8th meeting of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

15 June 2020
11h00 – 16h30

On-line (WebEx event)

Webstreaming link

Chaired by Ms. Sabine Jülicher, Director, Food and feed safety, innovation

Draft agenda

11:00 – 11:15 Technical start (participants connect to the meeting through WebEx; technical assistance is provided as needed)

11:15 – 11:30 Introduction by the Chair

11:30 – 11:40 Opening statement by Commissioner Stella Kyriakides - Health and Food Safety

11:40 – 12:45 Farm to Fork Strategy, presentation by Alexandra Nikolakopoulou, Head of Unit, Food information and composition, food waste (DG SANTE E1) and exchange with members.

12:45 – 13:15 Update on work of the Food and Agriculture Organisation regarding sustainable food systems including preparation of UN Food Systems Summit 2021 and International Day on Food Losses and Food Waste, presentation by Rosa Rolle, Ph.D. Team Leader, Food Loss and Waste, Nutrition and Food Systems Division, FAO. Exchange with members.

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 – 15:15 Food loss and waste prevention initiatives in the context of Covid-19. Update from the Commission and exchange with members, including interventions by:

- Bruno Menne, COPA-COGECA: Grown, not thrown
- Angela Frigo, European Food Banks Federation and Emma Walsh, FoodCloud: Transforming Surplus into Opportunity – How COVID-19 shone a light on the role of Food Banks for food security
• Richard Swannell, WRAP: Food waste prevention in response to Covid-19

15:15 – 16:30 Update from the Commission on the EU food loss and waste action plan. Exchange with members, including interventions by:

• UN Environment: update on global monitoring work and the Food Waste Indicator
• Italy: implementation of EU Platform key recommendations for action; management of surpluses in fruit and vegetables’ producer organisations.
• Netherlands: new consumer campaign on food waste & date marking

16:30 – 16:40 Conclusions and wrap-up by the Chair