Operations and actions of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

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EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste: overall role

Aims to support all actors in:

- defining measures needed to prevent food waste
- fostering inter-sectorial cooperation and
- sharing best practice and results.

⇒ Help accelerate progress towards SDG 12.3
EU co-operation in fighting food waste

Key challenges for Commission are to ensure that:

• all actors are involved, from farm to fork

• EU action complements/adds value to Member State initiatives

• learning and best practice are shared effectively, including international experience

⇒ **Precondition:** ensure food and feed safety
    prevention of food waste cannot jeopardise human or animal health
Harness expertise and foster co-operation between all players

- Member States/EFTA countries
- EU bodies (CoR, EESC) and international organisations (FAO, OECD, UNEP)
- Actors in the food value chain. (37 private sector organisations selected following public call for applications)

- Observers: Norway, Food SCP Round Table
- Additional experts may be invited on ad hoc basis to contribute specific expertise with respect to a subject matter
What results do we expect the Platform to deliver?

• A **forum of exchange** on food waste prevention plans, measurement and results achieved in the EU Member States.

• Identification, sharing, replication/"scale-up" of **food waste prevention "solutions"** and business cases

• Input, advice, expertise to support **Circular Economy food waste prevention action plan** and deliverables
What is excluded from the scope of the Platform's work?

• The Platform on FLW is **not** a regulatory committee

• Platform **provides expert advice on**:
  • Horizontal issues: identify opportunities for FW prevention across the food value chain and facilitate inter-sectorial cooperation
  • Implementation of EU policy, legislation and programmes in relation to food waste prevention
  • Where relevant, facilitate preparation of policy initiatives

• Platform's work is without prejudice to role of relevant Standing Committees and expert groups convened in context of preparation of delegated acts
Key priorities – feedback of members

• Reflect Circular Economy Action Plan, eg:
  • food waste measurement
  • food donation
  • date marking
  • sharing of strategies/best practice/business cases

• Further interests:
  • Awareness/information campaigns
  • Education and training
  • Monitoring of secondary resources
  • Innovation and research
  • Roadmap including agenda and (financial) instruments to achieve SDG 12.3
How will the Platform operate?

- **Plenary meetings**: 2/year (2017 - tbc: 14 June, 7 November)

- **Sub-groups** to examine specific issues and report back to Platform
  - Proposal: food donations; food waste measurement

- **Digital Platform** will be established to facilitate contact and information exchange with/between members and progress work in key areas (eg Knowledge Communities)
Functioning of sub-groups

• Operate in compliance with COM rules on expert groups

• Members will be invited by COM based on their expertise, previous work and interest in subject

• Maximum of 25 participants (public and private entities – 50/50 split)

• Participation of member organisations only; however not limited to experts attending Plenary meetings
Thank you