The work of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Waste

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1. Creation of the Platform
Fight Food Waste: no impact on safety of the food and feed chain

- Measure and monitor food waste
- EU Platform on food waste prevention
- EU guidelines to facilitate food donation
- Optimise safe use of food in feed
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking
- Raise awareness and engagement
  [http://ec.europa.eu/stop_food_waste](http://ec.europa.eu/stop_food_waste)
EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

Aims to support all actors in:
- monitoring progress towards SDG 12.3
- defining measures needed to prevent food waste
- fostering inter-sectorial cooperation and
- sharing best practice.

Members: Member States/EFTA countries, EU bodies and international organisations and actors in the food value chain. (37 private sector organisations selected following public call for applications)
2. Platform meetings
EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

Platform meeting – at least twice a year
- 29 November 2016
- 14 June 2017
- Next meeting in November 2017 (exact date to be confirmed)

Digital Platform in preparation
- Tool for exchange of information within the Platform (Members only)
- Integration with REFRESH Community of Experts (open for non-Members)
EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste – subgroups

• **Subgroup on Food Donation**
  - *Guidelines for food donation*

• **Subgroup on Food Waste Measurement**
  - *Outline for measurement of food waste in the amended Waste Directive*
  - *alignment with SDG*

• **Subgroup on Action and Implementation (proposed)**
  - *Exchange information and sharing best practices*
  - *Facilitating cooperation between the Members*
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Who should report on food waste?

- The obligation of the monitoring will be set on Member States - internal organization of monitoring is for them to decide.

- There is no EU level obligation to report of food waste amounts by each individual economic entity (but Member States may set such requirement).

- We do not intend to define method of data collection: surveys, administrative data, statistical estimations as well as their combination can be used.
Summary of the 1st meeting of the subgroup on food waste measurement

• Presentations by the Commission:
  • Comments to measurement document
  • Eurostat activity and results of plug-in exercise.

• Presentation by FAO: FAO activities on food waste measurement and SDG reporting

• Presentation by WRAP: Measuring Household Food Waste in the UK

• Discussions

Alignment with SDG 12.3

• Need for alignment with SDG 12.3 – Yes, but...
  o No methodology nor indicator to monitor SDG 12.3 are yet agreed.
  o It is likely that global methodology will be simpler but less accurate than the one needed for EU.

• We will continue the cooperation with global players and adapt as necessary.
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- Circular Economy Action Plan deliverables are on track; negotiations on waste legislation ongoing.

- Platform members are committed to exchange best practice, learning and experience.

- Community of Experts can facilitate outreach and exchange with non-members.
Thank you for your attention