

Irish Hotels Federation – Submission
Draft National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap Public Consultation Questions

Q1. Do you think the approach as outlined in the draft Roadmap will deliver the reductions necessary to reduce Ireland’s food waste by 50% by 2030?

Response:

The roadmap is a positive development towards achieving a significant reduction in food waste. We can only comment in terms of the hospitality sector, and, in this regard we see significant opportunities for food waste reduction across hospitality businesses which would contribute toward the target by 2030. Appropriate resourcing, further development of sector-specific resources and active engagement with businesses and key decision-makers within business will be key.

Q2. What additional actions do you think would be effective in helping Ireland reduce its food waste?

Response:

n/a

Q3. What are the most effective awareness raising measures that could be taken to reduce food waste?

Response:

Hotels and guesthouses have a strong commitment to sustainability which, from a business point of view, is greatly enhanced when initiatives go hand-in-hand with achieving cost savings. We see significant opportunities for cost savings in relation to food waste management, and we believe the benefits of this should be an integral part of any communications, including cases studies across a range of different hospitality business types and sizes.

Q4. Which sectors or stakeholders do you think should play a key role in the implementation of the Roadmap?

Response:

With the appropriate resources and investment in education, training and awareness, the hospitality sector can make a significant contribution toward achieving the roadmap’s goals. From owners to chefs and food and beverage managers, communications and engagement should be tailored toward the different decision makers with the business.

Q5. Are you satisfied with the proposed Roadmap monitoring and evaluation arrangements?

Response:

In order to maximise the food waste reduction capability of businesses within the hospitality sector, it is essential the measurement and reporting actions are workable, practical don’t result in excessive administrative burden on businesses. This would be applicable to the further development of the Food Waste Charter, including any standardised measurement methodologies.

Q.6 Have you any other comments or feedback on the content of the draft Roadmap?

Response:

There is a strong commitment to sustainability, including food waste reduction, across the hotels sector and we see this Roadmap as a positive development in reaching targeted reductions with potential for significant buy-in from stakeholders within the industry. Irish hotels are already taking action in this area with many examples of best practice that can be replicated throughout the country.