

**Question for written answer E-003382/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Cooking skills to promote the Farm to Fork Strategy

The Farm to Fork Strategy seeks to promote more sustainable and healthy diets and food consumption, and to reduce food loss and waste. Some of the policies aimed at achieving these goals focus on the supply side. Experts in the sector emphasise the need to expand programmes that focus on demand by incorporating in our consumption habits the values underpinning the Strategy. One of the measures proposed in this regard is for schools to offer cooking classes and food education. This would improve diets and reduce food waste. It would also improve consumers' ability to identify and choose healthy and local products. Given that education is a matter that falls under the responsibility of the Member States:

1. Does the Commission consider that recommending the introduction of cooking skills and food education into the basic curriculum for European citizens would promote the Farm to Fork Strategy?
2. Is the Commission aware of any experience in this field?
3. Would it be in a position to promote a pilot scheme of this nature?

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