



European Food Sustainable Consumption and Production Round Table

Status: 7 December 2009



Key characteristics



- Official launch:** 6 May 2009 in Brussels
- Vision:** Promote science-based, coherent approach to SCP in the food sector across Europe, considering environmental interactions at all stages of the food chain
- Working areas:** Methodology, communication, continuous improvement
- Scope:** Food and drink products across the whole life-cycle
All significant environmental impacts
- Food actors:** 23 European food chain organisations (December 2009)
- Co-chairs:** European Commission (DGs ENV, SANCO, JRC, ENTR)
- Support:** UNEP, European Environment Agency
- NGOs:** WWF observer, full seats offered to consumer/green NGOs
- Participation:** EU level organisations subject to expertise and commitment



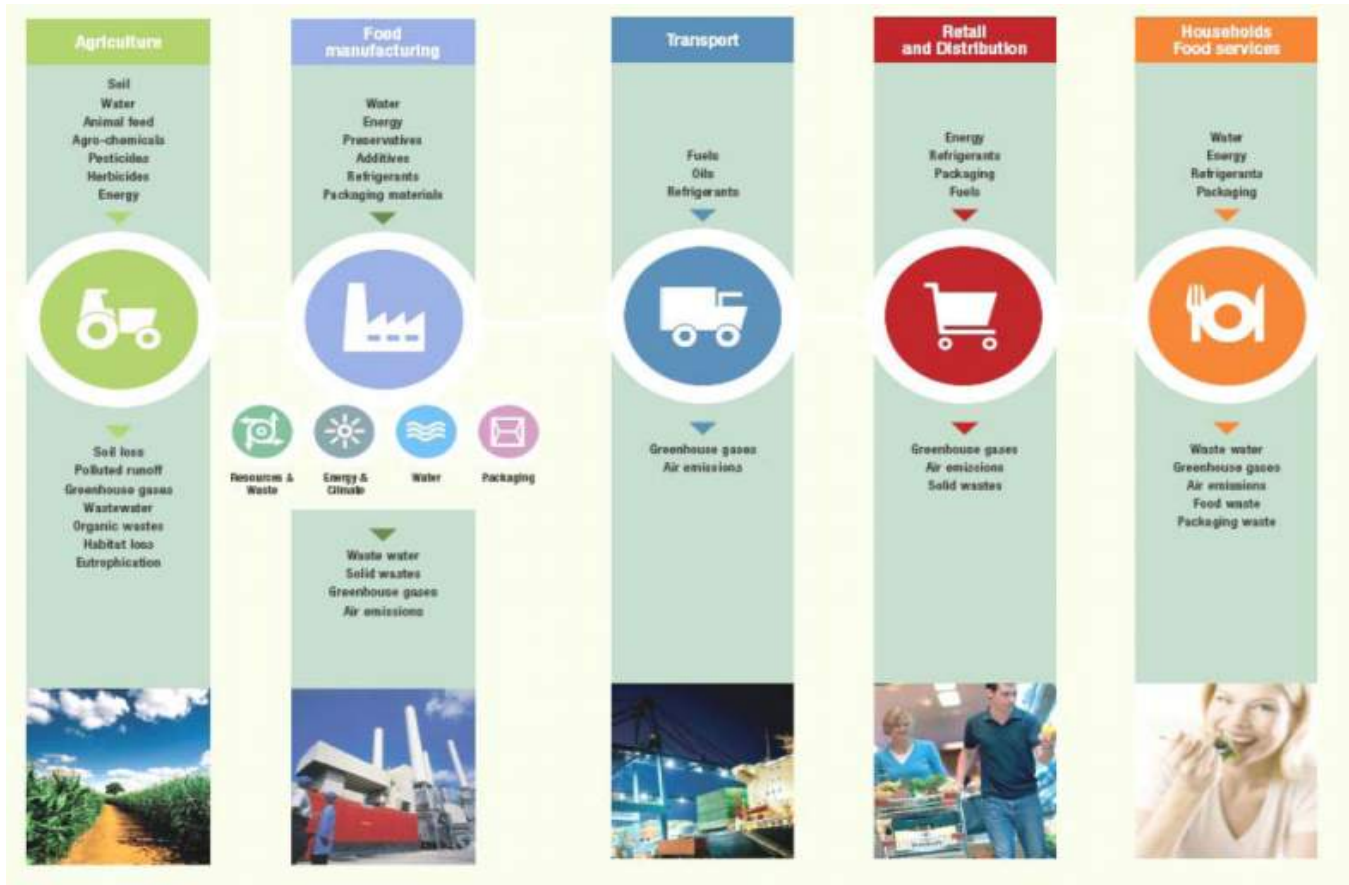
Three Key Objectives:



