

# Activities deduced from MACS-G20 Collaboration Initiative on Food Losses & Waste

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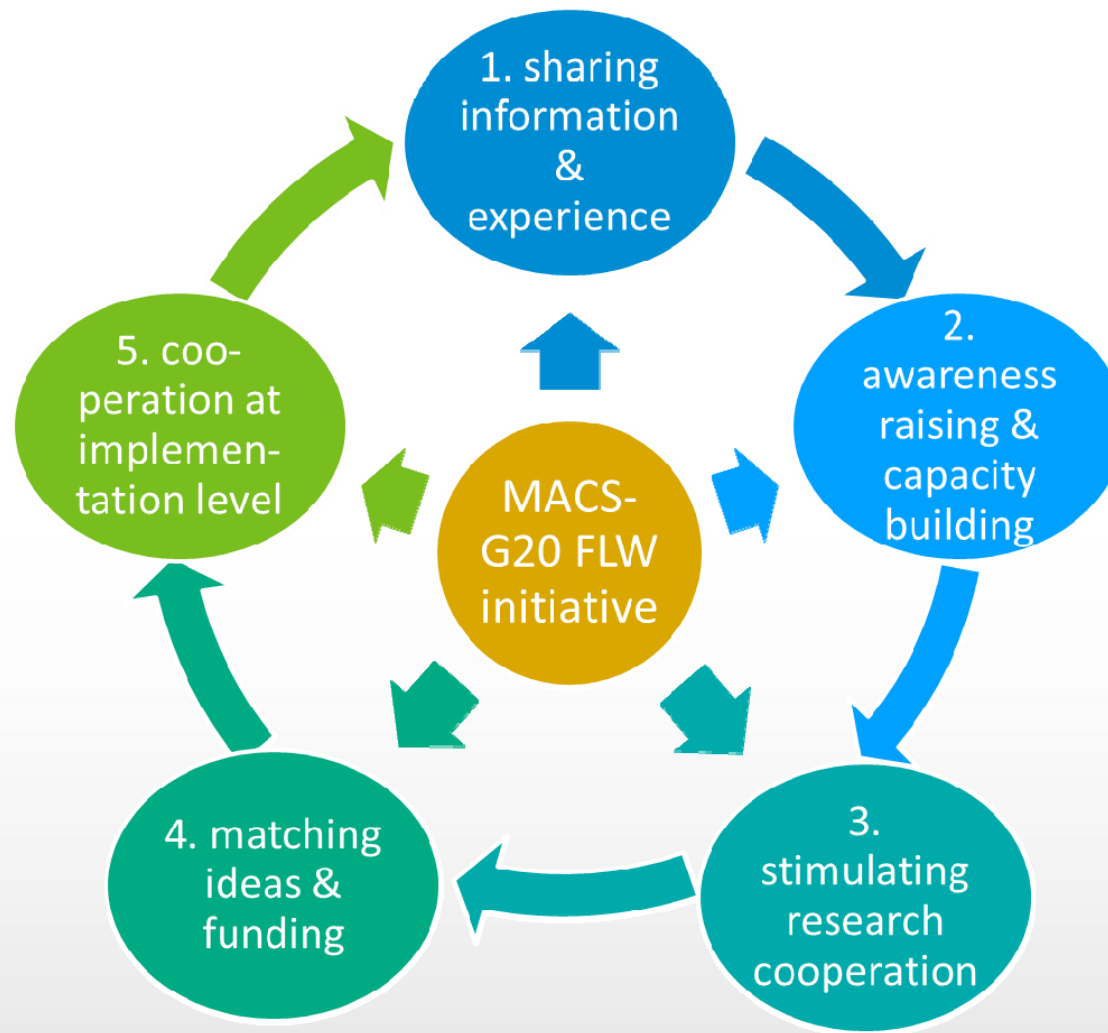
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# MACS Collaboration Initiative on Food Losses & Food Waste – reminding summary

- Collaboration Initiative on Food Losses and Waste was raised at the MACS meeting in Izmir (Turkey) in 2015
- aim of the Initiative is to concentrate the research and political consulting capacities of members in order to mobilize a noticeable reduction of food losses and waste on a global scale
- Germany introduced a coordinator for activities derived from the MACS Initiative in 2017 for four years

