

The 3rd Meeting of the Spanish REFRESH Platform took place

On November 23rd, the 3rd meeting of the Spanish Refresh Platform was held at the headquarters of CREDA-UPC-IRTA. The progress of the Refresh project and the latest initiatives of the members of the Platform were presented, the next steps to be followed in the coming months were also discussed. We enjoyed both an interesting and entertaining program.

A program full of news

In this third edition, the Platform members had the opportunity to attend at different presentations:

-In a first block, the progress of the Refresh project as a whole and the first results of the pilot projects that are being developed to prevent waste in the catering service of [Fira de Barcelona](#) and of valorisation of fishing discards in [Cofradía de pescadores de Villaioyosa](#) were reviewed.

-In a second block, after introducing the [Agriculture Department of Catalonia](#) as a new member of the Platform, the members briefly shared their latest news and initiatives. [Hispacoop](#) presented the communication campaign "Join responsible consumption. Reduce Reuse Recycle". The [Plataforma Aprovechemos al Alimentos](#) presented the results of the project "the Food Festival", after two years of being in operation. [Nutrition without Borders](#) presented the results of its two projects "Barcelona shares the food" and "Remenja'mmm". Finally, the NGO [PROSALUS](#) presented the results of its consumer survey conducted the last months in the municipality of Madrid.

- As a new section, this year a "guest artist" was invited for the first time: Hector Barco from the University of Deusto ([Deusto Tech](#)). He presented the contributions on food waste from the H2020 [Waste4think](#) project.

Sustainability throughout the event, the brand of the house

As usual in CREDA-UPC-IRTA, the meetings of the Spanish Refresh Platform always have sustainability as a transversal axis. On this occasion, the catering was in charge to a social initiative of cooking with recovered foods. [Sobres Mestres](#) delighted the participants with a meal made mostly with food recovered from [Mercabarna](#) and small businesses, in collaboration with the [restaurant Imperfect](#), an interesting initiative for social and occupational integration through the kitchen. Finally, a visit was made to the new building of the social company [Espigoladors](#), which was created with the aim of expanding its line of Imperfect products based on recovered foods and which will soon be fully operational.

Next steps

To close the session, the last hour was devoted to discussing the next steps of the Platform: once they reached the equator of the project and consolidated the member organizations and the internal functioning of the platform, it is proposed to give a greater impetus to the work of dissemination that is currently already underway, through the drafting of a Report on dissemination of the activities of the Platform 2016-2017.

REFRESH ("Resource Efficient Food and dRink for the Entire Supply cHain") is an EU funded project taking action against food waste. 26 partners from 12 European countries and China work towards the project's goal to contribute towards Sustainable Development Goal 12.3 of halving per capita food waste at the retail and consumer level and reducing food losses along production and supply chains, reducing waste management costs, and maximizing the value from unavoidable food waste and packaging materials. REFRESH runs from July 2015 until June 2019.

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