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OSI Europe Hosts the SAI Platform Beef Working Group

Gersthofen, Germany, November 2017 – OSI Europe hosted a meeting of the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform) Beef Working Group in Gersthofen in November. The SAI Platform is a global food and drink value chain initiative for sustainable agriculture.

In 2002, Nestlé, Unilever and Danone created the SAI Platform, a non-profit organization, to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices to support the development and implementation of sustainable agriculture practices involving stakeholders throughout the food value chain. Today, the SAI Platform counts over 90 members which actively share the same view on sustainable agriculture. OSI Europe has been a member of the SAI Platform since 2011 and is actively engaged in the Beef Working Group (BWG).

The BWG consists of representatives from the whole beef industry, such as:

- Retail stores
- Farmers' associations
- Foodservice
- Quality assurance schemes
- Beef processors

The working group has developed the "Beef Sustainability Practices." This module for assessment of sustainability focuses on adding value to existing structures and frameworks already in place with the aim of alignment and continuous improvement.

As another milestone, the BWG has initiated the founding of the European Roundtable for Beef Sustainability (ERBS). The group regularly meets to discuss different topics around sustainable beef and to find ways to develop it in the industry, while sharing best practices. The discussions and exchange within the group help the participating companies to define their roadmaps on beef sustainability.

OSI was happy to host the group and looks forward to welcoming them again in the future.

For more information about the SAI Platform, visit www.saiplatform.org.

About OSI

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