

Templateⁱ for submitting voluntary commitments to the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (Nicosia call)

To be filled in by submitting country/organization

1. **Country or organization:** SWITZERLAND
2. **Title of the action (referencing in parenthesis the number of the related focus area(s)ⁱⁱ that the initiative will contribute to):** Reduce Food Waste in the Tourism Sector (1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9)
3. **Description of the action:** In April 2022, the Federal Council adopted an action plan with the goal of reducing food waste by half by 2030 compared to 2017. The first phase, until 2025, is based on a cross-sectoral agreement involving the gastronomy, distribution and retail, processing industry and agriculture sectors. The reduction targets are to be achieved through voluntary measures in each of these sectors. The tourism sector in Switzerland, including Hotellerie Suisse and GastroSuisse, have signed up to the agreement with the Swiss Government that, in turn, can support the deployment of the branch initiatives by coordinating with other sectors, removing existing barriers and conflicts of interest. In order to achieve the goal of halving avoidable food losses by 2030, the losses should be reduced by about 25% by 2025. If the scope of the measures is too small and the reduction of food losses too slow, the Confederation can take additional measures in the second phase of the action plan, after 2025.
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:** 2022-2025
5. **Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ:** legal, regulatory and policy instruments
6. **Economic sectors^{iv}:** food and tourism sectors
7. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** [Action Plan against Food Waste](#)
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** Decrease of food waste in the tourism sector
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** 12.3
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:**
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** halving avoidable food losses by 2030 (25% reduction by 2025)
12. **Partners:** Hotellerie Suisse, GastroSuisse
13. **Contact points:** Jonathan Brünggel, Federal Office for the Environment FOEN, jonathan.bruenggel@bafu.admin.ch

Additional information on the Nicosia focus of the action:

- **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme I: “Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure”?** NO
- **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”?** YES

ⁱ Based on the “Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy” (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/6, appendix).
Webpage: <https://unece.org/documents-and-materials>

ⁱⁱ Nine integrated focus areas were identified in the Strategic Framework are:

- 1: Improve the measurement and valuation of natural capital;
- 2: Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital;
- 3: Enhance ecosystems and ecosystem services as part of ecological infrastructure;
- 4: Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns;
- 5: Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns;
- 6: Promote green and fair trade;
- 7: Increase green and decent jobs, while developing the necessary human capital;
- 8: Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being;
- 9: Promote public participation and education for sustainable development.

ⁱⁱⁱ In accordance with the Strategic Framework, the following three types of actions are suggested:

- (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments;
- (b) economy and fiscal instruments; and
- (c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments.

Countries and organizations should refer to any of these three types, as appropriate and relevant.

^{iv} In accordance with the Strategic Framework, the following three clusters of sectors are suggested:

- (a) economy-wide;
- (b) cities; and
- (c) sectors, including: agriculture, forestry and fishing; energy; mining; manufacturing; transport; water; waste; tourism; and housing, buildings and construction.