

European Citizens' Panel on Food Waste

Session 2

20.01.2023-22.01.2023



#FoodWasteEU





1. Overview

The European Citizens' Panel on Food Waste consists of 150 randomly selected citizens and meets for three sessions. During the first session, which took place from 16-18 December 2022 in Brussels, citizens created clusters of approaches to prevent and reduce food waste that they identified as most fruitful for further discussions in the upcoming sessions. After the session, the panel's Knowledge Committee then grouped these clusters into three topic blocks:

1. "Cooperation in the food value chain: From farm to fork"
2. "Food business initiatives"
3. "Supporting consumer behavioural change"

The second session of the panel was held online from 20-22 January 2023. The goal of this session was to build upon the approaches formulated in the first session and to draft the first concrete ideas for citizens' recommendations to reduce food waste. Following an iterative, "peer review" process, citizens in the 12 working groups reviewed and built-on each other's work, putting forward 22 food waste reduction ideas. These will constitute the basis for the development of the panel's final recommendations during its 3rd and final session.

Throughout the panel, the following experts were part of the Knowledge Committee:

- **Anne-Laure Gassin**, *Team Leader, Farm to Fork Strategy Unit, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission*
- **Toine Timmermans**, *Program Manager Sustainable Food Chains at Wageningen University*
- **Gyula Kasza**, *Coordinator of Maradék Nélkül (Project Wasteless), the national food waste prevention programme of Hungary; Associate Professor at University of Veterinary Medicine Hungary*
- **Laura Fernández Celemín**, *Director General, European Food Information Council*
- **Maiwenn L'Hoir**, *Project Manager for the fight against food waste and food insecurity - sustainable food, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty, France*

Day 1 (Friday)

On Friday, citizens were welcomed by moderators who suggested that participants share their experience as regards their food waste behaviour since Session 1 (supported by some interactive polls). Moderators then briefly walked citizens through the agenda of Session 2, before giving the floor to experts for a general presentation on EU and Member States' actions to prevent and reduce food waste. First, **Anne-Laure Gassin, Team Leader, Farm to Fork Strategy Unit, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission**, updated citizens on the status of the EU's action plan on food waste. **Toine Timmermans, Program Manager Sustainable Food Chains, Wageningen University**, talked about tackling food waste at national level and the importance of public-private partnerships. Then, a series of experts and practitioners gave more specific inputs in three moderated panel discussions – one per topic block. The speakers were:

Topic block 1: "Cooperation in the food value chain: From farm to fork"

- **Toine Timmermans**, *Program Manager Sustainable Food Chains at Wageningen University*
- **Dorothee Briaumont**, *Executive Director, SOLAAL*
- **Francisca Feiteira**, *Food Policy Officer, Slow Food*
- **Fabien Santini**, *Deputy Head of Unit - Governance of agri-food markets, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission*

Topic block 2: “Food business initiatives”

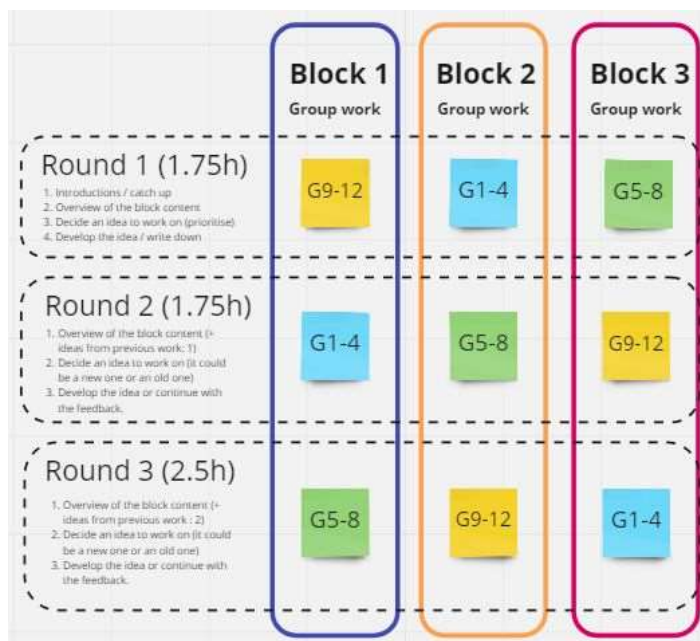
- **Ahmed Soliman**, *Quality in Design Director, Danone*
- **Marine Thizon**, *Public Affairs Manager, HOTREC*
- **Fabrizio Fabbri**, *Food & Sustainability Manager, Euro Coop*
- **Eduardo Montero Mansilla**, *Food Officer, La Federación de Consumidores y Usuarios CECU*

