

Update on Circular Economy Action Plan: EU food waste prevention initiatives

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Waste legislation – state of play

- Provisions on food waste are one of the elements of COM proposal to <u>revise Waste Framework Directive</u> (COM(2015)595 final)
- New obligations for Member States:
 - reduce food waste generation at each stage in the food supply chain (primary production, processing/manufacturing, retail/other food distribution, restaurants and food services, households)
 - Monitor food waste levels, based on common EU methodology, and report (on a biennial basis).



Waste legislation – negotiations

- Proposal is subject to ordinary legislative procedure (former "co-decision") – i.e. Council and Parliament are co-legislators
- Negotiations at political and technical levels involving Council, Parliament and Commission, started on 30 May and are ongoing, with the aim to agree final text by end 2017



Waste legislation – negotiations

- Main issues under discussion on food waste are European Parliament's amendments proposing:
 - a definition of food waste;
 - aspirational EU food waste reduction targets;
 - a task for the Commission to evaluate the possibility and propose binding food waste reduction targets in the future.
- Final outcome is expected to have a significant impact on future food waste policy in EU.



Food waste measurement

- Preparation of methodology on monitoring of food waste is on-going. However, it can only be finalised once the negotiations on the Waste Framework Directive are completed, in particular definition of food waste.
- Meanwhile, sub-group on food waste measurement met on 25 September to discuss stakeholders' current practices on food waste measurement as well as related work of Commission services (Eurostat, DG JRC).
- **Letter of intent** confirms strengthened cooperation between COM and FAO: monitoring of SDG 12.3.



Food Donation

- <u>EU guidelines</u> adopted on World Food Day and published in all EU languages.
- Subgroup on food donation (25.10.2017):
 - Preparation of document illustrating <u>practices in Member States</u>
 - ⇒ <u>Call for contributions</u> from all Platform members (initial input by end 2017; final document by end 2018))
 - New EFSA mandate for 2nd scientific opinion on hazard analysis approaches for certain small retail establishments including possible additional hazards related to food donation activities.
 <u>Timeline</u> (30.09.2018)



Food Donation

- Subgroup on food donation (25.10.2017):
 - <u>Update on FEAD</u> (DG EMPL) and support for food donation/food waste prevention; presentation of FoodCloud digital food redistribution network
 - Recovery/redistribution of <u>agricultural/farming surplus</u> (case studies: France - Restaurants du Cœur, SOLAAL; Italy)
 - Update on implementation of <u>digital tools</u>



EP Pilot Project on 'food redistribution'

- Overall aim: support redistribution of safe surplus food in the Member States
- Task 1: map and analyse existing regulatory and policy measures impacting food redistribution in all EU Member States
- Task 2: mapping of existing operational frameworks in all EU Member States (strengths and weaknesses)



EP Pilot Project on 'food redistribution'

Task 3: dissemination and stakeholders dialogue on the EU guidelines on food donation – starting in 2019

⇒ activities to be carried out in partnership with Platform members

- Task 4: stakeholders' feedback on the EU guidelines
- Timetable: 2017-2020



Sub-group 'action and implementation'

• First meeting: 25 October 2017

Objectives:

- Share best practices, information and learning related to food waste prevention
- Contribute to design tools for effective information sharing
- Contribute to monitoring of evidence-based progress
- Facilitate inter-sectorial cooperation
- Identify areas of intervention to prevent food waste



Sub-group 'action and implementation'

- The group recommended/agreed:
 - the **development** of an easy-to-use reporting tool for key initiatives/strategies in food waste prevention, with focus on learning and results achieved
 - to focus on "directions for change', ie recommendations for action by all players which could be targeted for instance to 3 key sectors: government, industry, consumers;
 - Roadmap outlining key milestones and deliverables of this sub-group to be achieved by 2019



Green Public Procurement Criteria for food and catering services

- Scope: food and catering services + vending machines
- <u>Criteria</u> proposed for different stages of the procurement process (e.g. technical specifications; award criteria)
- Tenderer shall have <u>written procedures describing best</u> <u>practices</u> for preventing the generation of food waste

<u>Timetable</u>:

- Stakeholders' written consultation on 3rd draft technical report closed
- Conclusion foreseen for early 2018



The Digital network: objectives

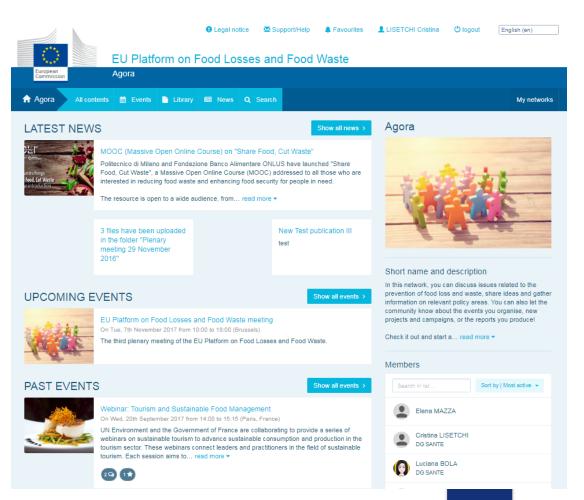
Facilitate on-going exchange of information and mutual learning between Platform members

