Deep Dive Parallel Sessions
Transforming food systems through minimum standards

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Minimum standards for Sustainable Public Food Procurement (SPFP) in France

Part 1: The legal framework
Part 2: The impact on local practices
Part 3: Some results and challenges

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The legal framework for SPFP: progressive and multidimensional standards

Relevant legislation

- School meals nutrition (2011)
- Law EGAlim (2018)
- Law AGEC (2020)
- Law Climate & Resilience (2021)
- Public Procurement Code (2019)
- Green Industry Act (2023)

Scope

- 80,000 public canteens
- 3.7 billion meals a year
- €7 billion in food purchases

Nutrition

Quality and sustainable products

Protein diversification & vegetarian menu

User information

Plastic reduction

Food waste reduction

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60% for all public canteens
100% for the State, its public agencies and national public companies
Changing practices at the local level

The new requirements represent an unprecedented reform of the public food sector. Their implementation demands:

- the adaptation of organisational and business models;
- the development of new tools and practices;
- training, education and collaboration of stakeholders;
- systemic SPFP projects to compensate and limit extra costs
Some results

- The **budgetary impact** of purchasing quality and sustainable products - estimated between € 0.14 - 0.42 per meal (2019) - can be **compensated** for in the medium term by leveraging the **other cost-saving measures** provided for by law;

- 2019 data: **11-15% EGAlim, 5-10% Organic**;

- From 2021/2022 **obligation to transmit data:**
  - 2021 data (collected until Dec. 22, published in Apr. 23): **23% EGAlim, 10,6% Organic**; school sector is the most advanced;
  - Next data collections will be more meaningful

Some challenges

- Poor knowledge on legislative objectives;

- Most obligations are not covered by sanctions or controls;

- Additional costs (> crises & inflation);

- Supply chain «as usual» and poor knowledge of the available offer;

- Need for training and support for public procurers

- Limited quantity and quality of data
THANK YOU!

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