

# Environmental Sustainability along the Food Chain

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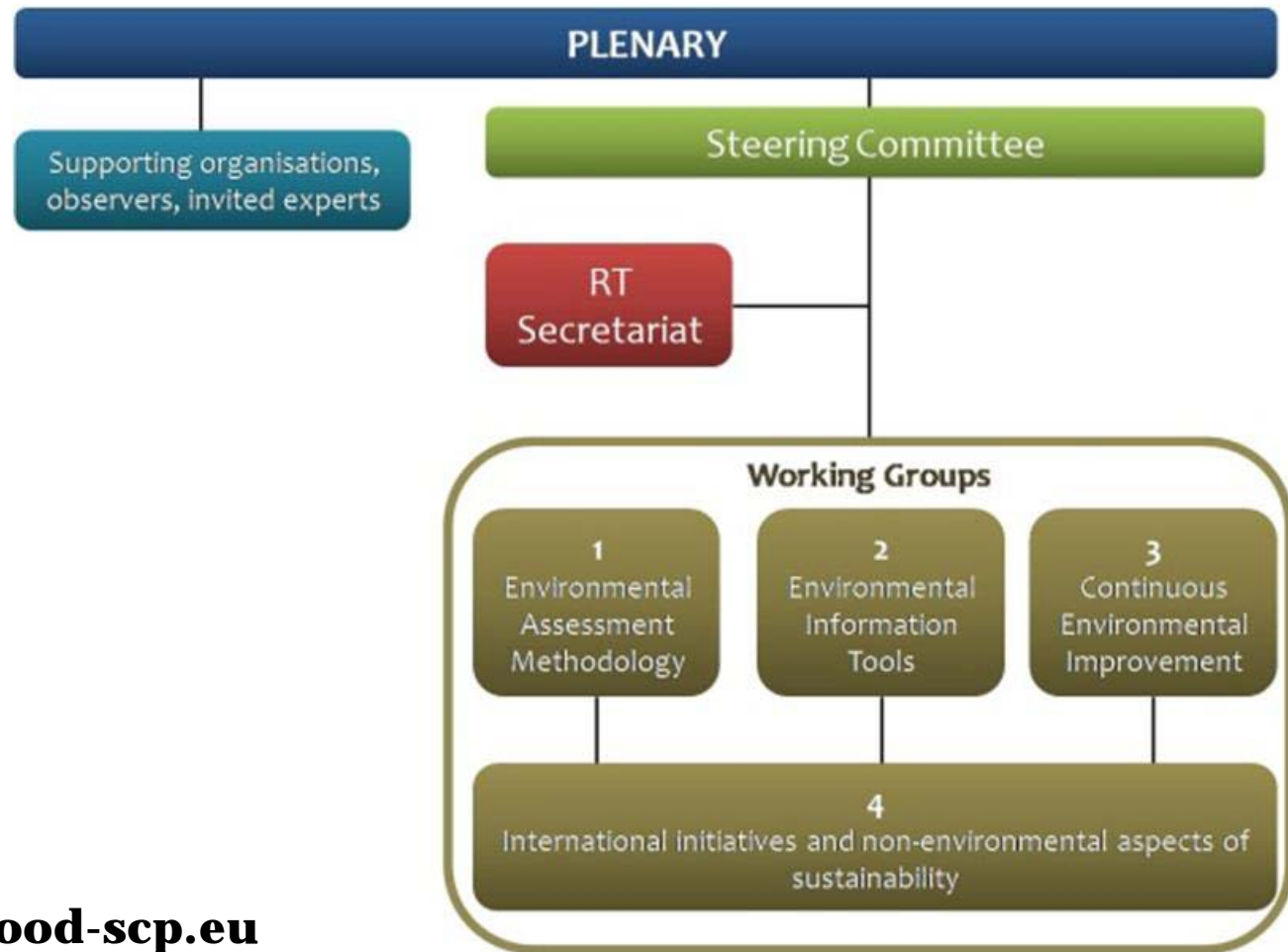


# Structure of the presentation

- 1. Update on the Food SCP (Sustainable Consumption and Production) Round Table activities**
- 2. SCI /SCP policy**
- 3. Resource-efficiency**



# The European Food SCP Round Table (1)



[www.food-scp.eu](http://www.food-scp.eu)



# The European Food SCP Round Table (2)

## Working Group 1 on environmental assessment

co-chaired by FoodDrinkEurope and JRC

The ENVIFOOD PROTOCOL will be a set of common rules to assess the environmental issues associated with food and drink products along their supply chains.

