



**CA22134 - Sustainable Network for agrofood loss and waste prevention, management, quantification and valorisation (FoodWaStop)**

WG2 Agrofood loss and waste management  
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- 318 members
- Members from all European countries and Armenis, Azerbejian, Algeria, Brasil, China, India, Jordan, Kenya, Morocco, New Zeland, Pakistan, South Africa, Tunis, United States

# Tasks

- **Task 2.1.**
- T2.1.1 To identify different management strategies, create round tables, develop collectively new scenarios, determine appropriate new sustainable strategies, and build consensus on potential new solutions;
- T2.1.2 Establish links between conventional and organic farming to inform farmers that alternative or biological control can be usefully applied;
- T2.1.3 Develop a FLW think tank;  
T2.1.4 Create a platform for knowledge brokerage innovation.

## **Task 2.1.**

- T2.2.1 Evaluation the potential to use new innovative strategies to control postharvest decay and loss.

# Activities

- A2.1 At least **10** in-person and online meetings with multidisciplinary group experts, from COST and non-COST Countries, with the focus being to share best practices of management with innovative techniques (bio-based products) safe for consumers and for the environment;
- A2.2 At least **4 training programmes** to improve production, postharvest, and logistics management;
- A2.3 Consumer campaigns: awareness and information for households to support training to prevent FW, and aimed at changes in consumer habits (e.g., reduced portion size, tray-less meals).

# Deliverables

- D2.1. Protocol of best practices to reduce FLW (M28)
- D2.2. Guidelines for sustainable food systems (M48)
- **D2.3. Review paper on agrofood loss and waste management (M24)**

# Meetings

In person Meetings:

Ancona January 24, 2024

Online meeting:

May 18, 2024

February 19, 2025

Subgroup animal productions online meetings:

May 27, 2024

June 2024

Meetings of the Cereals Subgroup:

June 11, 2024

Fruit Subgroup meetings: February 27, 2025

# Achievements

- Decision to concentrate on review paper in the first year and to set up four subgroups:
  - Fruits
  - Vegetables
  - Cereals
  - Animal production
- The subgroups " Animal Production" and "Cereals" have piloted the review paper preparation: The Animal Production subgroup produced 3 review papers, one of which has already been accepted for publication The cereals subgroup produced 1 review paper
- The “Fruit subgroup” started its work on February 27 of this year, the “Vegetable subgroup” will start after the Cordoba meeting
- Cooperation in training in Thessaloniki in May 2025

# Plan for the next project year

- Continue the work on review papers
- Start of work on the 2nd deliverable: Protocol of best practices to reduce FLW

Questions for discussion:

How to proceed, keep subgroups?

One protocol per subgroup or a general protocol?

- Collaboration with other WGs on training programmes



Thank you!