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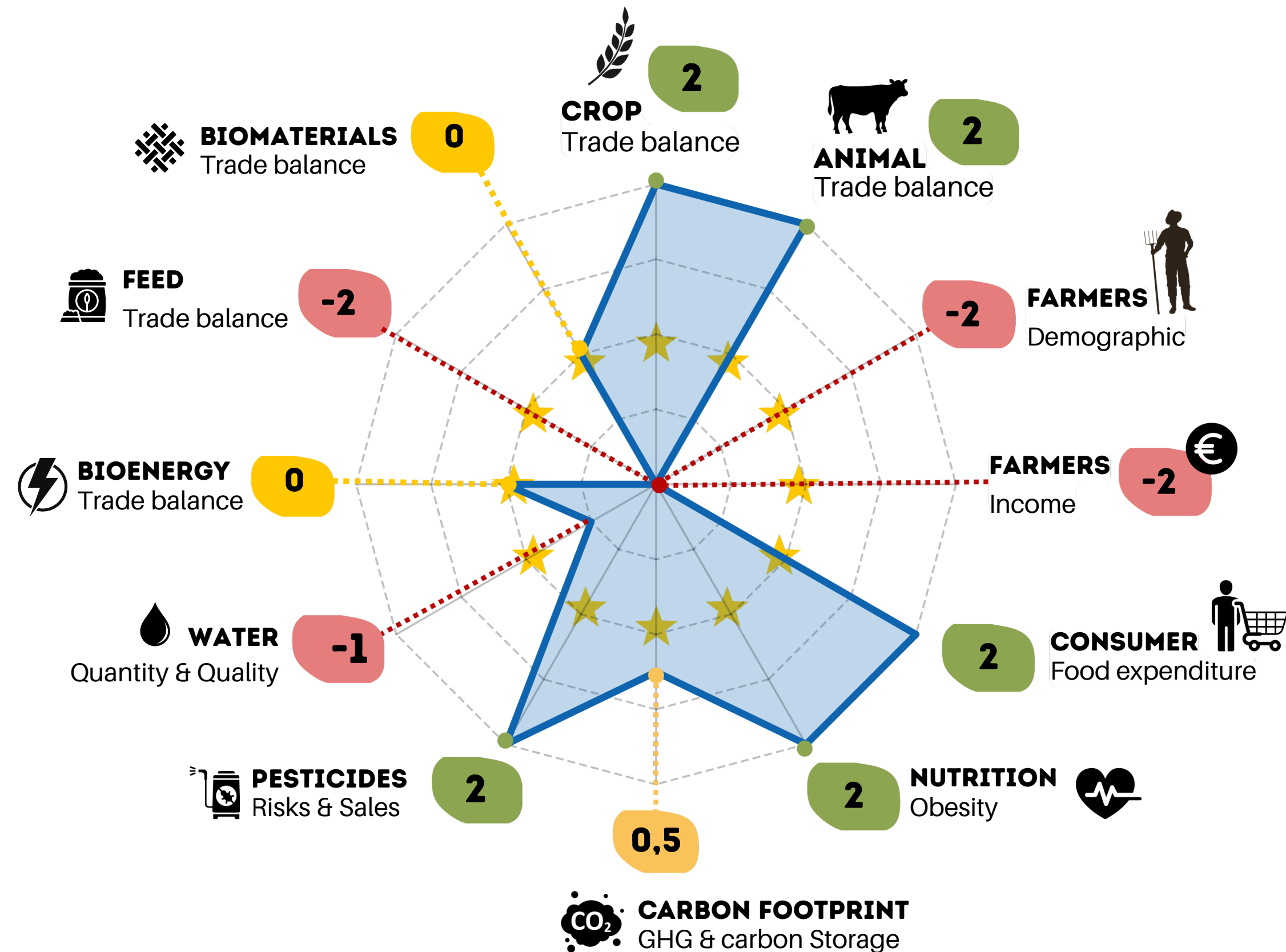
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The Sustainability and Sovereignty Radar of Food Systems: **an analytical tool that highlights ongoing dynamics and the health of the agricultural and food sector of the European Union** through 12 dynamic indicators and 12 status indicators.

- **The European Union remains an agricultural powerhouse**, with a positive trade balance for human food, in both plant and animal products. **Environmental transitions are underway**, with positive trends in environmental indicators, both in terms of the use of the most harmful phytosanitary products and emissions. The two main areas of concern remain the **socio-economic indicators** of
- European agriculture, with declining incomes and a restrictive policy that limits the capacity of European agriculture to meet the demand for animal **feed and raw materials** for the **bioeconomy**.

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BEYOND THE MEGA-TRENDS...

- A deterioration of **agricultural sovereignty indicators** in sectors traditionally strong for the European Union: cereals and meat.
- **Socio-economic indicators** continue to decline: a steady drop in agricultural incomes, despite a slight increase in the share of household budgets devoted to food.
- **Environmental indicators** continue to improve: production-related emissions are decreasing, and the shift in the structure of phytosanitary product sales is ongoing. However, the decline in livestock farming is leading to the loss of grasslands and the **release** of associated **carbon stocks**. Improvements in water quality are ongoing, but this challenge is now being replaced by the issue of **water availability**.
- The **contribution** to the **bioeconomy** shows **mixed results**: there is positive momentum in biogas production, but heavy import pressure on European biofuel production is undermining the EU's strategic autonomy in this area.

AN ANALYSIS OF RECENT DYNAMICS