Facilitate the on-going work of the Platform and its sub-groups

Streamline communication between the Commission and the Platform



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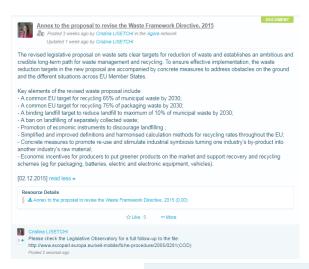
Online tool to support the work of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

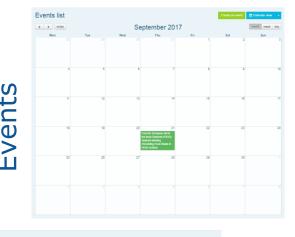
Main discussion areas:

- ✓ AGORA
- ✓ Date marking
- √ Food donation
- ✓ Food waste measurement
- ✓ Action & implementation

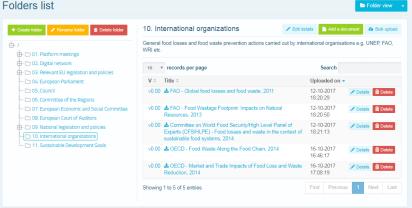


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The food resources being lost and wasted in Europe would be enough to feed all the hungry people in the world two times over (European Commission 2015).



88 million waste a vear produced by FU-28





€143 billion estimated financial



70%

EU food waste arises at household foodservices & retail sector



47 million tonnes food waste contributed by household section

Across the globe, nearly 30% of food is wasted throughout the agrifood supply chain. According to the latest data 70% of the EU food waste arises in household, food service and retail sectors

Popular Resources



Missing Food, Missing Data? A Critical Review of Global Food Losses and Food Waste Data



Procedure for handling the food for charity, approved by the Order of Director of SFVS No. B1-678 of 26 August 2016





Understanding "Best Before" and "Use By" Dates on Food Labelling

An **online platform** to:

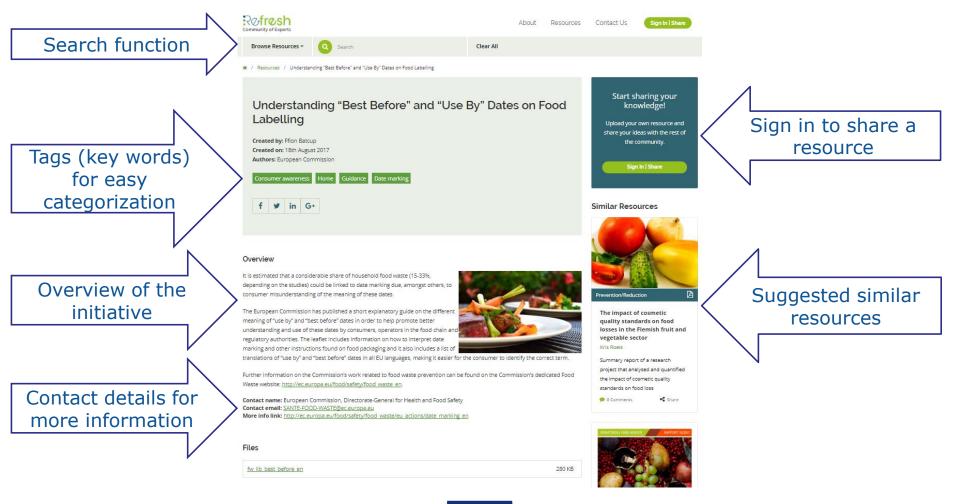
- find and share information and best practice on food waste prevention
- connect with experts

A growing library of resources

Open to **all** interested stakeholders

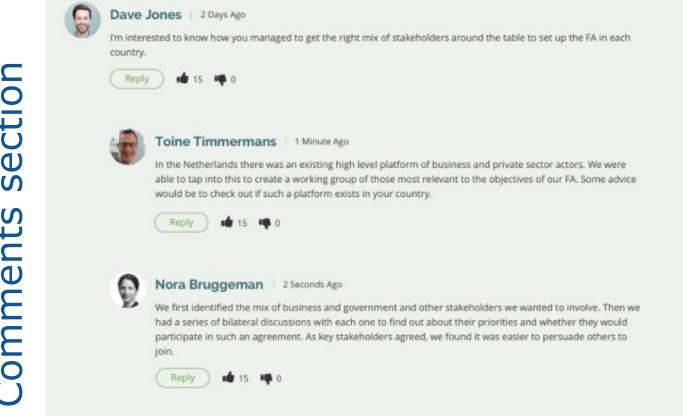


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Future Platform meetings

- Sub-groups:
 - Next meetings: February/March 2018

- 2018 Plenary meetings:
 - 24 May in context of AgroBalt Fair, Vilnius
 - November/December (tbc)



Thank you