

# FCMs in Europe: What has changed during the last 10 years?

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## 2012 – 2022: ROAD TO REFORM

- **DG Sanco, 2012** – ‘Materials on the market are not safe’
- **European Parliament, 2016** – lack of uniform EU measures is detrimental to public health
- **JRC baseline study, 2017** – FCM rules in Europe, a regulatory patchwork
- **Farm to Fork Strategy, 2020** – legal reform to improve food safety and public health



# A NEW VISION FOR EU FCM POLICY

The Commission will revise the food contact materials legislation to

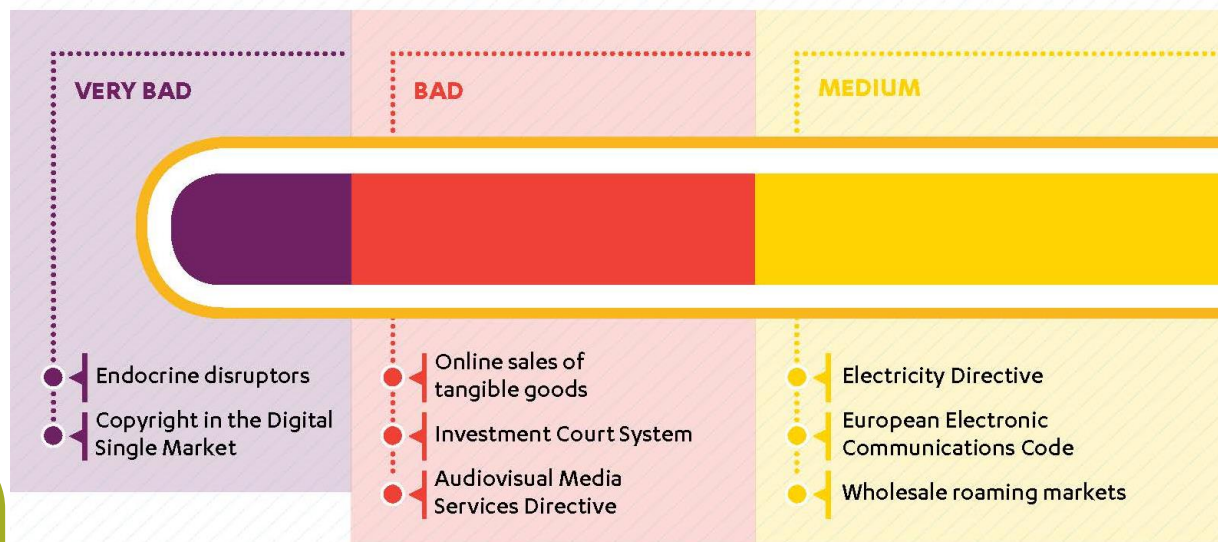
- improve food safety and public health (in particular **reducing the use of hazardous chemicals**)
- support the use of innovative and **sustainable packaging solutions** using environmentally-friendly, re-usable and recyclable materials
- contribute to **food waste reduction**





# WHERE WE STARTED

## Juncker Commission Consumer performance check



BEWARE WHAT LIES  
**BENEATH**



# HOW DID WE GET THERE?

New evidence – demonstrates deficient EU rules and public health concern

Surveys – citizens are concerned

European Green Deal, 2019 – making the EU's economy sustainable

REFIT, 2022 – first, ever review of EU FCM rules (official problem recognition)



## WHAT'S NEXT?

### Initial policy options (work in progress)

- Shift focus onto final materials
- Prioritize assessment and management of (groups of) substances
- Support safer and sustainable alternatives
- Improve quality and accessibility of supply chain information
- Improve compliance of the final FCM



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