

Dear excellencies,

Dear colleagues,

As Flemish Minister of Food and National Convenor of the Belgian Member State Dialogue, I would like to use this opportunity to express our ambition to achieve a resilient, fair, sustainable and healthy food system.

I want to fully commit myself, my region and country to help shape the upcoming transition. In doing so, I aim to contribute to the European Green Deal, its strategies and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Now is the time to take action and build an integrated and inclusive food policy. But in the meantime, we have already taken action.

I shall give you a few examples.

1. First of all: we are redefining our protein economy while actively supporting farmers in this transition and recognizing the importance of different elements such as animal welfare.

