



## Greeting

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**Werner Matthias Dornscheidt,  
President & CEO of Messe Düsseldorf GmbH**

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Guests of SAVE FOOD,

Since its inception six years ago, the approach of the SAVE FOOD Initiative has been special in that it networks with industry. Because in the fight against food losses and waste international organisations and the industry depend on this cooperation.

Here, interpack as the international No. 1 trade fair with exhibitors from 60 nations and visitors from over 160 countries takes on a key role: It contributes the competency of the contacts it maintains with business and associations to the Initiative's work. This means it provides the perfect platform for the international SAVE FOOD Congress and brings together experts from business, politics and society over the issue of food losses and waste.

We have already achieved quite a few things over the past few years. By now Initiative counts in excess of 850 companies, associations, research institutes and NGOs as its members. With the mango project in Kenya involving SAVE FOOD members we have realized a first successful best case and through studies obtained insights into the "mechanics" of food losses in Kenya and India.

Furthermore, we have established SAVE FOOD meetings at branded products manufacturers in the non-interpack years serving members as a forum for presenting best cases and for direct exchange.

We would also like to consistently continue along this path in the future and therefore build on the commitment and the wealth of ideas of all parties involved in order to appropriately confront one of the most pressing problems of our day and age.

Werner Matthias Dornscheidt



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**Friedbert Klefenz,  
President interpack 2017**

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Guests at SAVE FOOD,

The packaging industry and related process industries can make a decisive contribution to solving the global food loss and waste problem. By using state-of-the-art technology and materials or smart packaging, food waste can be counteracted that can be predominantly observed in industrialized nations. Basic technical applications, in turn, can reduce losses in developing countries, which already occur at the stages of harvesting, storage and transport.

At interpack the latest developments are presented in all fields of application charting the course for future progress. In all of this the companies also have their sights on sustainability. The lowest consumption of resources possible in terms of production and materials is decisive here for obtaining the most ideal ratio between consumed and conserved resources.

At innovationparc some 20 companies and organisations will be showcasing their solutions from practice this year and will present their latest technical innovations. Here numerous examples can be found that show clearly how industry can help solve this problem.

The SAVE FOOD Initiative thrives on its holistic approach. Therefore it is decisive that we coordinate the activities from many different areas and stages of the food value chain. The industry is prepared to make a central contribution.

Which is why we should make intense use of the Congress to swap opinions, ideas and views. In the final analysis, this is the only way to achieve that, which benefits all parties involved.

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**Vytenis Andriukaitis,  
EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety**

Food waste numbers in the EU speak for themselves: it is estimated, that in Europe only we discard around 88 million tons of food every year. 20% of produced food is wasted or lost with an economic cost amounting to EUR 143 billion.

These numbers indicate not only the financial loss, but also the environmental price we pay. Wasted food is wasted land, water, natural and human resources that were used to produce food which is ultimately never consumed. Not to mention animals slaughtered in vain and climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions irretrievably emitted.

800 million people every day go to bed hungry while safe and nutritious food is being thrown away all around the world. Such situation is unaffordable, immoral and unsustainable.

There are many ways to make improvements. Each and every one of us, producer, distributor or consumer, has power to change this situation. Reducing food waste is our shared responsibility and therefore everyone is accountable for the amount of discarded food.

At the EU level, we have started the battle against food waste and food loss. We are about to rethink how we produce, market and consume food at each step in the food supply chain in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal targets for food waste reduction in the EU – in particular to cut by 50% both retail and consumer food waste by 2030.

To be successful in our endeavour we need all actors on the ground to do their share. Initiatives, such as SAVE FOOD, are therefore paramount to raise awareness of food loss and food waste. Talking about it, bringing many different stakeholders together and engaging in the dialogue are the first steps towards finding tangible solutions to this global problem.

Vytenis Andriukaitis