



Members Fortnight Call – Opening Statements

The Food Network for Ethical Trade – Every fortnight 10 – 11 hrs



Competition Law and Safe Space Statements

Participant Identity:

*Please display your **name** and the **business name***

Competition Law Statement

“We are meeting to discuss issues raised in the forum of the Food Network for Ethical Trade.

We take competition compliance seriously. Whilst discussions can cover matters of interest to our industry, we cannot discuss or exchange sensitive commercial information.

If at any time during this meeting, you think our discussions may be in breach of competition rules, please inform the Chair. The Chair may close the meeting at any time if the chair believes that discussions are in breach of competition law”

Safe Space Statement

The fortnightly members call is a safe space for members to discuss and exchange ideas on human rights risks and improvement actions and all are reminded to please always respect this principle.

Agenda 11th July 2023

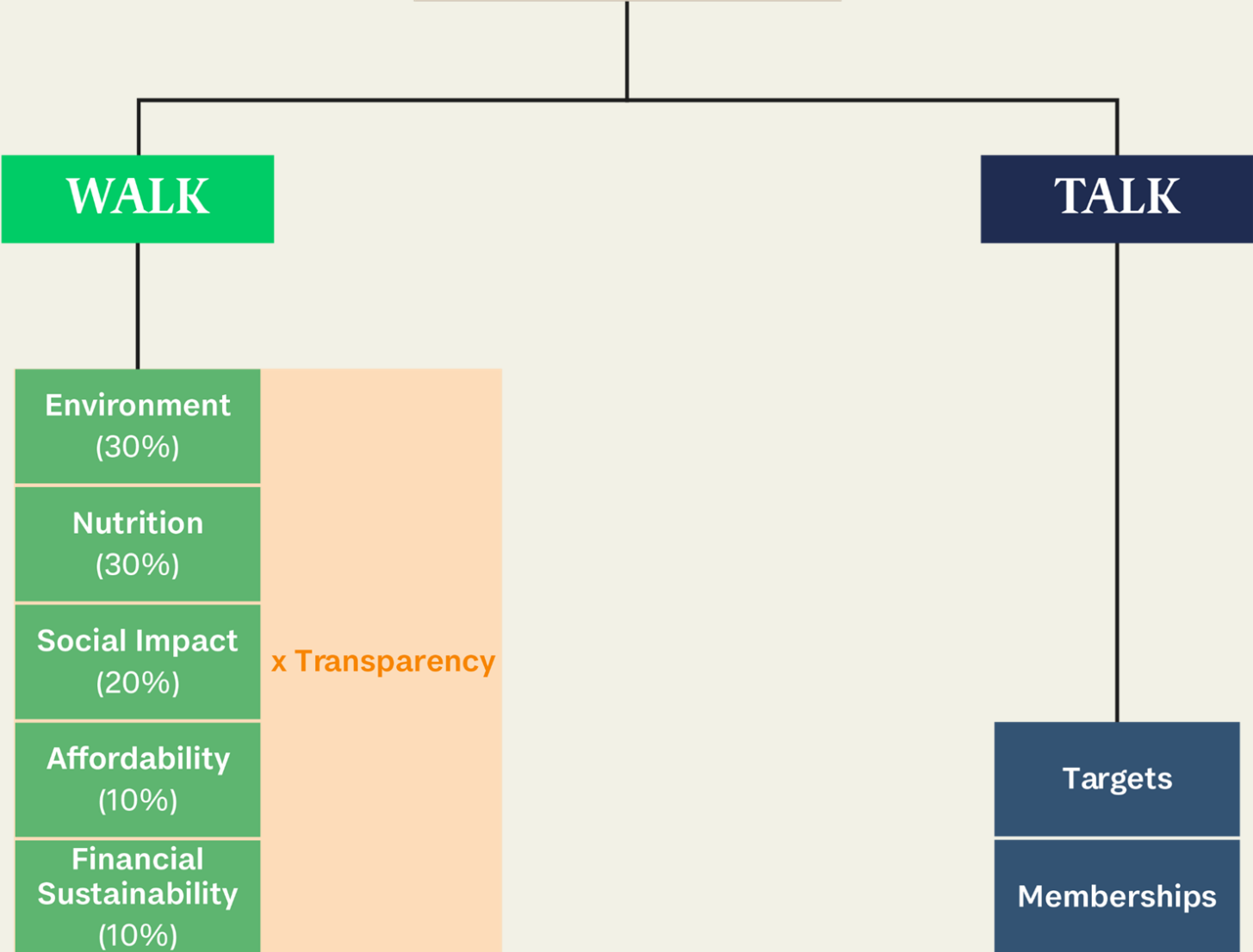
| Approx timing | Item |
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| 10.00 – 10.25 | Tortoise Better Food Index – Sophie Barnett, Tortoise Media Member Case Studies (Pilgrim's, 2SG) |
| 10.25 – 10.35 | Member case study (grievance mechanisms) |
| 10.35 – 10.50 | Horizon scanning - (Gs Fresh) |
| 10.50 – 10.55 | Member queries |
| 10.50 – 11.00 | AOB & close |

