

Vacancy notice /Public Announcement: Chairman and membership(s) of the board of the Think Tank on Prevention of Food Waste and Food Losses

The Minister of Environment and Food of Denmark hereby announces a vacancy notice on the position(s) as chairman as well as Members of the board for the Think Tank on Prevention of Food Waste and Food Losses

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Think Tank on Prevention of Food Waste and Food Losses

The Danish Government will establish a new Think Tank with representatives from the entire food chain 'from farm to fork', public authorities and the research community to help combating and preventing food waste and food losses. The Think Tank will be managed by a chairman, a professional board of 6 Members of which one spot are granted the status as observer and will be taken up by a representative from the Ministry of Environment and Food. In addition there will be a number of members who will be appointed subsequently as well as a Secretariat provided for by the Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark.

The Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark will contribute financially with 0,5 million Dkr. yearly in the period 2019-2022 as agreed upon in the political agreement between the Government, (Venstre, Liberal Alliance og det Konservative Folkeparti), Dansk Folkeparti og Radikale Venstre on the Strategy on Circular Economy on the 11th of October 2018. The launch of The Think Tank will await the agreement on this year's Finance Bill.

Purpose and focus areas of the new Think Tank

The overall purpose will be to strengthen the overall Danish efforts on reducing and preventing food waste and food losses. This will be done by connecting representatives from all levels of the food value chain including businesses, scientists, authorities etc. The Think Tank will particularly focus on activities in the civil society's battle against food waste; investigate general business opportunities for Danish enterprises; seek out international cooperation opportunities as well as contribute to ensuring improved data and data accessibility.

The focus areas of the Think Tank are;

- To support the civil society's battle against food waste and food losses
- To contribute to general business opportunities for Danish companies
- To cooperate with foreign partners on know-how and sharing of experiences
- To support the citizens and the businesses contribution and offer insights on how to overcome barriers that are preventing food waste and food losses and

- To ensure that data collection and verification is improved.

The Think Tank shall ensure that Denmark is a pilot country, i.e. an international leader in regard to prevention of food waste and food losses, when viewed in regard the UN Sustainable Goal 12.3 in 2030: “By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses” .

The tasks of the new Think Tank

The tasks of the Think Tank will be to advise and offer recommendations to the Danish Government within the focus areas. This could be done by proposing initiating information campaigns, proposing initiatives affecting consumer habits, offer insights on the removal of barriers or recommend establishing partnerships. The Think Tank should also consider how activities can affect the behaviour of the general public and see to sharing of knowledge, cases and best practices. The Think Tank can also give recommendation on which new research could be initiated, could apply for funding for new projects and enter into collaboration with Danish and international stakeholders, including organisations, foreign Governments etc. like relevant platforms such as the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food waste under the European Commission. Finally the Think Tank will address the launching and management of new projects. In sum the Think Tank should

- Give advice to the Danish Government and put forward recommendations on new efforts on information, new partnerships or similar
- Collect and share knowledge, data and best practices between authorities, companies, international platforms etc.
- Initiate new projects
- Deliver inputs and support to recommend a more scientific approach
- Explore possibilities with funding to new projects
- Cooperate with national and international actors as well as organizations and countries on sharing of information including cooperating closely with the Platform on Food Losses and Waste.

Households are responsible for much of the food waste in Denmark. Therefore, it is crucial that civil society contributes to efforts to prevent food waste through a change in cooking and consumption habits. And therefore, the Think Tank will give particular attention on sustaining and promoting the movement already started with regard to engaging Danes in the fight against food waste - whether they actually prepare the food, or just eat it.

Furthermore, the Think Tank shall ensure that efforts to reduce food waste and food losses go hand in hand with securing good framework conditions for Danish businesses and ensures that efforts create new earnings potentials and improve competitiveness for Danish businesses. Thus, the Think Tank will have a special focus on developing new business models and innovative technological solutions. The UN goal to reduce food waste and food losses provides new market opportunities for businesses that have taken the lead with sustainable solutions and business models, and the new Think Tank will contribute to ensuring that Danish businesses can play a role on international markets.

Furthermore, the UN goal imposes a political obligation on all countries in the world to ensure sustainable development. Denmark has a moral responsibility to offer solutions and best practices

for sustainable development in less developed countries. Therefore the Think Tank should also focus on exchange of knowledge to benefit other countries that may learn from Danish solutions. This includes contributions to the European Commission's "EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste" as well as any other global platforms aimed at building up and sharing knowledge.

The Tasks of the Members of the board

The Members of the board will take initiative to perform the tasks mentioned in the section above concerning focus areas and tasks of the Think Tank. The members of the board will also deal with recommendations from members of the Think Tank before the Members of the board decides on presenting these recommendations to the Government. Every year, the Members of the board will inform the Minister of Environment and Food of Denmark about the board's activities and decisions, including its recommendations to the Government. Furthermore, the members of the board will work to make the Think Tank self-sustainable in the longer term.

