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## 'Regional Dialogue on Partnerships for the SDGs'

### FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU)

## Partnerships for Sustainable Food and Agriculture Partnership Cooperation in the context of Agenda 2030 and Climate Action

24-25 October 2019, European Youth Centre , Budapest, Hungary

### Background

A considerable effort in the progress of SDG implementation relies on multi-stakeholder partnerships. SDG 17 on: 'Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development', recognizes multi-stakeholder partnerships as a driver for sharing knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources. Since the adoption of the Agenda in 2015, Governments and stakeholders across the food and agriculture sector are responding to the call to deliver on the SDGs through partnership cooperation. In the EU Member States various multi-stakeholder initiatives contribute to achieving sustainable food and agriculture.

In this context, REU launched a call for proposal: '*Call for good examples of partnerships that support achievement of Sustainable Development Goals relating to sustainable food and agriculture*' in October 2018. Responses to the call included a number of examples of multi-stakeholder partnerships that contribute to achieving sustainable development by 2030. Several of the partnerships aim to contribute to multiple SDGs and have a strong emphasis on environmental- and climate action.

### Sustainable Food and Agriculture Partnerships for Climate Action

Sustainable food and agriculture partnerships can play a pivotal role in mitigating and adapting to climate change. Action in these areas is at the forefront of the current sustainability agenda, with this year's review of SDG 13 on Climate Action, the UN's Climate Action Summit as well as stocktaking on the progress of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of the Paris Climate Agreement.

The food and agriculture sector offers major opportunities to contribute to these international commitments e.g. through GHG emission reductions and carbon sequestration. Moreover, many adaptation and mitigation options in the sector hold potential for synergies and can thereby be a catalyst for large-scale transformational change that is central to achieving the SDGs. In order to transform the food and agricultural sector in such a way that it both limits its impact on- and is resilient to climate change, innovative and new approaches are needed. Among others, Climate Smart Agriculture can help to sustainably increase agricultural productivity, adapt and build resilience to climate change as well as reduce and/or remove GHG emissions in the sector. This requires integrated approaches and renewed multi-stakeholder partnerships that include both private and public actors.

As a response to this need, to explore existing practices and building upon the experience of the EU public-private partnerships - REU is organizing the 'Regional Dialogue on Partnerships for the SDGs' with a focus on 'Partnerships for Sustainable Food and Agriculture and climate action'. Based on concrete examples and partnership activities in the EU Member States, the Dialogue will focus on opportunities, best-practices and challenges when developing sustainable food and agriculture cooperation that contribute and advance much needed climate action.



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### **Purpose and objectives**

To gain a better understanding of how sustainable food and agriculture multi-stakeholder partnerships can contribute to climate action– and by building on experiences of existing partnerships - the Regional Dialogue aims to address the following objectives:

- Compile key success factors, best-practices as well as challenges to build and sustain effective multi-stakeholder partnerships in the EU countries;
- Discuss and identify innovative examples/areas where multi-stakeholder partnerships could contribute and further strengthen SDG implementation related to climate action in Europe and Central Asia
- Based on the concrete examples shared during the dialogue, compile a short brochure with the practical scenarios of the multistakeholder partnerships ( to be disseminated in the region among various stakeholders)

### **Time and Venue**

The 'Regional Dialogue on Partnerships for the SDGs' will take place in Budapest on 24 – 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 in the European Youth Center, Budapest, Hungary.

### **Participants**

Representatives from the EU and non-EU Governments, international organizations, civil society, local and regional authorities, the private sector as well as academia that are engaged in the SDG implementation, related to climate action.

### **Format**

Presentations, panel-sessions and working group discussions will contribute to exploring best practices, challenges and ways to strengthen sustainable food and agriculture multi-stakeholder partnerships. An analytical outcome report reflecting the discussions and all viewpoints will be prepared and distributed in the region of Europe and Central Asia.