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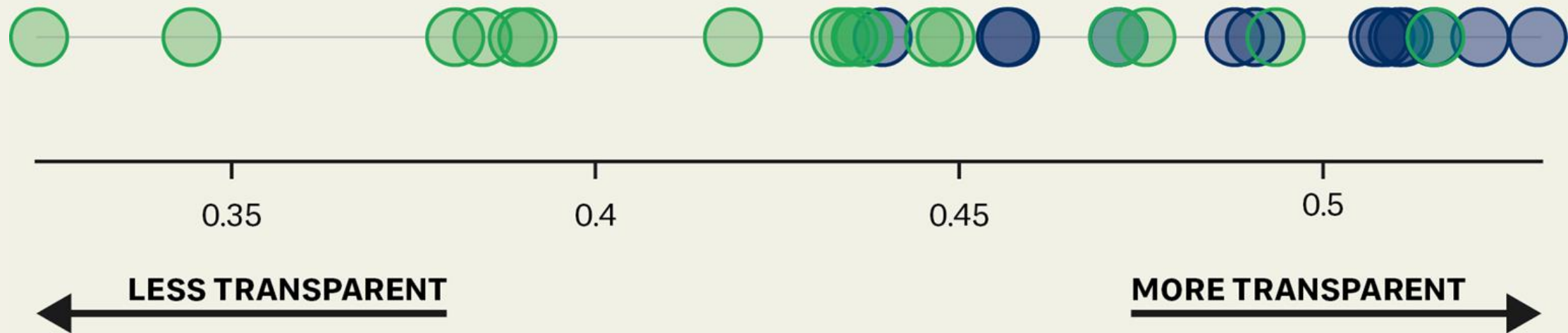


Rankings Top 3 companies

| Company | | Environment | Affordability | Nutrition | Social Impact | Financial Sustainability | Transparency (%) | Talk | Total Rank |
|-----------|---|-------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|------|--------------|
| Cranswick |  | 6 | 2 | 8 | 19 | 10 | 53 | 4 | 1 +2 |
| Nestlé |  | 4 | 23 | 20 | 2 | 6 | 51.5 | 2 | 2 -1 |
| Britvic |  | 8 | 15 | 13 | 6 | 14 | 52.2 | 21 | 3 +10 |

