

## Advancing food loss technologies and policies Europe's policies and strategies for food sustainability

### **Speakers' bios:**

#### **Rosa D'Amato**

Rosa D'Amato is a member of the Greens/EFA group at the European Parliament. In her work, she promotes the values of environmental sustainability and social and territorial equity. She fights for a just cohesion, in which health and environmental protection come first and new technologies create space for a sustainable productivity. She is currently a member of the following committees: Regional Development Committee (REGI), Fisheries (PECH) and Employment (EMPL). She is also part of the Delegation for Relations with Palestine (DPAL) and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (DMED), the LGBTI Intergroup and the STOA Panel.

#### **Gyula Kasza**

Gyula Kasza is an associate professor and the head of the Food Economics Research Group of the University of Veterinary Medicine Budapest. He is the founder and coordinator of Project Wasteless, the Hungarian food waste prevention programme, at the National Food Chain Safety Office. He serves as a member of the European Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste, and a core expert of the European Consumer Food Waste Forum.

#### **Alexandra Nikolakopoulou**

Alexandra Nikolakopoulou is head of Farm to Fork strategy Unit at the European Commission's directorate general for health and food safety (DG Sante). She has been leading and coordinating the work for the adoption of the EU Farm to Fork Strategy and she is in charge of some of the main initiatives of the strategy such as the general framework for sustainable food systems, front of pack labelling and nutrient profiles, origin labelling, sustainable labelling, food waste. Nikolakopoulou joined DG Sante in 2003. Prior to her roles at DG SANTE, she was food law advisor at EuroCommerce, the European Association of retail and wholesale companies. Previously Nikolakopoulou spent three years working for the legal Unit of the European Commission's Consumer Protection Directorate General. Nikolakopoulou completed her Master's degree (DEA) in European law at the University of Toulouse.

#### **Eva Sali**

Eva Sali is a senior policy advisor in charge of food and feed safety, quality, labelling and promotion at Copa-Cogeca, an agricultural umbrella organisation representing over 65 national farm organisations and cooperatives in Europe from all 27 EU Member States. In addition to this, her portfolio includes food waste. Ms Sali holds a PhD in International Politics from Fudan University Shanghai (Shanghai, China) on the topic of food security and the international politics nexus and an MA in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies from the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium). Prior to joining the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat in Brussels in 2021, she worked as Press Officer for the European Parliament and conducted research on the security of resources, great power politics, and the water-energy-food-climate change nexus. She comes from a family producing olive oil and has worked in the hospitality sector in Greece.

## **Federica Dolce**

Federica is currently leading the Circular Economy working group for FoodDrinkEurope, working on all waste-related legislation, coordinating FoodDrinkEurope's members position on key files such as Waste Framework Directive and PPWR. For over 6 years, she has been working on regulatory and policy issues in the areas of environmental affairs for the food sector, for different stakeholders ranging from private sectors to NGOs.

## **Malte Piontek**

Malte is the Deputy Head of Brussel Office for Schwarz Group (Lidl, Kaufland, Schwarz Produktion, PreZero, Schwarz Digits) as well as Public Affairs Manager in charge of Agriculture, Food and Energy. Schwarz Group is the largest European retailer with stores in over 30 countries and in all 27 EU member states. Malte was formerly the Head of Office of MEP Andreas Schwab, European Parliament, from 2016-2020. He has a background in political science from the University of Munich & Copenhagen.

## **Claudio Zanframundo**

Claudio Zanframundo is president of the Thermo King Europe, Middle East, Africa (EMEA) business at Trane Technologies. Appointed in January 2024, he is responsible for refrigeration solutions for road, ocean, and air transportation, as well as HVAC passenger transport solutions. He joined the company in 2016 and has worked in a variety of leadership roles across the Thermo King EMEA organization. Prior to joining Thermo King, Claudio spent 15 years in the automotive industry where he held a range of executive leadership positions. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering, and a master's degree in economics and finance from the Politecnico of Torino, Italy. In addition, he holds two additional master's degrees in sales and financial services as well as various strategy and leadership qualifications from INSEAD.

## **Christophe Diercxsens**

Christophe is Too Good To Go's Director of Public Affairs, where, from Brussels, he leads a team that spans Berlin, Paris, London and Madrid. Together, they advocate Europe-wide for legislation that can help end global food waste. Christophe is also one of 16 food waste experts involved in the European Consumer Food Waste Forum. Prior to Too Good To Go, Christophe spent 10 years with FTI Consulting, advising digital, food and financial companies on how to navigate the world of EU policy making. He has a Masters' Degree in Political Science from the University of Leuven, in Belgium.

## **Federica Grassi**

Federica has an Italian passport but considers herself a citizen of the world. She holds a Bachelor's degree in International Affairs and a Master's degree in Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology. She specialised in food anthropology and body anthropology, after carrying out an ethnographic research period in Fiji on the topics of nutrition, sugar consumption, eating disorders, and healthcare systems. She joined SAFE as a Policy Officer and Project Coordinator after completing the Blue Book Traineeship at DG SANTE in the Farm to Fork Unit, and she is convinced that with the team she is contributing to make this world a better place, by undertaking relevant efforts that positively influence the EU policymaking process.

### **Vito Antonacci**

Vito Antonacci works at Zero Waste Puglia, a branch of Zero Waste Italy. He has long been dedicated to and knowledgeable about effective waste management, covering both collection and recovery phases. He was a proponent, along with others in the National Zero Waste Law Movement, of the People's Initiative Law "Zero Waste". He collaborates with any administration interested in pursuing a path toward responsible waste management, beginning with reduction policies and always prioritizing the interests of communities from both environmental and economic standpoints. Vito has provided input on both the previous and current Regional Waste Plans, endorsed by the Regional Council.

### **Salvatore De Meo**

Salvatore De Meo has been a Member of the European Parliament for the European People's Party Group since February 2020. He is member of the Conference of Commission Presidents, full member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and part of Delegation to the EU-Serbia Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee and Delegation for relations with India. Furthermore, De Meo is substitute member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, and part of Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union and Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee.

### **Inese Vaidere**

Inese Vaidere is a Latvian politician who currently serves as a Member of the European Parliament for the European People's Party Group. She is Vice-Chair of the Delegation to the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and of the Delegation to the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly. Vaidere is full member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Furthermore, she is substitute member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, and part of the Delegation to the Cariforum-EU Parliamentary Committee and Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

### **Pietro Paganini**

Pietro Paganini is an economic and (geo)political analyst, as well as the President and Founder of Competere. He serves as an Adjunct Professor of Business Administration at the Fox School of Business - Temple University in Philadelphia (since 2015) and at John Cabot University in Rome (since 2008). In the past, he held the position of General Director of Fondazione Luigi Einaudi.