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Mandate of sub-group established under the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste to support EU activities on "action and implementation"

1. Background

As provided for in the Terms of Reference of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (FLW)¹ and its Rules of Procedure, the Chair of the Platform may set up sub-groups for the purpose of examining specific questions on the basis of terms of reference defined by the Platform.

Following the request of the members of the EU Platform on FLW, it was agreed that a sub-group will be established to focus on actions and their implementation put in place by the members of the EU Platform to prevent food losses and waste². The work of this sub-group will complement that undertaken by the sub-groups on food donation and food waste measurement.

2. Objectives

The sub-group will support the EU Platform on FLW and the Commission's work in:

- 1) sharing best practices, information and learning related to food waste prevention activities and their results;
- 2) contributing to design the appropriate framework and tools to facilitate sharing of information, as for example reporting on key initiatives, meetings, use of digital tools;
- 3) facilitating cooperation between members, in particular opportunities for inter-sectorial cooperation;
- 4) identifying areas where intervention by actors could help to prevent losses and waste in the food value chain;
- 5) exchanging information on future plans;
- 6) contributing to monitoring evidence-based progress made by all actors in the prevention of food losses and waste.

3. Principal tasks:

- 3.1. The sub-group shall discuss the best format, methodology, tools, process for collecting and sharing information on food waste prevention initiatives between Platform members.
- 3.2. On the basis of the task described under point 3.1 the sub-group shall provide information on existing food waste prevention activities and their implementation by the different public and private actors with the purpose of sharing these with Platform members utilising *inter alia* the digital tool to be established in 2017 to support the

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/fw_eu-actions_flw-platform_tor.pdf

² http://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/fw_eu-platform_20161129_sum.pdf

Platform's work as well as the *Community of Experts* developed by the REFRESH project³.

- 3.3. On the basis of the collected information, the sub-group shall identify areas where intervention could help to prevent food waste in the food value chain, in particular initiatives requiring inter-sectorial cooperation.
- 3.4. The sub-group shall exchange information on future plans for action to prevent food waste and their implementation.
- 3.5. On the basis of the collected information, the sub-group shall analyse how the relevant actions and their implementation contribute towards evidence-based progress to prevent food waste throughout the whole food value chain.

4. Invited participants

Based on feedback received from Platform members as well as earlier stakeholders' proven experience and activity in the area of food waste prevention, the Commission invites the following Platform members to participate in the work of the sub-group on action and implementation:

- Public entities (11): Committee of the Regions, Member States: ES, FR, DE, HR, HU, IE, IT, NL, PT, SE
- Private sector organisations(14): BEUC, Boroume, City of Milan, Cogeca, EuroCommerce, European Food Banks Federation (FEBA), FoodDrinkEurope (FDE), FoodWin, HOTREC Hospitality Europe, Ostfold Research, Stop Wasting Food Movement Denmark, Wageningen University & Research (Wageningen UR), Waste and Resource Action Programme (WRAP), Zero Waste Scotland
- Observer: Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

Taking into account the field of activity of this sub-group and its relevance for all members represented in the EU Platform, the participation might be extended on a case-by-case basis to other Platform members, as well as ad hoc experts⁴, if needed.

5. Overall timeline and working procedures:

The sub-group on action and implementation will support the Platform's work in this area for the duration of its mandate (*i.e.* until end of 2019).

The sub-group is expected to meet once in 2017 and, as of 2018, twice a year (in addition to the Platform's plenary meetings). It will also provide comments and inputs on written documents related to the tasks outlined in paragraph 3.

The working language for the sub-group meetings will be English.

³ <http://eu-refresh.org/>

⁴ Terms of Reference EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste, https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/fw_eu-actions_flw-platform_tor.pdf