

Capacity Building Training Workshop

**The software platform to manage CAP fruit and vegetable surplus withdrawals:
from Emilia-Romagna Region to Romania**
The S.I.R platform: a good practice to be transferred to Europe

18-19 October 2023 - Bologna and Parma



The workshop is organised in the framework of the LOWIN'FOOD project - LOw Waste INnovations for FOOD chains, financed by the European Horizon 2020 programme. Emilia-Romagna Region, as a project partner, is deploying its consolidated activities in the prevention of food waste in order to disseminate in Europe an innovative model already successfully implemented and in continuous evolution. More specifically, the project is aimed at enhancing the experience gained in Emilia-Romagna through the development and use of the S.I.R: the software platform allows to manage fresh fruit and vegetable products surplus, which is collected through the measure of "withdrawals from the market" and distributed to charities, considered extremely avant-garde in the European panorama.

During the workshop, participants will be shown in detail how the S.I.R. platform works and will have the chance to attend field demonstrations of the whole process, in view of its possible application in Romania, with the hope that it could become a case study to be replicated in other countries in the next future.

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2023

c/o Emilia-Romagna Region – DG Agricoltura, viale della Fiera 8, mezzanine floor, room B – Bologna

9.30 Participants registration

FIRST PART

10.00 **Institutional greetings** - Valtiero Mazzotti, Director of Agriculture, Hunting and Fisheries - Emilia-Romagna Region

10.10 **The agri-food system in Emilia-Romagna** - Nicola Benatti, Head of Vegetable crops, Emilia-Romagna Region

10.20 **The Lowin'food project: innovations to prevent food loss and waste** - Clara Cicatiello, Project coordinator - Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Tuscia

10.40 **Market withdrawals' management tool of the Emilia-Romagna Region: from the origin to the solidarity logistics system** - Stefano Callegari - Responsible for Fruit and Vegetable CMO Application and Operational Programmes Control



10.50 Introduction to the S.I.R. platform – The software withdrawals' platform - Luca Zappi, Design and development of information systems to support the agricultural sector – Emilia-Romagna Region

11.00 The methodology for evaluating the innovation's impacts - Luca Falasconi, Associate Professor, Department of Agro-Food Sciences and Technologies - University of Bologna

11.10 Romania System Presentation - Cristian Popescu, Associate Professor PhD. - National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest, Romania

11.20 Presentation Valea Topologului Agricultural Cooperative - Claudia Iuliana Oprescu, Manager Valea Topologului Agricultural Cooperative - Producers Organisation, Romania

11.30 Presentation by Save the Children Arges Branch - Dumitra Sima, SALVATI COPIII, Romania

11.40 Video projection: "Project Lowin'food: stopping food waste in the regional food centres"

11.50 Round Table

The evolution of the Emilia-Romagna Region experience: the solidarity logistics platform told by the protagonists.

Moderator: Stefano Callegari

Participants: representatives of Producer Organisations, Charities and Agro-Food Centres

12.45 - 14.30 Lunch break

SECOND PART

14.30 S.I.R. platform Demo - IT system of withdrawals - Roberto Pinghini, Head of Information Systems' Design and Development to support the agricultural sector

15.30 Exercise on S.I.R. platform - Luca Zappi, Roberto Pinghini/ Romania delegation

16.30-17 Q&A



THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2023

7.15 **Meeting** at the Emilia-Romagna Region - DG Agriculture - Viale della Fiera 8 – Bologna

7.30 **Departure** for Parma Food Centre - Strada Del Taglio 5/A – Parma

9.00 **Meeting with representatives of CAL - Agro-food Centre and the CentoxUno Association**

10.00 **Field visit:** explanation of the pick-up operations for the fruit and vegetables' free distribution

12.30- 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 **Closing meeting: two days workshop's analysis and future perspectives**

16.00 Conclusion

17.00 **Back to Bologna**



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