

Your Voice In Europe: ROADMAP feedback for Initiative to limit industrial trans fats intakes in the EU

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Dear Sir or Madam,

the roadmap reveals that the Commission suggests several measurements to reduce the presence of trans fatty acids (TFA) in all foodstuffs. These measurements are:

- *The content of TFA shall be declared in the nutrition information of a food (which is not possible yet due to the provisions of the FIR)*
- *Introduction of a legal maximum value of TFA in all foodstuffs*
- *Voluntary agreements at EU level towards reducing the presence of TFA in food and in nutrition*
- *Elaborating EU guidelines for national maximum values of TFA in foodstuffs*

In Germany a voluntary agreement between several business associations towards avoiding the use of partly hydrogenated fats and oils (the main or even only source of artificial TFA in food) in the procession of food is already existing. Several guidelines where published (see <https://www.bll.de/de/lebensmittel/ernaehrung/fett/tfa-trans-fettsaeuren>) and are currently in revision with our attendance. The daily intake of TFA in Germany is according to most recent studies 0,77 to 0,92 % of the daily energy intake and thus it is below the WHO recommendation, which is 1 %. From our point of view, voluntary agreements are an effective measure to keep the daily intake of TFA below the WHO recommendation and therefore should be further developed.

We hope our comment will be instrumental in the further elaboration concerning this roadmap.

Should you have any questions, we are at your disposal anytime.

With best regards,

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