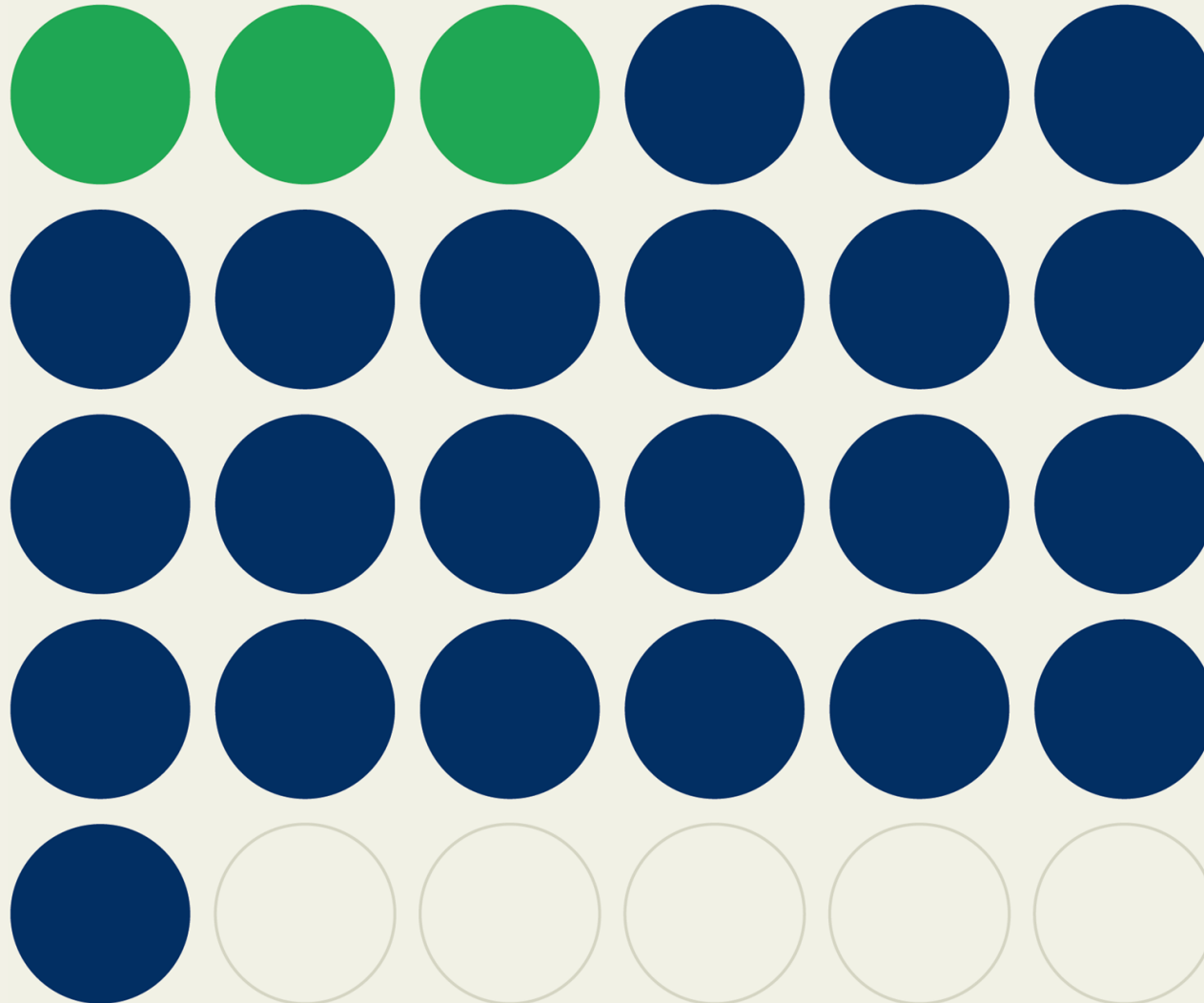
Data

● Privately-owned ● Publicly listed



Health

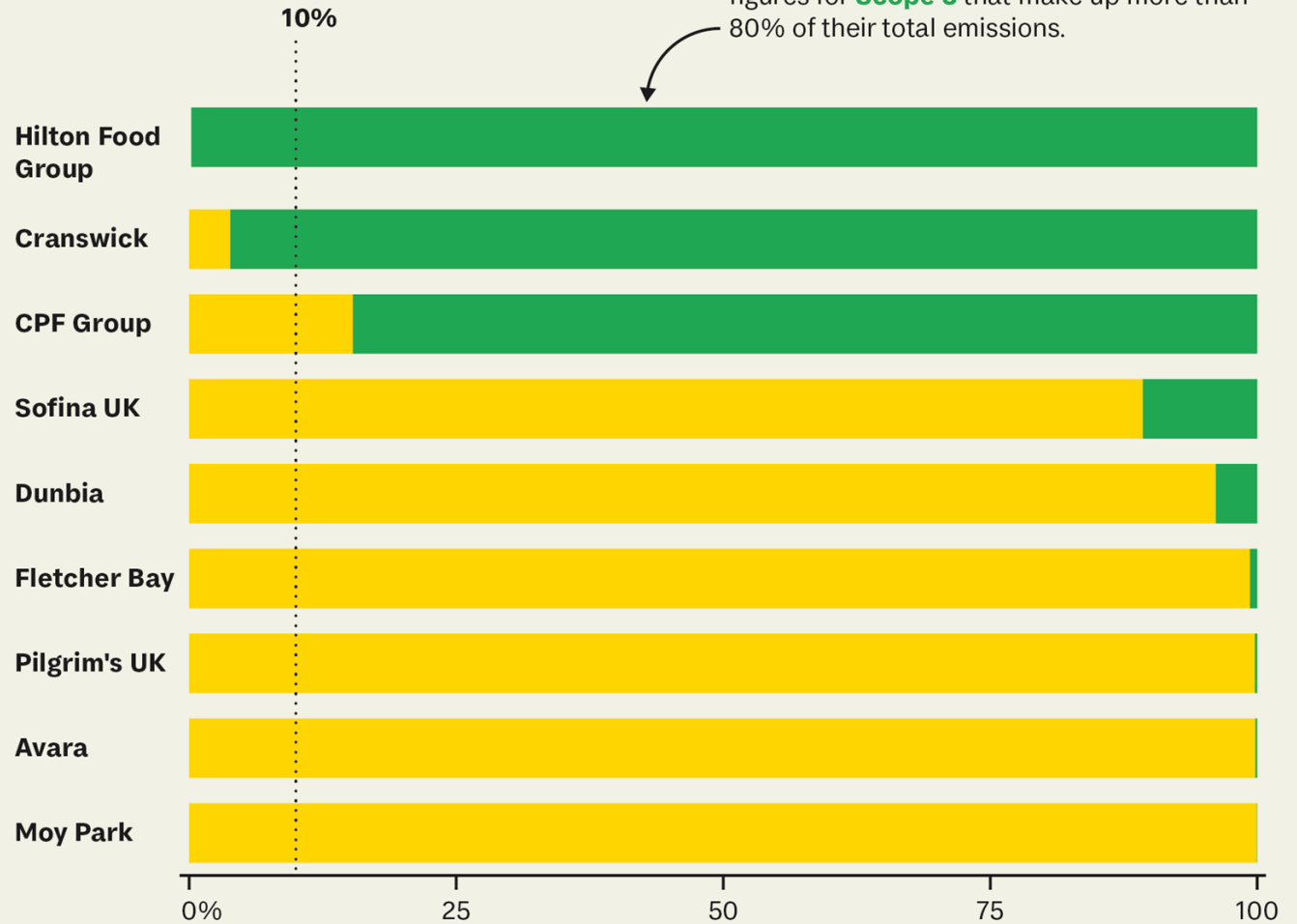
● Healthy food is cheaper ● Unhealthy food is cheaper ○ Not applicable



Emissions

- Scopes 1 and 2
- Scope 3

Although research suggests they're on average 90% of total emissions, only three of the meat companies in the Index report figures for **Scope 3** that make up more than 80% of their total emissions.



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Grievance Mechanisms in Agriculture: Project overview

Objective

To prevent and remedy modern slavery of North and West African migrant workers in agriculture supply chains of UK business. It does so via three key elements: Research, OGM Pilot implementation and a Prevention Network.



How?