1. Establish scientifically reliable and uniform **environmental assessment methodologies** for food and drink products
2. Identify suitable **tools for voluntary environmental communication** and develop **guidelines on their use**
3. Promote **continuous environmental improvement** at all stages of the food supply chain;



The RT approach: Cooperation across the whole food chain





9 founding organisations



- **CELCAA** European Liaison Committee for Agricultural and Agri-Food Trade
- **CIAA** Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries in the EU
- **COPA-COGECA** European Farmers and European Agri-cooperatives
- **EFMA** European Fertilizer Manufacturers Association
- **EUROCOOP** European Community of Consumer Cooperatives
- **EUROPEN** European Organization for Packaging and Environment
- **FEFAC** European Feed Manufacturers' Federation
- **IFAH-Europe** International Federation for Animal Health – Europe
- **PRO EUROPE** Packaging Recovery Organisation Europe



Other member organisations

10. The European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)
11. EuropaBio- The European Association for Bio-Industries
12. European Bioplastics
13. The Alliance for Beverage Carton and the Environment (ACE)
14. European Aluminium Association (EAA)
15. European Plastic Converters (EuPC)
16. European Producers of Steel for Packaging (APEAL)
17. Flexible Packaging Europe (FPE)
18. Primary Food Processors (PFP)
19. Corrugated Board Manufacturers (FEFCO)
20. European Metal Packaging (Empac)
21. European Moderns Restaurants Association (EMRA)
22. Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU (a.v.e.c.)
23. European Feed Additives and Premixtures Association (FEFANA)

+ involvement of experts from Member States





Constituencies eligible for full membership

1. Suppliers to the agricultural sector
2. Farmers and agri-cooperatives
3. Agricultural trade
4. Food and drink industries
5. Packaging value chain
6. Transport & logistics operators
7. Retailers
8. End-of-life
9. Consumer NGOs
10. Environmental / conservation NGOs



➤ Eligible organisations interested in becoming a formal RT member are invited to contact the RT Secretariat



