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**“More than Food”**

**FoodDrinkEurope launches informative industry platform**

FoodDrinkEurope launched today “More than Food”, a new online platform which brings together the key initiatives spearheaded by the food and drink sector to promote its core values all along the manufacturing process and showcase the industry’s work to improve consumer choice, health and sustainability.

The platform serves as a gateway to 5 individual websites which present initiatives to support the industry’s main objectives:

* to be sustainable and implement circular economy wherever possible;
* to share with those who need it and have an active food donation policy;
* to promote the role of our Small & Medium Sized enterprises, who represent 99% of our sector throughout the EU;
* to promote balanced diets and healthy lifestyles for all our consumers;
* to help the same consumers make informed choices with the support of clear labelling.

A 6th website will soon be added, to highlight how food and drink companies implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

“Our sector is proud of producing tasty, safe and affordable products with a great variety of choice. But besides the actual manufacturing of products, we are key actors in the society and as such we also consider it essential to conduct business in the most responsible way’ said Mella Frewen, Director General of FoodDrinkEurope. “Because we are about much More than Food. And because it matters that we are.”

*Note to the editors:*

*FoodDrinkEurope is the organization of Europe’s food and drink industry, the largest manufacturing sector and leading employer in the EU and a key contributor to its economy (286 000 companies, 99% SMEs, 4.2 million employees).*

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