

**COMMISSION EXPERT GROUP ON FOOD LOSSES & FOOD WASTE**

**DG HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY**

**1<sup>st</sup> meeting**

*Brussels, Centre Borschette, meeting room AB-2B*

*24 April 2015 – From 10:00 to 17:00*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

*Chaired by Ms Chantal Bruetschy, Head of Unit Innovation and Sustainability,  
DG Health and Food Safety (SANTE)*

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| <b>10:00 - 10:15</b> | <b>1. Welcome &amp; adoption of agenda</b>   |
| <b>10:15 – 10:30</b> | <b>2. Matters arising from the last meeting</b>  |
| <b>10:30 - 10:45</b> | <b>3. Update by the Chair regarding Circular Economy package</b>   |
| <b>10:45 - 13:00</b> | <b>4. Discussion with Member States regarding measurement and monitoring of food waste at national level</b> |
- Overview of FP7 project FUSIONS<sup>1</sup> (Food Use for Social Innovation by Optimising Waste Prevention Strategies) by project co-ordinator, Toine Timmermans
  - Presentation and discussion regarding FUSIONS' work related to:
    - food waste definitions framework
    - current estimations/data regarding food waste in the EU
    - proposed manual to support quantification of food waste at national level.
- Documents will be pre-circulated to meeting participants*
- Update by ESTAT regarding voluntary data collection on food waste by MS (food waste "plug in")

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.eu-fusions.org/>

- Member States are invited to provide input/present organisation and programmes in place to measure food waste at national level.

*(For planning purposes, please contact DG SANTE if you would like to contribute to this agenda item).*

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch

14:30 - 15:30

#### **5. Date marking and food waste prevention**

- Update by DG SANTE and MS on ongoing work
- Presentations of recent research carried out in the Netherlands and Sweden/Nordic Countries
  - Netherlands: [Wageningen UR - Study on date marking and food waste, 2013](#) 
  - [Nordic Council of Ministers – Date labelling in the Nordic Countries: practice of legislation, 2015](#); Dr. techn. Ole Jørgen Hanssen, Östfoldforskning Norway
- Discussion with MS regarding next steps

15:30 - 16:00

#### **6. How to facilitate donation of surplus food to food banks**

- Update by DG SANTE and MS on ongoing work
- Presentation of recent research carried out by Nordic Council of Ministers
  - [Nordic Council of Ministers - Food Redistribution in the Nordic Region: experiences and results from a pilot study, 2015](#); Dr. techn. Ole Jørgen Hanssen, Östfoldforskning Norway
- Discussion with MS regarding next steps

16:00 - 16:30

#### **7. Future initiatives, events and outreach on food waste Prevention**

- Update by DG SANTE and MS on future initiatives including:
  - Interdepartmental Working Group on Food Losses of Flanders (Belgium) - Flemish Food Chain Roadmap 2020

- "No more food to waste" – Global action to stop food losses and food waste – 16-19 June, 2015, The Hague, NL
- "Fight Food Waste, Feed the Planet" – 15 October - EXPO 2015, European Commission

**16:30 - 17:00**

**8. Conclusions and next steps**