



Re-establishing the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste: update on process and timeline

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EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

- Established in 2016 in order to support achievement of the SDG 12.3 target on food waste and maximise the contribution of all actors (current mandate ends December 2021).
- The Council assessment (2020) recognises its contribution in both guiding work at EU level (e.g. Circular Economy Action Plan deliverables) and supporting implementation of effective food waste prevention in Member States.
- The Platform will be re-established for another 5-year term (2022-2026)
- New public call for expression of interest to renew membership of private sector organisations (June 2021) and invitations to public entities (Q4 2021).

Work and achievements over 5 years

Contribution to EU-level actions and projects to prevent food losses and food waste:

- ✓ EU food donation guidelines (2017)
- ✓ Guidelines for the feed use of food no longer intended for human consumption (2018)
- ✓ Common EU food waste measurement methodology (2019)
- ✓ EU pilot project -mapping food redistribution practices in the EU (2020)
- ✓ R&I projects (e.g. REFRESH Community of Experts)

Platform's own deliverables:

- ✓ Common evaluation framework for food waste prevention actions and a calculator for their impacts (2019)
- ✓ Redistribution of surplus food: Examples of practices in the Member States (2019)
- ✓ **Key recommendations for action in food waste prevention (2019)**

On-going/planned work

- Contribute to on-going and future projects of the Commission in the areas of food waste measurement, food donation, date marking etc.
- European Consumer Food Waste Forum (EP pilot project)
- [assess effectiveness](#) of food waste prevention initiatives (in collaboration with the Joint Research Centre)
- Monthly newsletter (launched March 2020)
- EU Food Loss and Waste Prevention Hub website (launch in 2021)
- Support actors in taking action to fight food waste (e.g. Horizon Europe, grants through Single Market Programme)
- Platform's activity report (end 2021)

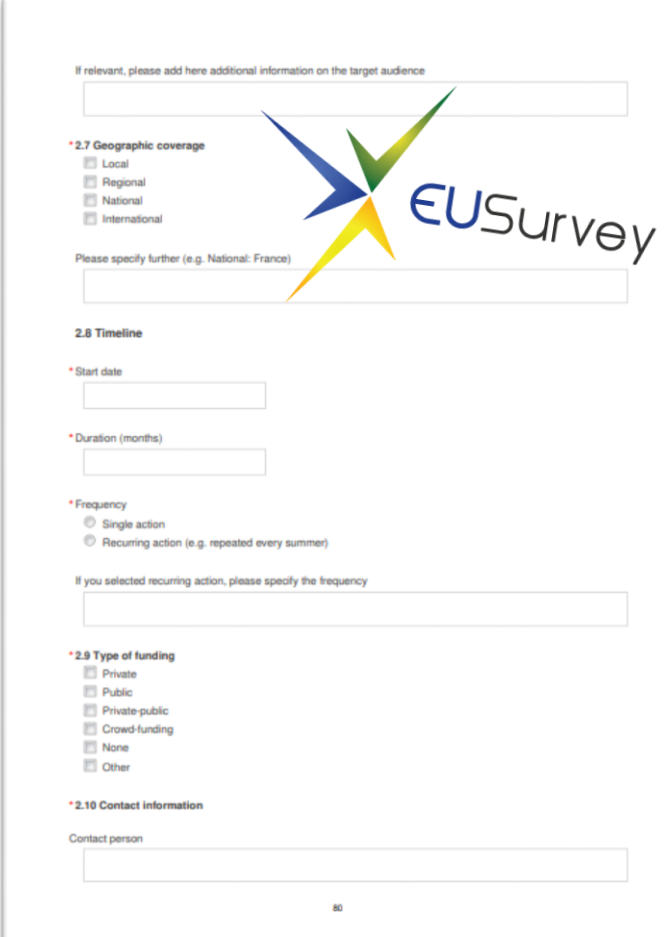
Taking stock of the Platform's achievements

The Commission will seek members' views on:

1. The role, operations and deliverables of the current Platform
2. Implementation of the key recommendations for action

Information collected through **an on-line survey** sent to all Platform members

Findings will inform the re-establishment of the Platform and its future work programme as well as preparation of an **activity report** to help transfer knowledge and learning gained.



If relevant, please add here additional information on the target audience

***2.7 Geographic coverage**

Local

Regional

National

International

Please specify further (e.g. National: France)

2.8 Timeline

*** Start date**

*** Duration (months)**

*** Frequency**

Single action

Recurring action (e.g. repeated every summer)

If you selected recurring action, please specify the frequency

***2.9 Type of funding**

Private

Public

Private-public

Crowd-funding

None

Other

***2.10 Contact information**

Contact person

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Indicative timeline

Discussion with the A&I sub-group	25 February
EU Survey (1) on the role and operations of the Platform	15 March – 15 April
EU Survey (2) on state of play - Platform recommendations for action	15 March – 31 May
Drafting the Terms of Reference and the Call for applications	May
Call for applications open	June
Drafting and discussion on the Platform activity report and discussion with the A&I sub-group	September/October
Gathering input from Platform members and finalising the activity report	November/December
Final Platform meeting	November/December
Publication of list of members and establishment of new Platform	Q4 2021

Thank you



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