

How effective can be a green food chain?

Efficient, secure and sustainable food supply is one of the objectives of the European Green Deal. Such a food chain relies on short supply chains, prevents lost food and reduces the amount of food waste. Furthermore - it uses packaging that is as much a part of the circular economy as possible and is environmentally friendly. Excess food goes to charity and not to waste. This collects many challenges and important questions:

- How effective can be such a sustainable food supply?
- What do we need to introduce it?
- How successful are we already?
- Can we support synergies between on-going activities?

National institute of Chemistry (Kemijski inštitut), in cooperation with the Slovenian Association for Quality and Excellence (SZKO) and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (GZS), is organizing a 2-day event on the efficiency of the green food chain. We aim to find answers and to collect all the stakeholders and interested public.

The event will take place 17th and 18th September 2020 at the National Institute of Chemistry. It will be recorded and enabled directly via Webex and Facebook platforms. Therefore, the event will be realized in any epidemic situation. After the event, the records will be available.

The event will be in Slovene language.

National Institute of Chemistry is a partner of the project *Education and Tools project to manage resource fluxes in the Circular Food Chain (EAT-circular)*, co-financed by [EIT ClimateKIC](#). The project aims to review, integrate and improve existing strategies to reduce food waste.

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Starting points, basic activities, guidelines and governmental supports

Day 1: Thursday, 17.9.2020

9:00-10:00

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| Welcome and introductory words | Representative of KI | |
| The role of food in care for environment - challenges and opportunities | Marta Klanjšek Gunde | KI |
| Food waste in Slovenia (2013-2018) – methodology for data collection | Tanja Vidic | SURS |
| The role of food banks in redistributing food waste to reduce food poverty | Vesna Leskošek | UL-FSD |

10:00- 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Strategies, quality schemes and challenges of food packaging

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| A strategy for less loss and wasted food | Tadeja Kvas-Majer | MKGP |
| Food quality schemes | Jana Kolenc Muženič | SZKO |
| Food packaging and in contact with food, importance for health | Viviana Golja | NIJZ |
| Food contact packaging and reusable packaging problems | Diana Gregor Svetec | UL-NTF |
| The environmental footprint of packaging and possibilities for circular economy | Gregor Radonjič | UM-EPF |

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:00 Activities and projects in Slovenia

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| Public procurement | Urška Skok Klima, Maja Marinček | MJU |
| Green Public Procurement (<i>LIFE IP CARE4CLIMATE</i>) | Tatjana Orhini Valjavec | MOP |
| Food providers database and a comprehensive food procurement system | Jana Ramuš | GZS |

14:00 – 14:30 Break

14:30 – 15:15

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| <i>EuroHealthNet</i> | Mojca Gabrijelčič Blenkuš | NIJZ |
| <i>EATcircular - Circular Food Chain</i> | Marta Klanjšek Gunde | KI |
| <i>LIFE IP CARE4CLIMATE – Problem of Waste food</i> | Lara Habič | MOP |
| Sustainable business strategic transformation of Slovenian companies 2019-2022 | Polona Bohorič | Spirit |

15:15 – 16:00 Synergies between activities and partners (round table discussion)



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Challenges, solutions and best practices

Day 2: Friday, 18.9.2020

9:00 – 10:00 **Role of food packaging and logistics to ensure food safety and quality**

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| Opportunities for plastic products for food and beverage packaging | Branka Viltušnik | Plastika Skaza |
| Paper packaging for food contact | Zupančič Lidija | Karton Količevo |
| Bioplastics: new life from green waste | Eva Štraser | Evegreen |
| Sustainable Logistics centre - connecting stakeholders in logistics value chains to ensure food safety and quality | Nataša Sodja | Lotrič Metrology |

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 **Food waste prevention and sustainable food, packaging and waste management**

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| Rationalization of food write-offs, sustainable food- and waste management | Jelenko Jandrič | Petrol |
| Opportunities in food waste management in the food industry | Mojca Kodre, Nataša Gladovič, Alenka Kolarič | Atlantic grupa (Droga Kolinska) |
| Overcoming barriers to reduce food waste | Rozman Jelka | Žito |
| Food in kindergartens – how the public procurement system can be used | Luka Potočnik, Marjeta Podpečan | Kranjski vrtci |
| Returning packaging waste to life and preventing formation of food waste | Maja Kalan | Ljubljanske mlekarne |

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:00 **Food for charity**

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| Donated food project | Zdene Podlesnik | Lions Slovenija |
| Slovenian philanthropy in food charity | Tereza Novak | Slovenska filantropija |
| Homeless centre | representative | |

14:00 - 14:30 Break

14:30 – 15:30 **How effective a green food chain can be? (Summary and conclusions)**

