



Update on the digital tools to support the work of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (FLW)

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EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

- **The Digital network of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (FLW)**
- **REFRESH Community of Experts**



The EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

The EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (FLW) is an initiative of the European Commission dedicated to the prevention of food losses and waste. The Platform has been established as part of the Commission's Circular Economy Action Plan in order to support the achievement of the global Sustainable Development Goal (12.3) target on food waste which calls on all nations to halve food waste and reduce food loss by 2030. The Platform aims to support all actors in: defining measures needed to prevent food waste; sharing best practice; and evaluating progress made over time.

If you wish to find out more information on the work of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste, please visit the Commission's dedicated Food Waste dedicated [website](#). Further information on the Commission's work on food waste prevention can also be found [here](#).

The digital network of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

The digital network has been established to facilitate information exchange between Platform members and is therefore restricted to Platform members only.

If you are a member of the EU Platform on FLW, please click on the button here below to access the digital network. In order to access/request access to your network, you will first need an [EU login](#).

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The Digital network: objectives



Facilitate on-going exchange of info 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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- Restricted access to Platform members only
- Users are required to register via EU Login
- No functional mailboxes

The structure of the Digital network

- *Different networks, according to different topics:*

AGORA

Date marking

Thematic network

Food donation

Food waste measurement

Action and implementation

Platform subgroups

- *Quick access to REFRESH CoE for sharing best practice*

The screenshot displays the website's navigation and content structure. At the top, there are utility links for 'Legal notice', 'Support/Help', 'Favourites', 'US&TCH: Cristina', 'Logout', and 'English (en)'. The main navigation bar includes 'Home', 'About us', 'Platform members', 'Working methods', and 'Tutorials'. The page is divided into several sections:

- Access a Network:** Features the 'AGORA' network, described as a space for discussing food loss and waste prevention issues. It includes a 'Participate' button and an 'Access granted' status.
- Thematic networks:** Shows the 'Date Marking' network, which aims to engage stakeholders on food labeling. It also has a 'Participate' button and 'Access granted' status.
- EU Platform Sub-groups:** Lists two subgroups:
 - Food donation:** Supports EU policies for food donation, including guidelines and policy development.
 - Food waste measurement:** Supports the Commission's work on measuring food losses and waste, including data collection and policy development.
- Action and Implementation:** A subgroup supporting EU efforts to fight food waste and progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 12.3.
- Announcements:** A sidebar with 'Save-the-date' for various events, including a sub-group action and implementation in October and a platform plenary meeting in November.
- Refresh Community of Experts:** A section encouraging users to 'Start sharing your knowledge and experience!' and upload resources.

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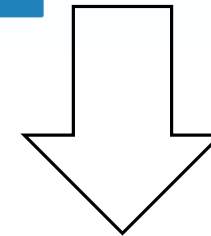
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General food losses and food waste prevention actions carried out by international organisations e.g. UNEP, FAO, WRI etc.

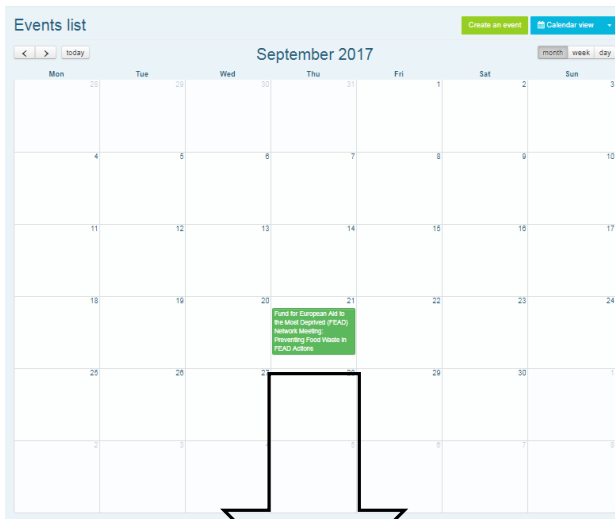
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Annex to the proposal to revise the Waste Framework Directive, 2015 DOCUMENT

 Posted 3 weeks ago by **Cristina LISETCHI** in the *Agora network*
Updated 1 week ago by *Cristina LISETCHI*

The revised legislative proposal on waste sets clear targets for reduction of waste and establishes an ambitious and credible long-term path for waste management and recycling. To ensure effective implementation, the waste reduction targets in the new proposal are accompanied by concrete measures to address obstacles on the ground and the different situations across EU Member States.

Key elements of the revised waste proposal include:


- A common EU target for recycling 65% of municipal waste by 2030;
- A common EU target for recycling 75% of packaging waste by 2030;
- A binding landfill target to reduce landfill to maximum of 10% of municipal waste by 2030;
- A ban on landfilling of separately collected waste;
- Promotion of economic instruments to discourage landfilling ;
- Simplified and improved definitions and harmonised calculation methods for recycling rates throughout the EU;
- Concrete measures to promote re-use and stimulate industrial symbiosis turning one industry's by-product into another industry's raw material;
- Economic incentives for producers to put greener products on the market and support recovery and recycling schemes (eg for packaging, batteries, electric and electronic equipment, vehicles).

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Action and implementation sub-group meeting EVENT Planned
On Wed, 25th October 2017 from 10:00 to 13:00 (Albert Borschette building, 36 rue Froissart, Brussels)
Posted 1 month ago by Cristina LISETCHI in the Action and implementation network
Updated 6 days ago by Cristina LISETCHI

The first meeting of the sub-group established under the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste to focus on the action and implementation of food waste prevention and reduction initiatives.

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Food donation sub-group meeting EVENT Planned
On Wed, 25th October 2017 from 14:30 to 17:30 (Albert Borschette building, 36 rue Froissart, Brussels)
Posted 1 month ago by Cristina LISETCHI in the Food donation network
Updated 1 week ago by Cristina LISETCHI

The second meeting of the sub-group established under the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste to support EU activities on food donation.

