EU platform on food losses & food waste

Panel session

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HOTREC at a glance

- Umbrella Association of Hotels, Restaurants and Cafes in Europe
- 43 National Associations
- 30 European countries
- The voice of the hospitality industry at EU level

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Main relevant figures

- Food service sector = 12% of total food waste

- Food service sector = hospitality + contract catering + event catering

- 2 million hospitality businesses, 90% of micro-enterprises, employing 11.9 million workers

- Ready to take its fair share of the FW reduction efforts

- Heterogeneous sectors

- Fragmented sectors

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Main type of actions to reduce food waste

- Supply chain efficiency to optimise processes (guidelines, training, etc.)
- Awareness & educational actions on consumer behaviour change
- Multi-stakeholder approaches on food waste governance (combining two previous type of actions)
- Food redistribution (but logistical challenges)
Key challenges for the sector

- Linked to sector specificities (micro-enterprises, heterogeneity, etc.)
- Businesses wants to do something (to lower costs)...but
  - Needs lot of ressources on training & guidance
  - Importance of tackling consumer expectations (e.g. portion sizes)
  - Avoid creating burdens + logistical issues (many establishments not able to manage by themselves data collection)

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JRC findings – key learning points

- Data collection as the biggest challenge... as expected (lack of resources)
- Small businesses need help!
- Strong potential from multi-stakeholder approach

Future recommendations to consider:

- How to help businesses who wants to measure their results
- Foster cooperation with external partners to boost data collection in other cases
Questions & Answers