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The Farm to Fork Strategy adopted on 20 May 2020¹ announces that healthy and sustainable diets will be promoted in institutional catering, which includes schools. Furthermore, the Commission will review the EU school scheme to enhance its contribution to sustainable food consumption and, in particular, to strengthen educational messages on the importance of healthy nutrition, sustainable food production and reducing food waste.

In its Farm to Fork Strategy, the Commission is proposing actions to empower consumers to make informed, healthy and sustainable food choices, including a proposal for harmonised mandatory front-of-pack nutrition labelling. The indicative date for the Commission's proposal on front-of-pack labelling is the 4th quarter of 2022. The legislative initiative will be preceded by an impact assessment and stakeholders' consultation where the details of the initiative will be assessed.

While measures to boost balanced diets is in the agenda, it is premature to take a position already now on whole grain in future policy developments.

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/food/farm2fork_en