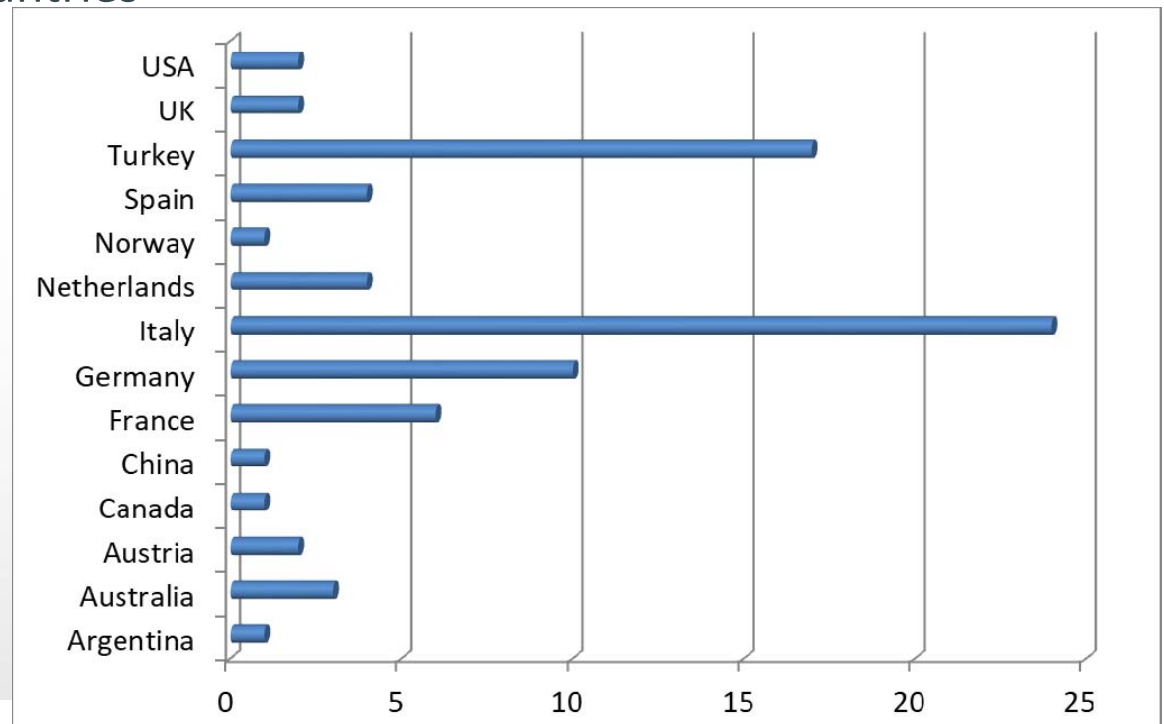
# Structure of deduced FLW activities



# Global Food Loss and Waste research Platform

- launched in spring 2016 ([www.global-flw-research.org](http://www.global-flw-research.org))
- until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018:
  - 78 researcher from 14 countries
  - 79 projects

→ please promote the platform and update the information regularly!



1. sharing  
information  
&  
experience

# Information update for interested group

- interested group = participants of FLW workshop in Berlin 2017 + further people on request
- annual report on deduced FLW activities
  - send out mid of December
  - available at <https://www.macs-g20.org/about-macs/macs-activities/macs-collaboration-initiative-on-food-losses-food-waste/>
- irregular newsletter on demand



## EIP-AGRI focus group „Reducing food loss on the farm“

- starts in June 2018, lasts for one year
- focus on plant products (e.g. cereals, olives, fruit, vegetables)
- tasks, e.g.:
  - identify main factors causing loss of plant products
  - identify existing on-farm practices that limit loss
  - identify technologies and marketing to create value for non-sellable products
  - define strategies to reduce loss of plant products
  - explore options offered by digital technologies
- Felicitas was selected as expert for the focus group

## International Food Awareness Day

- Argentina raised proposal to encourage FAO to establish international day
- could be a very positive way to celebrate value of food
- September 29<sup>th</sup> is suggested
  - date of First Regional Dialogue on Food Loss and Waste in Latin America and the Caribbean
  - day is available in the UN calendar
  - near to World Food Day



2.  
awareness  
raising &  
capacity  
building

## Series of FLW related workshops

- first workshop in June 2017 in Berlin, Germany
- plan is to cooperate with respective MACS-G20 presidencies on regional FLW workshops
- Thünen Institute offers to support local institutions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop scheduled for October 2018 in Buenos Aires with target group Latin American and Caribbean countries
- contact to following presidencies will be conducted as soon as possible

## The German Chancellor Fellowship for Prospective Leaders

- application of Russian woman in September 2017 at Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany
- positive decision arrived in May 2018
- aim is to receive innovative input from German FLW initiatives and strategies, built up networks and to transfer collected knowledge to Russian environment
- start of stewardship in October 2018, lasts one year
- additional support offered by FAO Russia and Russian MACS-G20 delegate

## Cooperation with TempAg

- aim is to identify further demand of interdisciplinary FLW research to facilitate corresponding national and international funding schemes and governmental support
- partners: Thünen Institute (Germany, as leader), LUKE (Finland), the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO), Wageningen University & Research (The Netherlands)
- project is ongoing
- results are expected for end of 2018

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- partners: Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia) and Thünen Institute (Germany)
- signed in May 2018 by representatives from both sides
- aim is to cooperate especially on prevention of food loss and waste and also other topics with relevance to agriculture

# Still available for further ideas

- suggested activities related to cooperation with e.g.
  - Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (Postharvest Loss Alliance for Nutrition),
  - Cultivate Africa's Future Fund (CultiAF)
  - Food Waste Innovation Network (FoodWIN)
  - International Food Waste Coalition

3. stimulating research cooperation

4. matching ideas & funding

5. cooperation at implementation level

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...did not find positive response so far

→ you are welcome to suggest further ideas

# Outlook I

What we plan:

- co-organise workshop series
- start/further work on ongoing cooperations
- elaborate „situation in my country“ for all G20 members
- keep you informed if interested

# Outlook II

How you could participate:

- please do not hesitate to contact Felicitas in case of questions, ideas, suggestions and other FLW issues
- please use and spread information related to Global Food Loss and Waste research Platform
- you are welcome to sign in the FLW mailing list

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