In particular, this will support:

1. environmental assessments conducted in the context of business-to-business as well as business-to-consumer relationship (link to WG2 – environmental communication)
2. the identification of environmental improvement options (link to WG3 on continuous improvement)

Testing by companies alongside with public stakeholder consultation foreseen to start in September 2012 – **next WG1 meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**July**



# The European Food SCP Round Table (3)

## Working Group 2 on environmental communication

co-chaired by Copa-Cogeca and DG Sanco

Report “Communicating environmental performance along the food chain” approved 8 December by the plenary

Part 1: Assessment of communication tools for environmental information of food and drink products (B2B and B2C)

- What to communicate? Strengths and challenges
- Where and how to communicate? Strengths and challenges

Part 2: Horizontal and tool specific recommendations

[http://www.food-scp.eu/files/ReportEnvComm\\_8Dec2011.pdf](http://www.food-scp.eu/files/ReportEnvComm_8Dec2011.pdf)

Testing of environmental communication (together with WG1) in order to gather practical feedback regarding the recommendations put forward in the report – **next WG2 meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

# The European Food SCP Round Table (4)

## Working Group 3 on continuous improvement

co-chaired by Fertilizers Europe and JRC

Extensive report (160 p)

consisting of an executive summary  
structured by environmental aspects  
and the main part having a  
constituency structure

Addressing:

- environmental challenges , actions & obstacles, recommendations (policy, research)

An annex with the example of

“Chopped tomatoes in natural juice – preserved”

Report to be finalised by September, afterwards work within a  
newly established task force “food wastage” under WG3



# Review of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Action Plan (2012) (1)

**Public consultation** took place from 11.01.2012 to 03.04.2012 covering:

- Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and Sustainable Industrial Policy (SIP)
- Green Public Procurement (GPP)
- Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)
- Environmental Footprint of Organisations (OEF)

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/sustainable.htm>

( The results of the consultation will be made available under this link)

Copa-Cogeca has prepared a response, based on the inputs received by the members of the task force “SCP RT” (SCPRT(12)2687)

The Commission foresees to launch an additional public consultation on sustainability in the food sector (2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2012)

[http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index_en.htm)

# Review of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Action Plan (2012) (2)

**Vision for the food sector** (see Roadmap to a resource efficient Europe):

By 2020, incentives to healthier and more sustainable food production and consumption will be widespread and will have driven a 20% reduction in the food chain's resource inputs. Disposal of edible food waste should have been halved in the EU.

## **Main actions:**

- limit food waste throughout the food supply chain, lower the environmental impact of food consumption patterns;
- Development of methodology for the assessment of environmental impact of food
- Identification of most suitable communication tools on environmental impact of food
- Consider developing a methodology for sustainability criteria for key food commodities



# Roadmap to a resource-efficient Europe Communication published 20.09.2011 (1)

**Three time lines:** long term 2050 vision, milestones for 2020,  
actions to be taken now

**Three action lines:** transforming the economy, addressing natural capital, tackling key sectors, accompanied by governance and monitoring

## **EU initiatives announced with relevance to agriculture:**

(table, last page of the communication)

Water: Blueprint on water (2012), Innovation partnership on water efficiency, revision of the Groundwater Directive (2012)

Food: Proposal for an Innovation partnership on agricultural productivity and sustainability, Green Paper on phosphorous (2012), Communication on sustainable food (2013)

Ecosystems: Communication on Green Infrastructure and Restoration (2012), No Net Loss Initiative (2015)

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[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/resource\\_efficiency/](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/resource_efficiency/)

# Thank you for your attention!

