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Food Data Transparency Partnership

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Food Data Transparency Partnership overview

The Food Data Transparency Partnership (FDTP) announced in the Government Food Strategy (June 2022). Aims to improve animal welfare, health and environmental outcomes in the food system through better information and data.

Working in partnership with industry and civil society, the FDTP will create a positive shift in the food system through:



Establishing common **definitions, metrics and standards** for food data to enable comparison between products and companies.



Introducing **consistent reporting** of the health, animal welfare and environmental impacts of food to create a **level playing field on data disclosure** between companies and sectors and stimulate competition on these grounds.

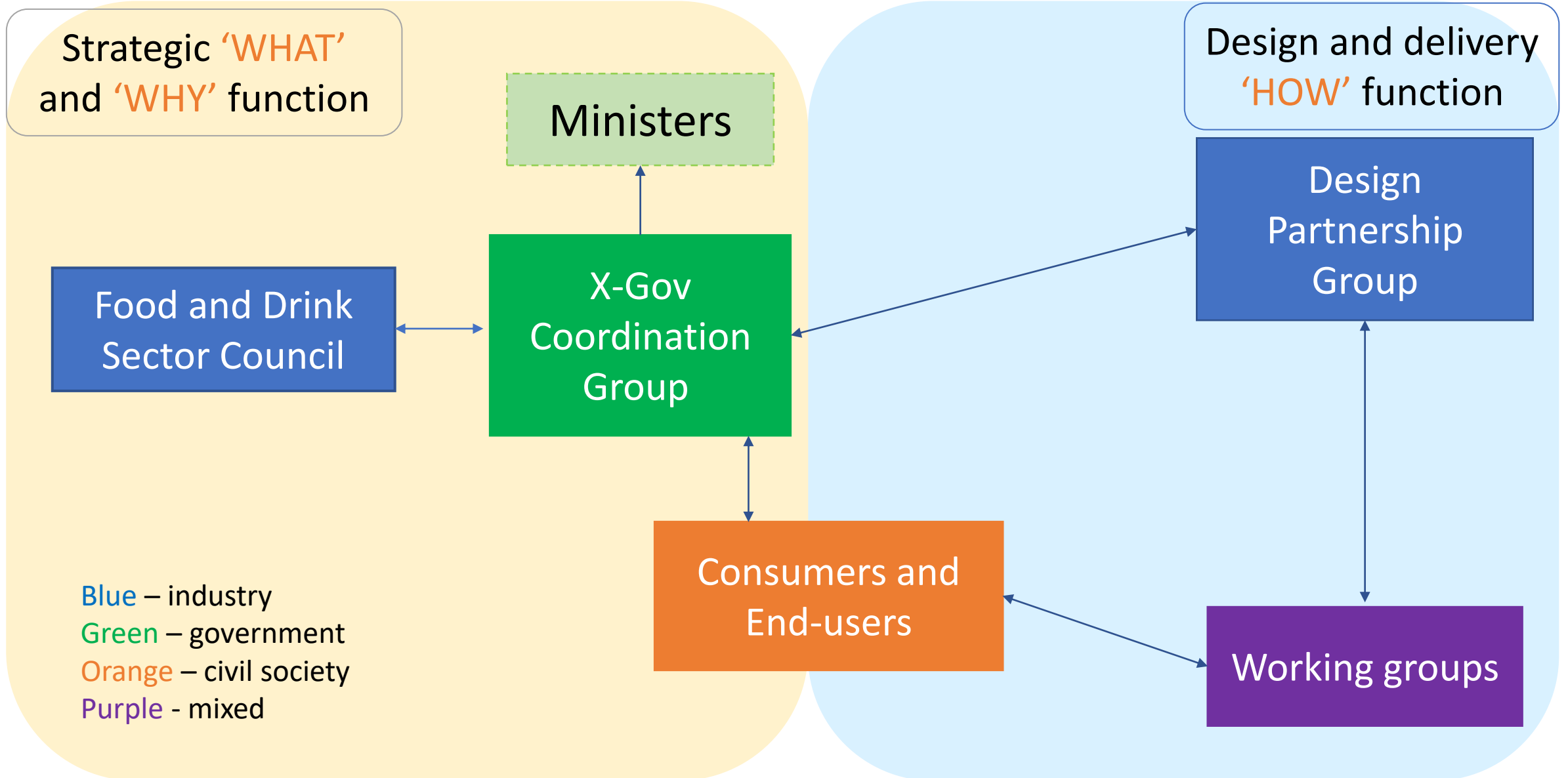


Developing proposals to support **clear, standardised, trusted** and **available consumer information** for the relevant topic areas.



Supporting government and other stakeholders, including investors, to make **better policy** and investment decisions, and evaluate outcomes more effectively.

FDTP Open Policy Design Process



Eco workstream

Context

- Supporting the delivery of net zero and our other environmental goals is a key priority.
- Existing standards and protocols exist for measuring scope 3 GHG emissions for food and drink but still significant inconsistency/ uncertainty and gaps in data.
- Consumers tell us they want more information to help them make more sustainable choices. Existing number of different labels can cause confusion/ risk green washing.

Objectives

- Agree a consistent approach to measuring and reporting scope 3 GHG emissions for food and drink.
- Develop a mandatory methodology for voluntary eco information to consumers (e.g. eco labels).

Specific issues to consider

- Building on and joining up with initiatives already underway.
- Reporting mechanisms existing/ in development (e.g. Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure, International Sustainability Standards Board).
- Improving the data (e.g. secondary or primary, allocating across the supply chain)
- Approaches that work for the whole supply chain

Next steps

- First FDTP group meetings - with Food and Drink Sector Council and new Design Partnership Group in February. Eco Working Group first meeting this month.
- Regular discussions at stakeholder forums and in 121s to continue. Create online/ accessible info on programme to increase transparency between updates.
- Developed proposals will be subject to full public consultation and appropriate implementation period if taken forward.