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Editorial

Europe is [reorienting](#) its security paradigms in response to the Ukraine crisis. Governments now urgently need instruments to create a new paradigm for food security and nutrition. In this newsletter, we zoom-in on public procurement as one such instrument.

We feature a [guest contribution](#) by the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) on public procurement's game-changing potential for food systems transformation and healthy diets. The freshly launched civil society [Buy Better Food campaign](#) shares its plans and an invitation to join the movement. You can also [relive EPHA's event of last week](#) that discussed the ins-and-outs of rolling out better school meals and canteens for all children in Europe.

To create a new paradigm, one needs both instruments and vision. Unfortunately, the prevailing vision of food security [remains too narrow](#), with all the policy risks this entails. This newsletter features a strong argument for a [planetary health angle](#) to food systems transition and the important role the medical community can play in that. We are also reminded that a move to sustainable food systems cannot turn a blind eye on [regulating alcohol](#).

I wish you a good read!



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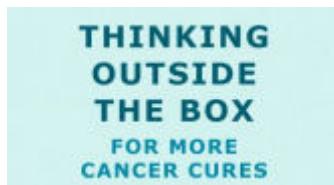
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