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**Agenda Item 7**

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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**

### **FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE**

**Thirty-second Session**

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#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025**

Comments by Germany

Germany thanks the Regional Coordinator for the progress report on the implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 and supports the proposal that the 2022-2023 regional work plan prioritizes strategic goals 3 and 4.

Noting that the full Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 remains valid and that Members should continue to pursue any efforts initiated to reach objectives identified in the plan at global, regional and national level, Germany proposes the following regional work plan based on Appendix I of CX/EURO 22/32/7 as a basis for discussion.

Germany also recommits to the Regional Communications Work Plan 2020-2025 adopted at CCEURO31.

**TABLE 1: POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE EUROPEAN REGION IN 2022-2023 UNDER THE CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025**

| Priority goal  | Priority objective  | Activities for the period 2022-2023  | Rationale for proposed activities   | Responsible party and collaborators  | Expected output by 2023   | Reporting mechanism/   |
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| 1. Address current, emerging and critical issues in a timely manner                          | 1.2 Prioritize needs and emerging issues  | 1.2.1. Monitor developments in relation to “new food sources” and contribute to related Codex work   | The activity is expected to improve the ability of Codex to develop standards relevant to the needs of Members  | <b>Regional coordinator, FAO and WHO,</b><br>Members,<br>Codex Secretariat                   | Members provide input to the work related to new food sources   | Report at CCEURO33   |
| 3. Increase impact through the recognition and use of Codex standards                        | 3.2 Support initiatives to enable the understanding and implementation/ application of Codex standards  | 3.2.1. Conduct a regional event dedicated to 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CAC and encourage national events<br><br>3.2.2 Encourage multi-stakeholder events (food business operators, politicians, civil society, scientists, academic & research) to promote use of Codex standards<br><br>3.2.3 Promote implementation of the Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Food borne Antimicrobial Resistance and the Guidelines on Integrated Monitoring and Surveillance of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance | The activities are expected to raise the level of awareness of the Codex Alimentarius and increase knowledge about priority standards for the region                                    | <b>Regional Coordinator,</b><br>Members,<br>Observers,<br>Codex Secretariat,<br>FAO, and WHO | Increased recognition of Codex Alimentarius and priority standards for the region (specifically on AMR)   | Codex webpage (main page and regional page)<br><br>Report at CCEURO33 and National Action Plans on AMR   |
|  | 3.3. Recognize and promote the impact of Codex standards  | 3.3.1. Conduct a regional event to support participation in the new Global survey on use and impact of Codex standards<br><br>3.3.2. Promote the inclusion of food safety as well as the most recent Codex standards in the national actions on the transformation of food systems.  | The activities are expected to contribute to gaining better knowledge about the level of use of Codex standards and to obtain high level support and /or recognition of Codex standards | <b>Regional Coordinator, Codex Secretariat,</b><br>Members,<br>Observers,<br>FAO and WHO     | Participation of Members in the global survey on use and impact of Codex standards<br><br>Mentioning of food safety and Codex standards in the national pathways for sustainable food systems | Report at CCEURO33 on the regional workshop related to participation in the Global survey on use and impact of Codex standards and on inclusion of food safety/Codex standards in national food systems pathways                             |
| 4. Facilitate the participation of all Codex Members throughout the standard setting process | 4.2 Increase sustainable and active participation of all Codex Members<br><br>and<br><br>4.3 Reduce barriers to active participation by developing countries. | 4.2.1. Continue to support capacity building via trainings, webinars.<br><br>4.2.2. Develop opportunities for mentorship, and for sharing experience and knowledge among countries of the region<br><br>4.2.3. Promote establishment of National Steering Committees in Member countries as required   | The activities are expected to increase Members knowledge and confidence in articulating positions and stimulate greater participation in Codex work                                    | <b>Members, FAO and WHO</b><br>Regional Coordinator,<br>Codex Secretariat                    | Increased or sustained participation in CAC, CAC subsidiary bodies, WGs and responses to Circular Letters   | Report at CCEURO33 on the number of member countries by economic status participating in the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies as identified in the lists of participants, WG reports and Online Commenting System statistics |