



# Re-establishing the EU Platform on FLW and assessing progress made in implementing the key recommendations for action

*Action & implementation sub-group, 25 February 2021*

# 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
- 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 FW prevention in Member States
- Its mandate ends in December 2021
- The Platform will be re-established for another 5-year term (2022-2026)
- New public call for expression of interest of private sector organisations: June 2021 (indicative date)

# Work and achievements over 5 years

The EU Platform has contributed to EU-level actions 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)
- ✓ Mapping food redistribution practices in the EU (2020)

# Work and achievements over 5 years

The EU Platform developed its own deliverables and has contributed to various projects and initiatives, among which:

- 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)**

Contributions to the work of the Commission and other relevant projects (e.g. REFRESH Community of Experts)

# Other actions

- Monthly newsletter (launched March 2020)
- EU Food Loss and Waste Prevention Hub website (launch in 2021)
- Contribute to on-going and future projects of the Commission in the areas of food waste measurement, food donation, date marking etc.

# Taking stock of the Platform's achievements

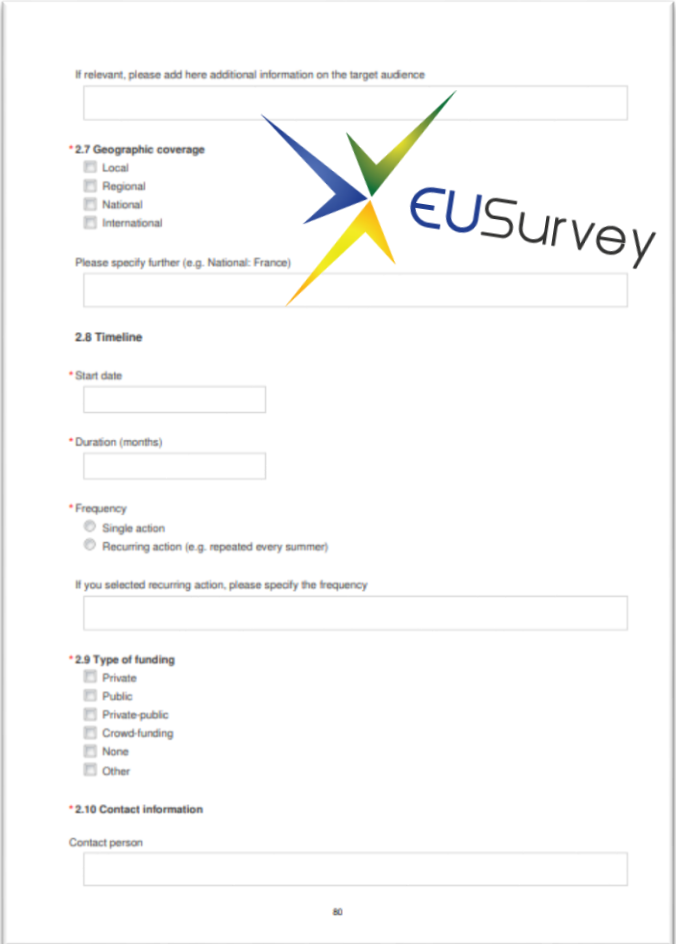
The Commission will seek members' views on:

1. The role, operations and deliverables of the current Platform

2. How the key recommendations for action have been used on ground

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

The information will inform the re-establishment of the Platform and its future work programme



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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# Questions for the survey

## Roles and objectives

- Contribution of the Platform to your work
- The most important aspects that the new Platform should focus on
- Ways to strengthen the new Platform's contribution to EU food loss and waste prevention work

## Structure and membership

- Relevance of the 4 sub-groups and other possible topics
- Type of key actors who should be involved in the new Platform

## Operations

- Format/frequency
- Communication media
- Questions on the Digital Network

## Impacts and contribution

- New deliverables/projects for the new Platform
- The role of Platform recommendations in driving action
- Results achieved from implementing the recommendations
- Gaps/areas of opportunity

# An activity report to transfer knowledge

Survey findings will help inform the Platform's **activity report**, focusing on:

## The Platform's achievements

- Narrative section on its most important projects and deliverables
- Approx. 2 pages

