



# *Policy coherence across the food system: the EU experience*

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# Coherence and.... incoherence



# Let me tell you a story, about .....

- People



- Processes



- Problems



*...which all began in the aftermath of World War II*

# What shall we do?

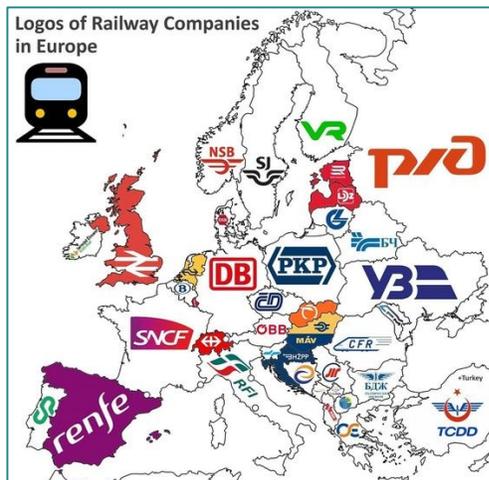
- « Recovery Programme? Great idea! »



- «How about more... European co-operation?»

# What shall we co-operate on?

- «Culture? – that's tricky»



- «Transport – let's wait a bit»



- «Common market – an ag pilot?»

# Food policy coherence in 1957 meant....

- «Farm productivity, stability & income»



- «Assured supplies»



- «Reasonable prices for consumers»



# Then things moved on.....

- Agri-environment downsides (mid 70's)



- Economic integration (mid 80's)

- Food safety scares (mid 90's)



- Financial & political consolidation (mid 00's)

# ...& since May 2020, coherent means systemic...

- Sustainability



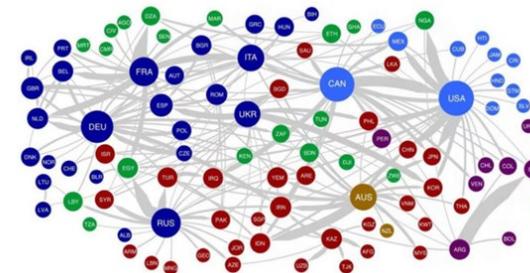
- Climate change

- Biodiversity



- Diet & Health

- Food security



- Resilience

In this story, the EU has “Come so far, yet...”



# Thank you



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