



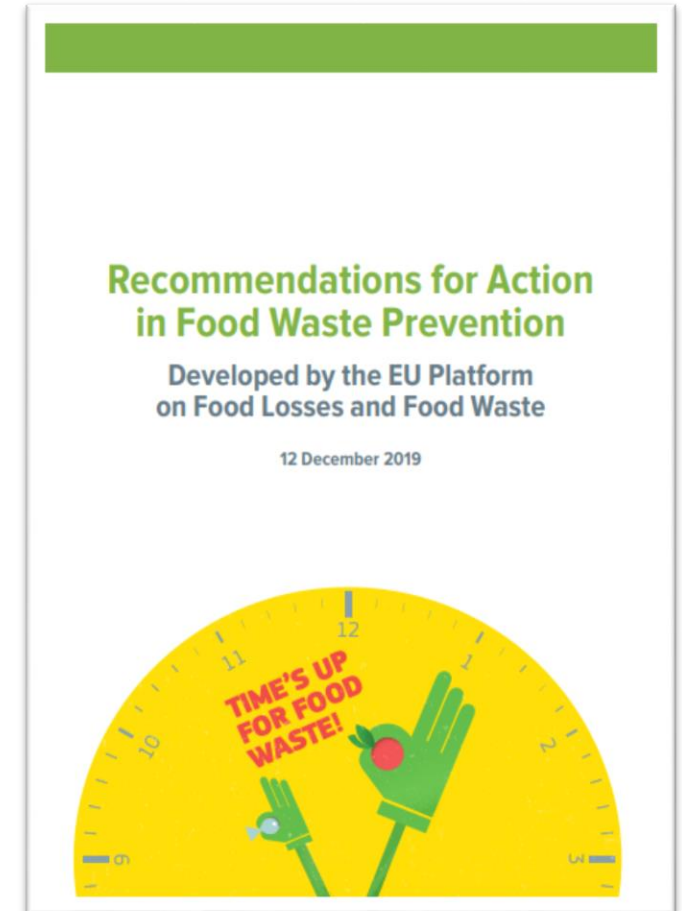
How has the Platform and its recommendations supported your work on the ground?

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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?



Learning from the progress assessment vs 2016 Council Conclusions on Food Losses and Food Waste

- Recognises **contribution of EU Platform on FLW** in both guiding work at EU level (e.g. Circular Economy Action Plan deliverables) and supporting implementation of effective FW prevention in Member States
- Member States benefit from **sharing information, experience**, strategies, tools and results as well as **exchanging views** on how best to address key issues
- EU Platform « **Recommendations for Action** » have triggered and guided further action on the ground

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?

- 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**
- Very few have carried out work to **assess the effectiveness and efficiency** of their food loss and waste prevention initiatives
- 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: state of play

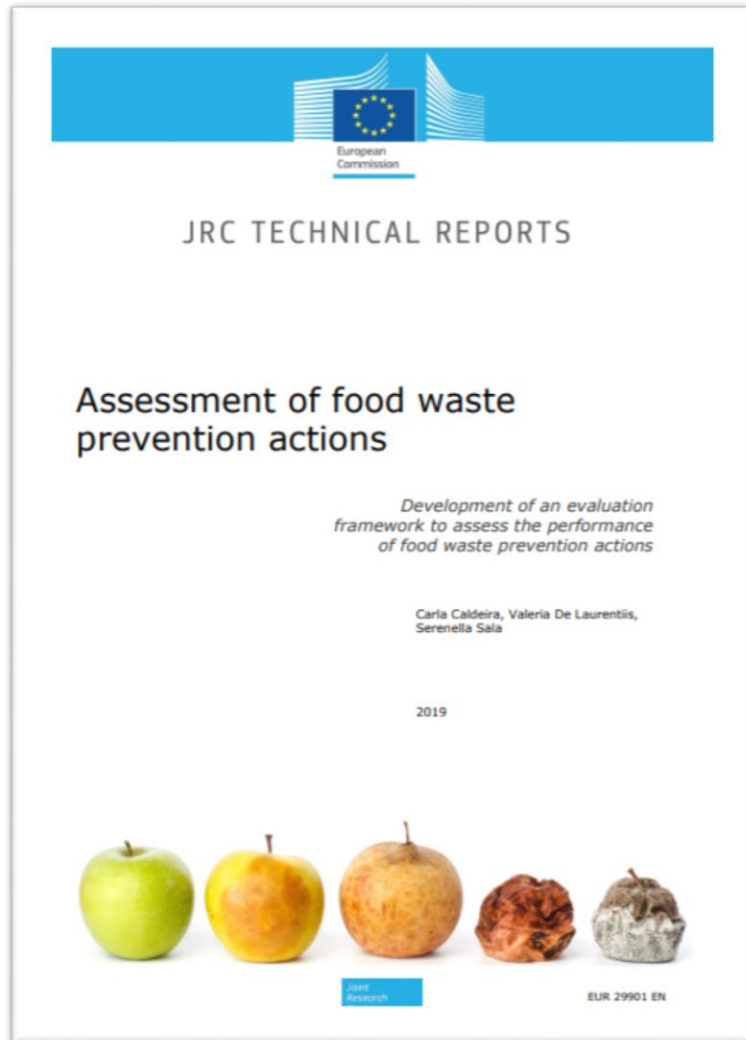
- First discussion with the Action& Implementation sub-group (25 February)
- Dedicated discussion with rapporteurs (10 March)

Input on the **role of the key recommendations for action** and **the degree to which they have been implemented** will be collected through the EU survey (2nd part)

Deadline to reply: 31 May 2021

An **activity report** of the **EU Platform**, to be prepared by end 2021, would include an overview of the status of the recommendations for action.

Follow-up on the Platform recommendations: results



- Assess how the recommendations have contributed to food waste reduction
- Integrate with 2nd exercise to assess effectiveness of food waste prevention initiatives (in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre: launch Q3/Q4 2021)
- Refine common evaluation framework for food waste prevention actions and calculator to assess impacts (developed in 2018-2019)

Thank you



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