



GFSI Europe Local Group

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ABOUT THE LOCAL GROUP

Created in 2017, the GFSI Europe Local Group, composed of Europe's leading retailers and manufacturers, has not only brought the limelight back to the continental birthplace of GFSI but it has also created a new wave of momentum for GFSI in the region. This Local Group has a vast geographical reach and plans to work with a wide range of stakeholders in the UK, Russia and Turkey.

The GFSI Europe Local Group has three strategic priorities:

- **Increased awareness** of GFSI's focus on harmonisation and its recognised certification programmes.
- **Capability building** for small and medium enterprises through the Global Markets Programme.
- **Public-Private Partnerships** by working together with regulators and government entities to promote local food safety and harmonise local/international standards with GFSI's benchmarking requirements.

One main areas of focus for the GFSI Europe Local Group is to engage with European food safety authorities, at

both national and European levels. GFSI has collaborated with the European Heads of Food Safety Agencies Informal Working Group on Private Assurance to establish clear steps towards ensuring confidence in third party certification by discussing how:

- Private certification programmes align to European regulation.
- GFSI works to monitor and improve consistence with the GFSI Integrity Programme.
- Third-party certification can introduce new trends within the industry through the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements.

The past year of collaboration with the European Heads of Food Safety Agencies Informal Working Group on Private Assurance has resulted in the production of the joint document regarding the comparative study between selected EU regulations and the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements.

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