- Home Office Modern Slavery Innovation Fund 3
- Applied for £798K grant funding for just over 2 years early 2023-March 2025
- Locations: Italy, Spain and North and West Africa

Stakeholders and reach

- ETI, Italy Working Group
- Local partners and experts in Italy, Spain and Africa (e.g. Partner Africa)
- Direct supplier engagement
- Wider network of stakeholders involved in building technical expertise and knowledge dissemination

Impact and outcomes

1. Migrant workers able to access grievance mechanisms
2. Supply chain business partners have the tools to support implementation of OGM and adopt new practices
3. Cross-national network is sharing resources and promote decent work practices

Workstream details

| Assessment of risk, root causes and state of OGMs | Grievance mechanism and Access to Remedy Pilot workstream | Networks and collaboration in North/West Africa |
|---|---|--|
| <p>Collation of research & baseline of OGMs</p> <p>Root cause analyses and research to fill any gaps (e.g. pre-departure countries, drivers of migration, specific vulnerabilities)</p> <p>Stakeholder mapping and engagement</p> <p>Supply chain mapping for pilot stage</p> | <p>Pilot of grievance mechanism in Italy and Spain – co-created with stakeholders – working in 3-4 sites/regions in both Italy and Spain</p> <p>Needs assessment, implementation plans and roll out</p> <p>Assessment of pilot and dissemination of learning and approach for wider application</p> | <p>Research into recruitment channels and practices in 3 pre-departure countries</p> <p>Engage organisations working with migrants in pre-departure countries to build resources on safeguarding, awareness raising and information dissemination</p> <p>Network of stakeholders identified and convened to enable information sharing on grievance mechanisms, remediation, safeguarding principles, rights and risks to worker</p> |

Grievance Mechanisms in Agriculture:

participants

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| ASDA | Greencell |
| Tesco | Waitrose |
| M&S | Bakkavor |
| Partner Africa | Atlante |
| Morrisons | Coop |
| Sainsburys | Bama |
| Woolworths | Interfrukt |
| Aldi Sud KG | Ethical Food Company |
| FLEX | Lidl |

Current status

- **Limited grower level data on Italy – group agreed to focus on Sicily**
- **Research still being undertaken in Spain to identify best growers for engagement**
- **Worker interviews to take place (*some challenges with timing of project phases and worker availability in key regions*)**
- **Flyer available for stakeholder engagement – will be circulated with weekly meeting notes**

Emerging trends: political/legislative news

UK – [Independent review into labour shortages in the food supply chain.](#) Update by Beverly Dixon – Gs Fresh

Seasonal Worker visa inquiry: call for evidence. [Migration Advisory Committee wants to hear views about the Seasonal Worker visa,](#) and how well it meets the needs of employers, employees and other organisations.

USA - [UPS workers edge closer to strike as talks break down with shipping giant.](#) A strike has already been authorized by union members – who number 340,000 – should negotiations for a new contract fail



Emerging trends: environmental/supply chain

Global warming - [World registers hottest day ever recorded on July 3](#) Mapping the hottest temperatures around the world. At least 22 countries have recorded maximum temperatures of 50C (122F) or above. [Al Jazeera looks at the hottest places on Earth.](#)

China - [Rain kills 15 in southwest China](#) as Xi urges better defences. The latest round of heavy rain has disrupted the lives of more than 130,000 people and damaged more than 7,500 hectares of crops.



Emerging trends: resource of the week

Seasonal Worker video Pro-Force has created a [new video](#) informing seasonal workers about their employment rights and what to expect on UK farms, which is now subtitled into another 10 languages and has been gifted to the GLAA.

Global Rights Index 2023 – The 10th edition of the [ITUC Global Rights Index](#) shows that the global cost-of-living crisis has been met with a crackdown on the rights of working people in every region of the world. The 10 worst countries for working people in 2023 are: Bangladesh, Belarus, Ecuador, Egypt, Eswatini, Guatemala, Myanmar, Tunisia, the Philippines and Turkey.



Upcoming FNET meetings



- **Empowering Work working group (In-work poverty session 2)** – On-line Tuesday 18th July 15.00-17.00 hrs.
- **FNET/Sedex Call** – Wednesday 19th July, 11.00-12.30, online
- **Raw Materials & Services working group** – Thursday 14th September 13.00-15.00 (tbc)
- **Climate & Human Rights working group** – Wednesday 11th October – in-person workshop, London