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**Mandate of sub-group established under the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste to support EU activities on measurements of food waste.**

## 1. Background

As provided for in the Terms of Reference of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (FLW) and its Rules of Procedure, the Chair of the Platform may set up sub-groups for the purpose of examining specific questions on the basis of terms of reference defined by the Platform. At the inaugural meeting of the EU Platform on FLW, it was agreed that a subgroup would be established in order to support the Commission's work in relation to measurement of FLW, as laid down in the Circular Economy Action Plan.

## 2. Objectives

The sub-group on measurements of food losses and food waste will support the Commission's work by contributing to:

- 1) the analysis of conditions for a common EU monitoring and reporting framework enabling reporting on food waste amounts as envisaged in the legislative proposal amending the Waste Framework Directive<sup>1</sup> (currently under negotiation) as well as enabling reporting to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3 target<sup>2</sup> (in cooperation with FAO);
- 2) the development of indicators on food waste, which could be used to effectively monitor implementation of food waste prevention policies;
- 3) the identification of data sets, data collection practices and experiences existing in Member States in relation to measurement of food loss and waste in all sectors of the food supply chain and sharing them with Platform members;
- 4) the discussion of the feasibility and technical possibility of monitoring of food loss and/or resource flow in agro-food industries in the EU.

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<sup>1</sup> COM(2015) 595 final - 2015/0275(COD)

<sup>2</sup> SDG 12.3: “By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses”

### 3. Principal tasks

- 3.1. "*Monitoring of food waste – outline to methodology*": provide input and comments to the document on food waste measurement which could constitute a basis for an implementing act setting reporting requirements on food waste<sup>3</sup>.
- 3.2. Exchange information with UN Agencies concerning proposed monitoring of SDG 12.3 target in order to align future reporting obligations.
- 3.3. Analyse existing tools, studies and reports concerning monitoring of food losses in primary production in view of possible harmonisation of such monitoring at EU level.
- 3.4. Information sharing on food loss and waste measurement activities in Member States (including food loss in primary production) including specific initiatives of actors in the food value chain: provide information and input on national/sectorial measurement activities, recent studies and reports and guidelines in view of their sharing with Platform members and publication on the "resource library" section<sup>4</sup> of the Commission's food waste website.

### 4. Invited participants

Based on feedback received from members of the Platform on FLW as well as earlier stakeholder efforts and proven experience in the area of food waste measurement, the Commission invites the following Platform members to participate in the work of the sub-group on food donations:

- Public entities:

Member States (13): BE, DE, DK, ES, FR, IT, IE, LV, NL, RO, SE, SK

Other public entities (1): FAO

- Private sector organisations (10): COPA, Europatat, EuroCommerce, FoodDrinkEurope (FDE), FoodServiceEurope, HOTREC Hospitality Europe, Matvett, SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden, WRAP, Zero Waste Scotland

### 5. Overall timeline and working procedures

The sub-group on measurements of food losses and food waste will support the Platform's work in this area for the duration of its mandate (i.e. until end 2019).

The sub-group is expected to meet twice a year (in addition to the Platform's plenary meetings) and will also provide comments and input on written documents related to the tasks outlined in paragraph 3.

The working language for sub-group meetings will be English.

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<sup>3</sup> See Art 9(4) as proposed in COM(2015) 595 final

<sup>4</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food\\_waste/library\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste/library_en)

The scope and duration of the mandate of the sub-group may be reviewed following final adoption of the amended Waste Framework Directive by European Council and European Parliament.