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