Topic block 3: “Supporting consumer behavioural change”

- **Erica van Herpen**, *Associate Professor in the Marketing and Consumer Behavior Group, Wageningen University*
- **Odile Le Bolloch**, *Environmental Scientist, Environmental Protection Agency, Ireland*
- **João Toledo**, *National Expert in Agrifood Production Organization, Ministry of Agriculture, Portugal*

Day 2 (Saturday)

On Saturday, citizens worked in 12 parallel working groups, supported by experienced facilitators and simultaneous interpretation. During the **first round** of the day, each topic block was assigned to four working groups which were asked to formulate an idea based on the content of their block. Facilitators noted down the idea(s) in multilingual spreadsheets that were interlinked with other groups. In the **second round**, the groups were assigned to a different topic block and asked to provide feedback on an idea formulated by another group. Moreover, each group had the chance to propose their own ideas related to the topic. During the **third round** of the day, groups were given another two previously formulated ideas to comment on and could afterwards choose between developing a new idea or providing further feedback to already formulated ideas from the second round. During the whole day, citizens were able to submit questions that were answered throughout the weekend by experts in the “Knowledge and Information Centre” (KIC).



Day 3 (Sunday)

On Sunday morning, participants met again in their working groups for the fourth and final round of group deliberations. Each working group became the owner of 2-3 ideas within one particular topic block, and integrated feedback received from other groups on those particular ideas. The groups were then asked to consolidate their assigned set of ideas. Afterwards, a citizen was designated by each working group to present the group’s consolidated ideas for recommendations in an online plenary format and replied to further questions raised by the moderators. At the end, the main moderators asked citizens for feedback and provided an outlook on Session 3.

2. Short agenda

| Friday (20/01) | | Plenary | | |
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| 14.00-14.30 | <i>Onboarding (without interpretation)</i> | | | |
| 14.30-15.00 | Welcoming and presentation of the agenda | | | |
| 15.00-15.30 | Presentations on transversal topic | | | |
| 15.30-15.40 | <i>Break</i> | | | |
| 15.40-16.35 | Moderated panel discussion on topic block I: “Cooperation in the food value chain: From farm to fork” | | | |
| 16.35-16.45 | <i>Break</i> | | | |
| 16.45-17.40 | Moderated panel discussion on topic block II: “Food business initiatives” | | | |
| 17.40-17.50 | <i>Break</i> | | | |
| 17.50-18.45 | Moderated panel discussion on topic block III: “Supporting consumer behavioural change” | | | |
| 18.45-19.00 | Agenda overview for the next days | | | |
| Saturday (21/01) | | Working Groups | | |
| Round 1: Developing ideas for recommendations | | | | |
| 09.30-11.15 | Working Groups 1-4: Topic block II | Working Groups 5-8: Topic block III | Working Groups 9-12: Topic block I | |
| 11.15-11.30 | <i>Break</i> | | | |
| Round 2: Feedback on ideas and developing ideas for recommendations | | | | |
| 11.30-13.15 | Working Groups 1-4: Topic block I | Working Groups 5-8: Topic block II | Working Groups 9-12: Topic block III | |
| 13.15-14.45 | <i>Lunch break</i> | | | |
| Round 3, part 1: Feedback on ideas and developing ideas for recommendations | | | | |
| 14.45-16.00 | Working Groups 1-4: Topic block III | Working Groups 5-8: Topic block I | Working Groups 9-12: Topic block II | |
| 16.00-16.15 | <i>Break</i> | | | |
| Round 3, part 2: Feedback on ideas and developing ideas for recommendations | | | | |
| 16.15-17.30 | Working Groups 1-4: Topic block III | Working Groups 5-8: Topic block I | Working Groups 9-12: Topic block II | |
| Sunday (22/01) | | Mixed setting | | |
| Working Groups | | | | |
| Round 4: Consolidation of ideas for recommendations | | | | |
| | Working Groups 1-4: Topic block II | Working Groups 5-8: Topic block III | Working Groups 9-12: Topic block I | |
| 11.30-12.00 | <i>Break</i> | | | |
| Plenary | | | | |
| 12.00-14.00 | Presentation of ideas and transition to Session 3 | | | |

3. Recordings of plenary sessions

- 20.01.: <https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/european-citizens-panel-on-food-waste-session-2>
- 22.01.: <https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/european-citizens-panel-on-food-waste-session-2-20230122>