Involvement of other experts

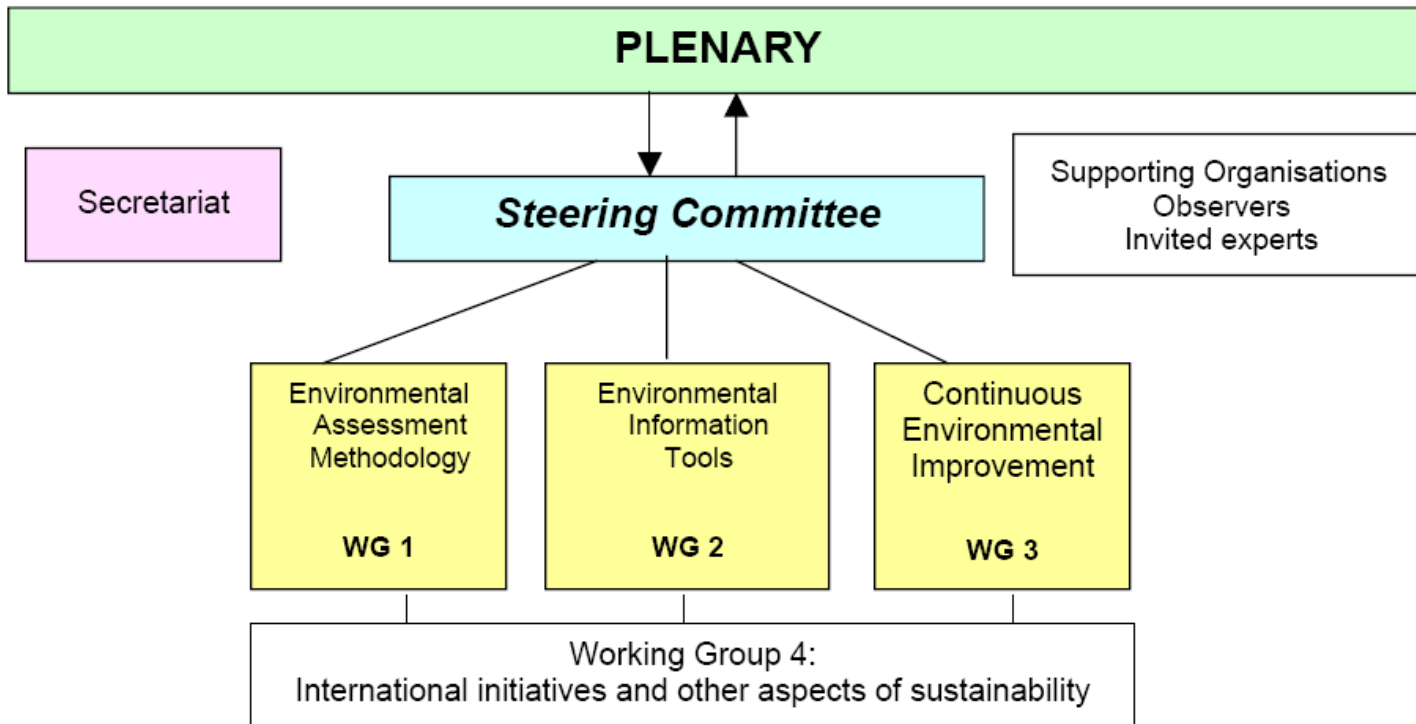


Other relevant experts, who do not represent formal member organisation of the RT (e.g. national authorities, science, academia, actors outside the EU), are invited to participate in the process whenever their expertise can contribute to a concrete item under consideration.

- Relevant experts are invited to contact the RT Secretariat



Governance structure



All RT bodies are co-chaired by the European Commission and representatives of the RT constituencies



Co-chairing of the RT bodies (1)



Plenary:

Herbert AICHINGER (DG ENV, EC, advisor to Director Soledad Blanco)

Pekka PESONEN (Copa-Cogeca, Secretary General)

Steering Committee

Herbert AICHINGER (DG ENV, European Commission)

Pascal GREVERATH (CIAA, Director Environmental Sustainability Nestlé)



Co-chairing of the RT bodies (2)



WG1: Environment assessment

Dr. David PENNINGTON (DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission)

Jean-Pierre RENNAUD (CIAA, Director Environment, Groupe Danone)

WG2 : Environmental information

Marek HAVRDA (DG SANCO, European Commission)

Tania RUNGE (Copa-Cogeca, General Affairs Advisor)

Vice-co-chair: Rosita ZILLI (EURO COOP, Advisor Environmental Affairs)

WG3: Continuous improvement

Dr. Harald SCHÖNBERGER (DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission)

Christian PALLIERE (EFMA, Director Agriculture and Environment)

WG4 : International and non-environmental aspects:

Didier HERBERT (HoU B.1.) / **Michel COOMANS** (HoU F.4.), DG Enterprise and Industry

Jean Michel ASPAR (CELCAA, Project Leader Public Affairs Louis Dreyfus Commodities)



The mandates in a nutshell



WG1: Environment assessment

- “Guiding Principles” on the environmental assessment of food and drinks (first half 2010)
- Establishment of a framework assessment methodology for food and drink products (2011)

WG2 : Environmental information

- “Guiding Principles” on voluntary communication of environmental information (first half 2010)
- Evaluation of existing and emerging information tools + recommendations on their use (2010)

WG3: Continuous environmental improvement

- Identification of the key environmental challenges along the various F&D chains
- Mapping of existing and emerging industry and multi-stakeholder initiatives to address them
- Action Plan on priority areas and measures for further improvement, R&D and eco-innovation

WG4 : International and non-environmental aspects:

- Inventory and evaluation of initiatives within the scope of WGs 1 – 3 at the international level
- Identification of priority areas and actors for international cooperation on WGs 1 – 3 items
- Identification of related non-environmental aspects (costs/benefits, SMEs, trade, food prices,..)
- Development of recommendations to WGs 1 – 3



Time schedule



- **Guiding Principles** on environmental assessment and voluntary communication of environmental information on F&D products:
 - 1st Plenary: 7 July 2010
- **Framework assessment methodology** for F&D products:
 - Interim Report by end 2010; finalisation by 2011
- **Guidance on the use of voluntary communication tools:** 2nd half 2010
- **Action Plan on continuous environmental improvement** along the food chain:
 - First Report: 1st Plenary: 7 July 2010
 - Implementation of the Action Plan: 2nd half 2010 onwards
- **International and non-environmental aspects:**
 - First report to WGs 1 - 3: 1st Plenary: 7 July 2010, continuous follow-up
 - Facilitation of alignment at international level: 2010/2011
- **External consultation:** March 2010 in view of deliverables for 1st Plenary 2010



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