

## FAIRWAY; the way forward

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## Topics FAIRWAY still relevant?

**Nitrate Directive report (October 2021):**

- *"Commission report shows more needs to be done against water pollution from nitrates"*
- The new report reveals that little progress has been made over the last decade and nutrient pollution from agriculture is still a serious concern for many Member States

**The European environment - state and outlook 2020:**

- Europe is not making enough progress and the outlook for the environment in the coming decade is not positive
- Diffuse pollution significantly affects 90% of the EU river basin districts and the agricultural sector is the primary source
- More structural changes in farm models might be required for complying with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive



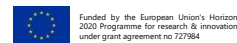
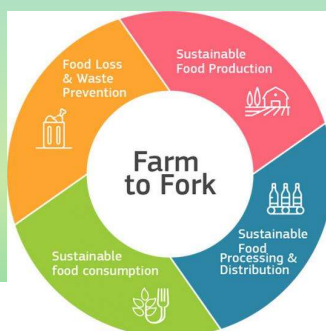

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Farm to Fork Strategy (EU Green Deal):

- reduction of the use and risk of chemical and more hazardous pesticides by 50%
- reduction by at least 20% of the use of fertilizers
- reduction of nutrient losses by at least 50%,
- while ensuring no deterioration on soil fertility



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## FAIRWAY: the way forward

Case studies and multi-actor platforms: nice examples (today)

→ plan to establish EIP AGRI Focus Group

Indicators: new indicator suggested in FAIRWAY: the lag indicator

→ how to deal with lag time between measures and effect on water quality?

Measures: gap between scientific literature and agricultural practice

- site specific approach needed: effectiveness, applicability, and costs
- easy measures are often implemented
- how to further reduce water pollution?



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## FAIRWAY: the way forward

Decision support tool: assessments, lessons learnt, overview are available

<https://www.dstframework.com/>

→ how to continue?

→ EU develops a new tool; the Farm Sustainability Tool (FAST)

Governance and policy: detailed assessments have been carried out in FAIRWAY

→ how can we reach the policy makers in EU, countries, regions?

→ project clustering is a strategy to make science more connected to policy challenges and stakeholder needs



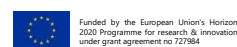
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Thank you!



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