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Sustainable food system in Europe possible, but challenging

Europe's food system is a large and complex one. The food supply chain, including agriculture and fisheries production, processing and manufacturing, through to the food and drink industry, had a turnover of approximately 3.9 trillion in 2013. All these activities within the EU have an impact on the environment but also beyond its borders due to imports of food and feed. The system is a major consumer of energy and water and a large emitter of greenhouse gases and air pollution.

The EEA report 'Food in a green light,' analyses the challenges Europe faces in shifting to a sustainable food system and looks at current opportunities for change. The European Union must transform its food system to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal of ensuring sustainable food production systems by 2030 and the European Union's long term sustainability goal of 'living well, within the limits of the planet' by 2050.

Making Europe's production, consumption and trade in food environmentally sustainable is possible, but it will require a major shift in public attitudes, policies and knowledge and seizing current opportunities for change, according to a European Environment Agency (EEA) report published today.

Source: EEA

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https://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/shift-to-sustainable-food-system?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Food%20in%20a%20green%20light&utm_content=Food%20in%20a%20green%20light+CID_ad8a110c8fe92784fa173d67be9add8a&utm_source=EEA%20Newsletter&utm_term=Read%20more