Re-establishing the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste: update on process and timeline
EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

• Established in 2016 in order to support achievement of the SDG 12.3 target on food waste and maximise the contribution of all actors (current mandate ends December 2021).

• The Council assessment (2020) recognises its contribution in both guiding work at EU level (e.g. Circular Economy Action Plan deliverables) and supporting implementation of effective food waste prevention in Member States.

• The Platform will be re-established for another 5-year term (2022-2026)

• New public call for expression of interest to renew membership of private sector organisations (June 2021) and invitations to public entities (Q4 2021).
Work and achievements over 5 years

Contribution to EU-level actions and projects to prevent food losses and food waste:

✓ EU food donation guidelines (2017)
✓ Guidelines for the feed use of food no longer intended for human consumption (2018)
✓ Common EU food waste measurement methodology (2019)
✓ EU pilot project - mapping food redistribution practices in the EU (2020)
✓ R&I projects (e.g. REFRESH Community of Experts)

Platform’s own deliverables:

✓ Common evaluation framework for food waste prevention actions and a calculator for their impacts (2019)
✓ Redistribution of surplus food: Examples of practices in the Member States (2019)
✓ Key recommendations for action in food waste prevention (2019)
On-going/planned work

• Contribute to on-going and future projects of the Commission in the areas of food waste measurement, food donation, date marking etc.

• European Consumer Food Waste Forum (EP pilot project)

• **assess effectiveness** of food waste prevention initiatives (in collaboration with the Joint Research Centre)

• Monthly newsletter (launched March 2020)

• EU Food Loss and Waste Prevention Hub website (launch in 2021)

• Support actors in taking action to fight food waste (e.g. Horizon Europe, grants through Single Market Programme)

• Platform’s activity report (end 2021)
Taking stock of the Platform’s achievements

The Commission will seek members’ views on:

1. The role, operations and deliverables of the current Platform

2. Implementation of the key recommendations for action

Information collected through an on-line survey sent to all Platform members

Findings will inform the re-establishment of the Platform and its future work programme as well as preparation of an activity report to help transfer knowledge and learning gained.
## Indicative timeline

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