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Complaint 2129/2025/MIK

Dear Ms Żabińska,

On 29 July 2025, you submitted a complaint to my Office about the failure by the European Commission to inform the public about the status of its envisaged legislative proposal on sustainable food systems, as foreseen under the EU 'Farm to Fork' Strategy.

You argue that, although the Commission did not include this proposal in its 2024 programme, it failed to communicate to the public the reasons for the delay and an updated timeframe concerning the legislative initiative in question. You point out that the Commission has already collected feedback from stakeholders on the inception impact assessment concerning this initiative and, subsequently, held a public consultation. In this context, you believe that the Commission owes to the public concrete information about the status of the initiative and further plans with regard to it. Although you and other organisations have contacted the Commission to obtain more information, you are not satisfied with the Commission's reply, which you consider too general.

I have decided to open an inquiry and I requested a written reply from the Commission on some of the issues raised in your complaint, namely, the reasons for the delay in proceeding with the initiative in question, the current status of the Commission's work on it, the Commission's plans with regard to it, and a provisional timeframe for its adoption (if this adoption is still considered).

As regards the aspect of your complaint that concerns the lack of transparency about the results of the public consultation on this initiative, I have concluded that there are no grounds for me to open an inquiry. I note that the Commission has published a clear summary report on this consultation and the contributions it received.¹

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13174-Sustainable-food-system-setting-up-an-EU-framework/public-consultation_en



I will get back to you as soon as I am in a position to share more information regarding my inquiry.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the inquiries officer responsible for this case, Mr Michał Krajewski, +32 228 444 64, michal.krajewski@ombudsman.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Anjinho
European Ombudsman

Enclosure:

- Request for reply to the Commission