Final event

Lessons Learnt and the Way Forward: Tackling Food Losses in Primary Production

30th October 2026

Palau Robert (Sala Cotxeres) - Passeig de Gràcia, 107, 08008 Barcelona

Agenda

All times shown in CET

09:00 – 9:30	**Registration of participants**
09:30 – 09:45	**Institutional welcome** Glòria Cugat, DARPA - Government of Catalonia, Deputy Director for Agrifood Transfer and Innovation Nancy Peña, BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC), FOLOU coordinator
09:45 – 10:30	**FOLOU in action** Pitch presentations of key results. - **Definitions and methodologies:** Héctor Barco, Fundació Espigoladors - **Drivers and emerging solutions:** Matteo Masotti, University of Bologna - **Developed tools:** Isabella Georgiou, Università Politecnica delle Marche - **Innovative technologies:** Adriano Mancini, Università Politecnica delle Marche - **Capacity building:** Julian Park, University of Reading **Questions and Answers**
10:30 – 11:15	**Multi-stakeholder perspectives on Food Loss** Roundtable with Twinning Regions engaged throughout Europe. Exchange of experiences and actions undertaken. - **Italy:** Chiara Matarazzo, Ca Colonna - **Albania:** Agron Haxhimali, Institute for Albanian Municipalities & Bledar Meta, YPARD

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- **The Netherlands:** Hilke Bos-Brouwers, Wageningen University & Research
- **Catalonia:** Alba Graells, DARPA – Government of Catalonia

Moderator: Nancy Peña, BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC)

11:15 – 11:45	**Coffee Break**
11:45 – 12:10	**Back to the roots: the voice of farmers** Conversation with local actors to reflect on the common needs, worries and challenges of the primary sector. Oliver Chantry, Unió de Pagesos Josep Mestres, agroecological producer Guillem Vives, Catalan Federation of Agri-food Cooperatives (FCAC) *Moderator: Anna Sagrera, BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC)*
12:10 – 13:00	**What is done in Europe?** Technical panel discussion with EU projects on FLW. Challenges, barriers and future steps on this topic - **ROSETTA:** Letizia Piras, PEDAL Consulting - **TONOWASTE:** Idoya Ferrero, Jaume I University - **WASTELESS:** Ana Isabel Novo de Barros, University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro - **WASTEWISE:** Hanna Hartikainen, Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE) - **FOLOU:** Anna Sagrera, BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC) *Moderator: Raquel Díaz, **REFRESH**, Fundació Espigoladors*
13:00 – 14:30	**Lunch**
14:30 – 14:45	**Policies and recommendations** Analysis on the regulations and soft policy instruments with respect to their impact on food loss, and guidelines Julia Tanzer, Proman Management GmbH
14:45 – 15:00	**Reflections on Food Loss from the European Perspective** Conversation to share the insights from the European Commission's perspective Bartosz Zambrzycki, DG SANTE Nancy Peña, BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC) **Questions and Answers**

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15:00 – 16:30	**What's next? Shaping the future of Food Loss policy and action** Panel debate to reflect on food loss and waste policies within circular economy and sustainable food systems Carola Fabi, FAO *recorded intervention Bartosz Zambrzycki, DG SANTE Felicitas Schneider, Thünen Institute of Market Analysis, coordinator of Collaboration Initiative Food Loss & Waste Manoj Dora, Anglia Ruskin University Tanguy Chever, AND International Mercè Boy Roura, BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC) *Moderator: Veerle Van linden, ILVO*
16:30 -16:45	**Open floor for discussion**
16:45 -17:00	**Wrap-up, closing remarks and institutional closure** Nancy Peña, BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC), FOLOU coordinator Francesc Giró – Catalan Waste Agency – Government of Catalonia, Director of Strategic Planning
17:00	**Networking cocktail**

Conference facilitators: Hans Ryckebusch, IMPACT & Alice Mauchline, UREAD

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