National Food Chain Safety Office, Hungary

The National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO) is the national level food chain safety authority of Hungary with control responsibilities covering the whole food chain from the soil to retail and catering. In addition to traditional authority measures – risk assessment and risk management (registration, control, certification, laboratory examinations) – risk communication has become a very important focus area during the last 10 years. NFCSO has also developed a research activity in these fields and become one of the most important scientific centre of Hungary for food safety related issues with an annual publication number of 70-80 in peer reviewed journals. From 2012, the most important areas of NFCSO's activities are covered by social campaigns to foster public participation, raise consumer awareness, develop cooperation with non-governmental organizations and organize educational programmes. Consumer research has been integrated into the strategical activities of NFCSO in order to develop risk prevention and transparency with innovative communication methods and channels, as well as optimising messages and language. In 2018, a European level consumer study, published by EFSA, identified NFCSO as the most trusted national level food safety authority in the EU.

One of our programmes is „Wasteless", which aims at decreasing the amount of food waste. This programme is supported by the European Union's LIFE sub-programme and its aims are harmonizing with the priorities of the 7th Environmental Action Programme of the European Union. For more information please visit our website: http://maradeknelkul.hu/en/about-wasteless/ .

Some reports on the research that supports this project:

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We are interested in joining to food chain related projects.

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