

Online final Conference of the ECOWASTE 4 FOOD Project

## “Food Waste prevention and reduction: local and regional strategies towards the EU Green Deal agenda”

CIHEAM Montpellier, France, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Agenda

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- 09h00**      **Opening session**
- Placido PLAZA, Secretary General of CIHEAM
  - Anne ROCHETEAU, Project Officer, Interreg Europe Programme
- 09h20**      **Setting the scene of food waste in Europe** (challenges, key areas for action, bottlenecks, research and innovation needs)  
Shane WARD, University College Dublin (tbc)
- 10h00**      **Break**
- 10h30**      **Cutting food wastage at the local level: actors and good practices supported by the ECOWASTE 4 FOOD project**  
*Facilitator introducing the session:* Jean-Paul PELLISSIER, CIHEAM Montpellier  
*Objectives:* to present the diversity of actors involved in food waste reduction and with whom the EW4F project has worked for the scaling up of best practices and the implementation of eco-innovations  
*Introduction:* Key challenges of the ECOWASTE 4 FOOD project and storytelling video on ECOWASTE 4 FOOD results  
*Presentation of the main results:* 8 minutes for each couple of Stakeholder/Project partner from the 7 partners Regions, with the support of a 2-minutes video clip  
*Project partners and stakeholders from:* Wielkopolska Region; City of Ferrara; Region of Western Macedonia; Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia; Regional Council of Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur; Devon County Council; Waste Agency of Catalonia
- 12h00**      **Lunch break**
- 13h30**      **Lessons learnt from the EW4F project: what place and roles for Local Authorities (LA) in the reduction of food waste?**  
*Facilitator of the session:* Pascal BERGERET, CIHEAM Montpellier  
*Objectives:* to present the experience and lessons learnt by the PP from the implementation of the EW4F project on the place and role of LA to address food waste  
*Organisation:* a panel with the seven PP that will answer to the following questions, giving their

experience and concrete examples (issued from EW4F as far as possible but not exclusively) to illustrate their positions (some examples are given below the questions). Debate with the audience.

- How can LA support good practices (eco-innovations) implemented by local stakeholders?  
*Support to eco-innovations in agrifood industries (Wielkopolska Region, Western Macedonia Region, ...)*  
*Communication on the existing initiatives (City of Ferrara, ...)*
- Does food waste issue need to be addressed by specific local/regional policies and strategies?  
*Example of the Catalunya Region and Wielkopolska Region*
- How LA can organize better linkage among local/regional policies/strategies (on circular economy, local economy development, RIS3, ...) to better address FW issue?
- How to organize relevant synergies between national and regional/local policies?  
*Implementation of the REGALim networks in France and in particular in South Region (Region South); Courtauld Commitment and others (Anneth Dentith, Devon County Council)*

**14h30 Break**

**15h00 The EU Farm-to-Fork strategy and the EU renewed ambitions on food waste**

Bartosz ZAMBRZYCKI, DG HEALTH, European Commission

**15h30 Shaping the future: EU framework towards effective local/regional strategies to fight against food waste**

*Facilitator of the session:* Samuel FERET, CIHEAM Montpellier

*Objectives:* to exchange with policy makers at regional, national and European levels to identify the coming opportunities and the policy levers to activate to enhance food waste reduction

*Organisation:* a panel of policy makers will answer to the following questions and will debate with the audience.

- Which EU green deal opportunities for local and regional authorities?
- Channeling supports from the Structural Funds towards food waste reduction objectives
- How to better articulate policy instruments (ERDF, EAFRD in particular) to promote food waste reduction initiatives all along the food chain?
- How to organize and support bridges/platforms for sharing good practices among European local and regional authorities?

*Panelists:* Vasilios AMPAS, Vice-Governor for Rural Development, Region of Western Macedonia ; Guillaume GAROT, Member of the French National Assembly, Chairman of the Food National Council ; Bartosz ZAMBRZYCKI, DG Health, European Commission ; Delphine VITALI, Deputy Director, Directorate Biodiversity and Sea, South PACA Region ; Josep Maria TOST I BORRAS, Director, Waste Agency of Catalonia ; Ian GULLAND, President, ACR+

**17h00 Wrap up of the sessions and conclusions**