Monitoring of food waste – development and current draft of the delegated act

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Development of monitoring of food waste

- **December 2015** – *Circular Economy Package presented by the Commission*
- **November 2016** – outline document on food waste monitoring presented to the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste
- **March 2017** – *European Parliament proposed amendments to the directive – including food waste definition and targets*
- **June 2017** – 2nd draft of outline document presented to the Platform
• December 2017 – political agreement on Waste Directive reached

• February 2018 – 3rd draft of the outline document sent to Platform

• March 2018 – 1st draft of the delegated act sent to Expert Group on Food Losses and Food Waste. 1st meeting of the Expert Group

• May 2018 – 2nd draft of the delegated act sent
Legal procedure of adoption of delegated act on measurement of food waste

- **No Committee, but Expert Group (on Food Losses and Food Waste)**

- **Adoption by the Commission only - no Member States' voting on the draft**

- **But, scrutiny period for both Council and Parliament**
Main elements of the delegated act

Definitions
- No new definitions, but recalling relevant definitions from other legislation (Waste Directive, General Food Law)

Monitoring obligation
- Separate monitoring for 5 stages of food supply chain, as mentioned in Waste Directive
- Separate monitoring for food waste to waste treatment and food waste to sewer
Exclusions

• Based on food definition (e.g. water, packaging):
• Based on practical reasons (e.g. waste from street cleaning)

Cost efficient monitoring

• Detailed analysis at least once every 4 years
• Annual reporting of estimated amounts (based on results of detailed analysis and available socio-economic data)
Quality requirements

- Provide to the Commission the information about the way the data have been collected and estimated.

Annexes

- Annex I – boundaries of stages of food supply chain
- Annex II – recommended methods to for detailed analysis of food waste
- Annex III – codes of list of waste which are likely including food waste
Main changes in comparison to 1st draft

- **4 Year transition period for reporting of non-households food discarded to the sewer** – new art 7

- **Clarification concerning frequency of detailed analysis** – "rolling" studies allowed – art 5.2 and 5.3

- **Minor clarifications and adaptations of wording**
Provisional Timeframe for the further work

- 9 July – 3rd meeting (joint) – resulting in final draft of delegated act, presentation of concept of the reporting format.

- July 2018 – January 2019 - Possible discussion within the Committee on Waste Directive on the reporting format

- October 2018 - round of public consultations of the delegated act by Feedback mechanism

- Mid-December 2018 – adoption of the delegated act

- Mid-February 2019 (after scrutiny period for delegated act) – voting and adoption of the reporting format.
Thank you for your attention