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**Report Highlights:**

On December 4, 2020, the European Commission published a roadmap outlining its intention to develop a contingency plan for ensuring food supply and food security in the EU in times of crises. This contingency plan aims to establish procedures to be followed in times of crises through the development of a common EU food crisis response mechanism. Stakeholders can comment on the roadmap until January 13, 2021.

## **General Information:**

On December 4, 2020, the European Commission published [a roadmap](#) outlining its intention to develop a contingency plan for ensuring food supply and food security in the EU. The European Commission publishes roadmaps to inform EU citizens and stakeholders about the Commission's work in order to allow them to provide feedback. EU citizens and stakeholders are invited to provide views on the Commission's understanding of the problem and possible solutions and to make available any relevant information that they may have.

The idea of a contingency plan for the food supply chain stems from the [Farm to Fork Strategy](#), which envisages the development of such a plan to be activated when there is a crisis that affects the entire or part of the food system in the EU and puts food security within the EU in danger. The Commission wants to reflect on the lessons learnt from past crises, including the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Indeed, even though the EU's food supply chain was overall resilient, the crisis highlighted the need for better preparedness at EU level as well as the potential for coordination between Member States.

The Commission wants the contingency plan to be a set of procedures to be followed in times of crises, and include the development of a common EU food crisis response mechanism, coordinated by the Commission and involving Member States. The mechanism would take the form of a permanent forum, created by the Commission and in which Member States and, possibly, food supply chain stakeholders would be represented.

The contingency plan will cover different food system-related sectors that may be affected by a crisis such as agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture, food safety, workforce, health and transport issues.

## **Feedback period**

On December 4, 2020, the European Commission launched a feedback period on the roadmap. Feedback will be taken into account while the Commission is finalizing this initiative.

U.S. stakeholders who would like to comment can do so on the following page:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12770-Contingency-plan-for-ensuring-food-supply-and-food-security>

Deadline for input is 12:00 am Brussels Time (Universal Time Coordinated + 01:00) on January 13, 2021. Please note that all comments made in the framework of the consultation may be published.

## **More Information:**

- [GAIN E42020-0028: Green Deal Strategies for the EU Agri-Food Sector Present a Politically Ambitious Policy Roadmap](#)

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.