

SAFE: burying sustainable food systems is a big long-term mistake

SAFE Food Advocacy Europe regrets the decision by the European Commission to abandon the Sustainable Food Systems framework law, due to insufficient political support. This decision will weaken the resilience of Europe's food systems in the face of the current geopolitical shock.

Secretary General Floriana Cimmarusti said: "We must advance towards sustainable food systems, supporting sustainable food production firmly and consistently, not moving in the opposite direction. Under the current plan, the Agrifood Vision, organic funding will be cut by half, weakening the link between funding and sustainability. This is a poor decision for the future. We need to invest in sustainability and resilient food systems."

For SAFE, the Agrifood Vision presented by the European Commission in 2025, has little to offer to sustainability and the environment.

Deputy director Luigi Tozzi said: "This decision is inexplicable. Just when the EU should be preparing to build long-term resilience, the only policy idea seems to be to accommodate the demands of industry and increase our dependency on energy, and on imported pesticides and fertilisers."

Tozzi said: "We need to stop this race to the bottom and move to a new logic of sustainability and investment, supporting farmers following ecological practices and shielding consumers from inflationary pressures. Europe's consumers and farmers deserve better."