

COMMISSION EXPERT GROUP ON FOOD LOSSES & FOOD WASTE

DG HEALTH AND CONSUMERS

1st meeting

Brussels, Centre Borschette, meeting room AB-4B

7 November 2014 – From 10:00 to 17:00

AGENDA

Chaired by Mrs Chantal Bruetschy, Head of Unit Innovation and Sustainability

- 10:00 - 10:15** **1. Welcome & adoption of agenda**
- 10:15 - 10:45** **2. Mandate and organisation of work of Member State expert Working Group on Food Losses & Food Waste**
- Discuss and agree proposed Terms of Reference
- 10:45 - 12:00** **3. Discussion with Member States regarding priority areas to be addressed by expert working group**
- Taking stock of programmes in place at national level to reduce food waste, Member States will be invited to present suggested priority areas to be addressed at EU level.
 - Member States are invited to provide input regarding: areas where action is required to identify and remove barriers leading to food waste; added value of coordination at EU level without duplication of efforts; how to foster exchange of best practices and build synergies in food waste prevention.
- 12:00 - 13:00** **3.1. How to support awareness raising and engagement in food waste prevention**
- Member States views on how awareness raising and engagement can be enhanced at national level amongst all actors including

consumers; how to build synergies as well as the possible role/contribution of EU initiatives

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch

14:30 - 15:30

3.2. Date marking and food waste prevention

- Update by DG SANCO and discussion with Member States on how to simplify and promote better understanding of EU date marking rules
- Consider with Member States how to promote best practices amongst food business operators and optimise supply chain management with respect to date marking

15:30 - 16:30

3.3. How to facilitate donation of surplus food to food banks

- Update from DG SANCO regarding feedback from stakeholders on obstacles encountered and possible value of EU-wide guidelines on food donation (eg food hygiene, traceability, VAT etc...)
- Discuss practices in Member States and possible opportunity for EU action in this area

16:30 - 17:00

Conclusions and next steps