EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste – key achievements and future challenges

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AgroBalt 2018: High Level Political Forum on Food Losses and Food Waste
Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package
Waste legislation – state of play


Food waste prevention: new obligations for Member States:

- reduce food waste generation at each stage in the food supply chain to progress towards SDG 12.3

- Monitor and report regularly on food waste levels, based on common EU methodology (Delegated Act)
SDG 12.3: By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses.
EU Pilot Project: Food Redistribution

Overall aim:
- further investigate regulatory and operational frameworks for food redistribution in the EU
- facilitate the dissemination of the EU food donation guidelines and engagement with stakeholders in the EU-28.

Timeline: 2018-2020
Facilitate food donation: leverage learning and experience in the EU

*Circulaire relative aux dispositions applicables aux banques alimentaires et associations caritatives* (Belgian food safety agency)

*Evira*

*Foodstuffs donated to food aid* (Finnish food safety agency)

*Guide des bonnes pratiques d’hygiène de la distribution de produits alimentaires par les organismes caritatifs* (French Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood, and Forestry)

*Leitfaden für die Weitergabe von Lebensmitteln an soziale Einrichtungen – Rechtliche Aspekte* (German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture)

*Recupero, raccolta e distribuzione di cibo ai fini di solidarietà sociale* (validated by the Italian Ministry of Health)

*Food Donation Guidance to Charities and Businesses* (The Food Safety Authority of Ireland)

*Įsakymas dėl labdarai ir paramai skirto maisto tvarkymo aprašo patvirtinimo* (State Food and Veterinary Service, Lithuania)
EU guidelines: former food to feed: adopted 13 April 2018!

- Facilitate the safe feed use of former food, in line with "food use" hierarchy, and prevent food waste.
- Clarify application of relevant EU rules: food, feed and waste.
- Present best practice examples which comply with regulatory framework and prevent unnecessary administrative burden.
Date marking: next steps

• A multi-facetted, co-ordinated and coherent action plan is required by all key players

• Key objectives of policy actions:
  ➢ improve the differentiation between the concepts of "use by" and "best before"
  ➢ facilitate common understanding and use of date marking by all actors (industry, national competent authorities and consumers)

⇒ Sub-group established – 20 April 2018
Over 50% of EU food waste is generated at household level

- **88 (± 14)** million tonnes of food waste per year
- Equivalent of **20%** of all produced food in EU
- **143** billion euros
- ~ **304 Mt CO2 eq** (6% of total EU GHG emissions)
- **173** kilograms of food waste per person

Source: FUSIONS project, 2016 (based on 2012 data)
"Which of the following actors do you think have a role to play in preventing food waste?"
Focus on "Action and Implementation"

Facilitate sharing of best practice, experience, business cases and models
Thank you!

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