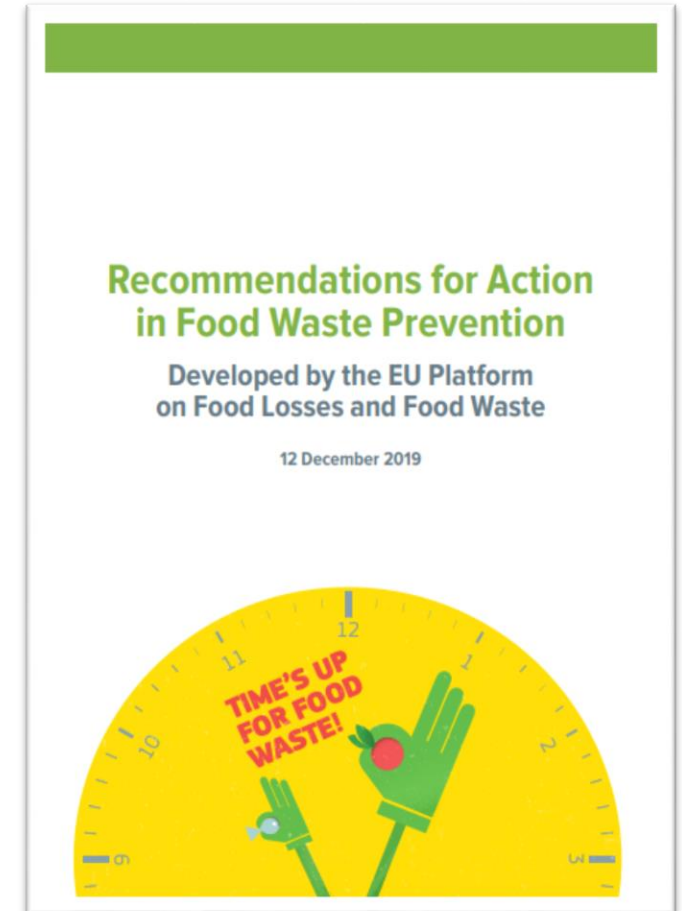
## Actions with big impacts

- Top common actions indicated by Platform members as most effective
- Lessons learned during their implementation
- Other recommendations for action



# Key recommendations for action in food waste prevention

- address action required by public and private players at each stage of the food supply chain (including food redistribution)
- include a set of horizontal or ‘cross-cutting’ recommendations, common across various stages of the food value chain
- reflect the contribution, knowledge and experience of some 70 organisations
- **follow-up** on the recommendations?



# How did Member States implement the Platform's recommendations for action?

- The majority have developed or are in the process of developing **national plans or strategies**, although only around half of them have set **targets**
- Almost half are integrating food loss and waste prevention in **policy areas** (in addition to waste, e.g. agriculture, circular economy...)
- **Climate action** is a big area of opportunity which should be further explored
- Most have put in place structured processes to **consult the different sectors and stakeholders** (e.g. platforms, voluntary agreements...)
- For most, implementation of food waste **monitoring is ongoing** and few have carried out studies to gather data on **food losses in primary production**

Source: Council assessment (2020)

# How did Member States implement the Platform's recommendations for action?

- Very few have carried out work to **assess the effectiveness and efficiency** of their food loss and waste prevention initiatives
- All Member States have carried out **awareness raising initiatives**. Many use **school education programmes** to promote food waste reduction and prevention with few organising **professional training**
- While the majority took actions to facilitate **consumer understanding** of the meaning of **date marking**, only a third of Member States promoted more consistent use of date marking by **food business operators**
- Half of Member States use fiscal instruments to **incentivise** food waste prevention and two-thirds provide **financial (and other) support** to help players take action in their operations (e.g. R&I, training)

Source: Council assessment (2020)

# Follow-up on the Platform recommendations

Focus on **results!** Input through:

## The survey:

- Which recommendations brought the best results? (Max. 2)
- What were the lessons learned?
- Any other actions that worked and are not covered by the Platform recommendations? Any critical gaps in the recommendations?

## Discussion at meetings:

- First discussion with the A&I sub-group (25 February)
- Dedicated discussion at Platform plenary meeting (18 March)

# Indicative timeline

<b>Discussion with the A&amp;I sub-group</b>	25 February
<b>Finalising the survey with input from the A&amp;I sub-group</b>	By 4 March
<b>Gathering information from Platform members through EU Survey</b>	9 March – 2 April
<b>Discussion on the implementation of Platform recommendations</b>	18 March
<b>Analysis of replies received through the survey</b>	April
<b>Drafting the Terms of Reference and the Call for applications</b>	May
<b>Call for applications open</b>	June
<b>Drafting the Platform activity report</b>	June - September
<b>Discussion on the activity report with the A&amp;I sub-group</b>	September/October
<b>Gathering input from Platform members on the activity report</b>	November
<b>Launch of the activity report and establishment of the new Platform</b>	December

# Thank you



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