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EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste meeting EVENT Planned
On Tue, 7th November 2017 from 10:00 to 18:00 (Jacques Delors building, 99-101 Rue Belliard, Brussels)
Posted 1 month ago by Cristina LISETCHI in the Agora network
Updated 2 weeks ago by Cristina LISETCHI

The third plenary meeting of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste.

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Member information

Role within the organisation Moderator of the Digital network of the EU Platform on FLW

Organisation details

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Country -European Institutions staff-

Sector Government

Type European institution

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Contact other Platform members and check their latest work in food waste prevention on their personal profile



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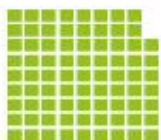
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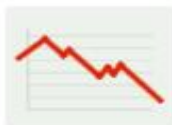
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€1.4 billion
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Fresh Demo project
Kate Bygrave

Salinas Valley in the USA in a day



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STREFOWA goes to ECOMONDO 2017 Expo!

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Objectives of REFRESH Community of Experts



Share best practice



Enable replication



Host tools and resources



Promote cross-sector collaboration

...to address the topic of food waste along the whole food supply chain

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- Users must create an account before uploading resources

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Created by: Ffion Batcup
Created on: 18th August 2017
Authors: European Commission

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Overview

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EUFIC Food Today article "Let's reduce food waste" (11 languages)

Christina Sadler

EUFIC's Food Today article gives an overview of the problem of food waste, highlighting initiatives to reduce it

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The impact of cosmetic

Structure of a resource

- *Easy categorization of resources through tags*
- *Media: photos, videos, links, files*
- *Contact information available for further details on the resource*
- *Similar resources suggestions*



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Dave Jones | 2 Days Ago

I'm interested to know how you managed to get the right mix of stakeholders around the table to set up the FA in each country.

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Toine Timmermans | 1 Minute Ago

In the Netherlands there was an existing high level platform of business and private sector actors. We were able to tap into this to create a working group of those most relevant to the objectives of our FA. Some advice would be to check out if such a platform exists in your country.

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Nora Bruggeman | 2 Seconds Ago

We first identified the mix of business and government and other stakeholders we wanted to involve. Then we had a series of bilateral discussions with each one to find out about their priorities and whether they would participate in such an agreement. As key stakeholders agreed, we found it was easier to persuade others to join.

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



Food donation

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



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Norwegian Supermarkets and Food Waste



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Kris Roels
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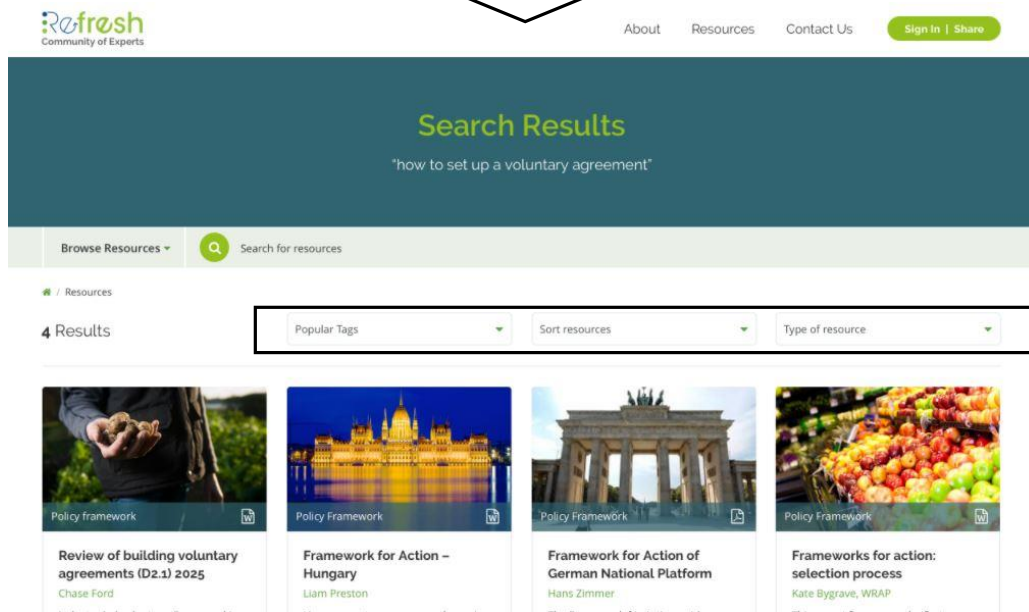
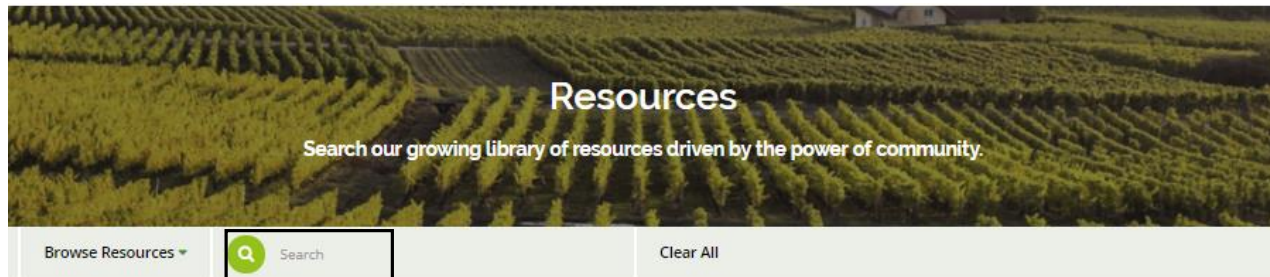
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