed by 85+ organisations

- “The crisis in Ukraine is yet another reminder of how essential it is to implement the Green Deal and its Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies”
- “Watering down the Farm to Fork strategy and its policies will maintain Europe’s dependence on non-renewable energy sources like fossil fuels and will go against what is needed right now to secure food for all.”

# Researchers react

- [WUR letter](#): “We reject the productionist discourse that equates food security with the further intensification of production”
- [Letter signed by 300+ researchers](#) about measures to take:
  - Accelerate shift towards healthier diets with fewer animal proteins (1/3 global calories used to feed animals; ¾ EU land used to produce animal-sourced foods)
  - Increase legumes production and strengthen F2F strategy to become less dependent on energy-intensive nitrogen fertilisers
  - Reduce amount of food waste
    - “According to our calculations, the amount of wheat wasted in the EU is approximately half the amount of Ukraine’s wheat exports and a quarter of other grain exports”
- [IDDRI blog](#):
  - “In the short term (a few weeks), the priority is to mitigate the price increase for those countries most dependent on imports”
  - “It should be remembered that the room for manoeuvre to produce more grain in Europe is limited”

# Institutions' reactions

- 21.03: [European Parliament motion](#) on the need for an urgent EU action plan to ensure food security inside and outside the EU in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine
  - “Insists also that the aims and objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy and the wider Green Deal should not be undermined in the immediate moves to increase resilience and build self-sufficiency in relation to inputs”
- 23.03: [Commission communication](#) on safeguarding food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems
  - Food supply is not at stake in the EU today; food affordability is.
  - Support package of 500 million euros to most affected farmers
  - Allow for production of any crops for food and feed on fallow land that is part of Ecological Focus Areas in 2022



# Where are we now?


- EU leaders special meeting this week



**Frans Timmermans**  @TimmermansEU · 29 Apr



Is food supply in the EU at risk due to Putin's war against Ukraine? No

Is there a problem on global maize  and wheat  markets? Yes

Is this a reason to throw sustainability targets and [#FarmToFork](#) overboard?  
Definitely not

Here's why 