The Members of the board will create a working programme that will prioritize the tasks of the Think Tank. This will entail the details on working groups, subgroups and how to distribute funding for potential projects within the public rules.

The Members of the board cannot allocate funds to projects where they themselves have a special interest.

It is also pivotal, that the Members of the board Members actively promotes and investigates financial possibilities outside the public financial framework in terms of private funding.

The Member of the board is expected to meet twice a year.

The Secretariat

The Think Tank will be serviced by a secretariat from the Ministry of Environment and Food, who shall support the Members of the board as well as the Think Tank in general. This includes guiding and supporting the efforts the Think Tank initiates in terms of highlighting the co-responsibility of citizens and the business community and identifying and exploring potentials to remove barriers to prevent food waste and food losses.

The Chairman

As Chairman of the Think Tank your task will be to set out the strategic direction for the Think Tank in cooperation with the other members of the board. The Chairman will be the public representative of the Think Tank and is expected to represent the Think Tank in public events.

It is a presupposition that the Chairman will be able to develop and advance the Think Tanks strategic aims and ensure that the overall purpose of the Think Tank is being met. This also includes the ability to sum up recommendations on significant initiatives that can ensure real impact and the ability to summarize information on best practices in the field of food waste and food losses.

As this will be a newly constituted institution, the applicant should have qualifications in this regard, i.e. strategic and organizational skills in terms of how to establish and make such a cooperation-forum operational. The applicant should also demonstrate a thorough understanding of

how a public-private partnership works as well as have work experience from the private sector. It is also pivotal, that the applicant for the position as Chairman will be able to demonstrate experience as a Member of a board in general as well as experience within the field of strategic leadership.

The Chairman will receive an annual fee.

The board of Members

The Members of the board of will have a crucial part in setting the strategic direction of the Think Tank and its contribution on fighting food waste and losses in Denmark.

When appointing the Members of the board, experience within the field (food waste and food losses), previous board experience and current position(s) in this regard will be prioritized. Furthermore experience in regard to food waste and food losses will be an advantage. This could relate to other aspects such as climate, environment or other areas that are closely intertwined with the agenda on food waste and losses.

Besides, the composition of the Members of the board shall ensure thorough specialist knowledge, an overall representativeness of the most important actors in the food chain and as broad a variation as possible. The board may include members from countries outside Denmark. The Members of the board shall – if possible – have an equal distribution among men and women.

The Members of the board will not be remunerated.

The Members of the board is expected to meet twice a year.

Designation period

The Chairman and the Members of the board will be appointed for a three year period starting from 2019 and running until 2022. It will be possible to be reappointed once equivalent to a maximum designation of 6 years.

Members

The members of the Think Tank will be comprised of relevant actors from all levels in the value chain. This includes public authorities, private businesses, scientists etc. The Minister of Environment and Food of Denmark as well as the Members of the board does have the capacity to appoint membership. The membership is valid for a two year period. The composition of the members must meet demands, concerning the dynamics of the Think Tank and the rather broad agenda. Members are expected to meet in subgroups and contribute actively to the tasks of the Think Tank.

Financing

The new Think Tank has financial autonomy, which means that it can earn revenues and receive funding from external collaboration partners. The assets of the Think Tank will be kept separate

from the state's assets, and the secretariat is responsible for this. The running costs of the Think Tank are financed by the Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark in the first four years by a contribution of 0,5 million Dkr. yearly. In addition The Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark will provide a secretariat in the same period. Other parties can contribute financially to the operations of the Think Tank, projects, etc. The financial aim is to become self-sustained in the long term.

Applicants as Chairman or as a Member of the board

Nominations/suggestions as Chairman and/or as Member of the board must entail:

- A thorough explanation on why the suggested candidate is deemed appropriate.
- A Résumé (maximum 2 pages) for the candidate.
- Contact information on the candidate.
- Details (and if possible documentation) that the candidate meets the prerequisites.

The Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark presupposes that nomination of other candidates than one self is done in full agreement with the suggested candidate and that this candidate has a genuine wish to take up the task. It is possible to suggest oneself as well as other individuals for the position as both chairman or as Member of the board.

Suggestions/nominations should be done by sending an application to either sisbl@mfvm.dk or sobis@mfvm.dk no later than the 21st of December 2018. It should be specified that the enquiry concerns either "Chairman - Think Tank on the prevention of food waste and food losses" or "Member of the board of Members - Think Tank on the prevention of food waste and food losses".

Procedure

All nominations will be presented to the Minister of Environment and Food of Denmark who will nominate the final candidates to the Governments "Hiring Committee". When the candidates are approved, they will receive notification from the Ministry.

Further information:

For further information please contact: Special advisor Signe Skibstrup Blach, sisbl@mfvm.dk 9135 6972 or Special advisor Søren Bisgaard, sobis@mfvm.dk / 20 71 94 82.