Insights gained from consumer-facing interventions in Germany

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Challenge 61% consumers **11** MILLION IN GERMANY • Study by Kranert et al. (2012) 17% bulk consumers commissioned by BMEL: 44% fruit and vegetables 17% industy 5 % trade 7% beverages 3 % miscellaneous 1ste by food-chain section / Source:Study by the University nded by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) 23 Π <u>.</u> 12 % food leftovers 82 KG PER CAPITA 6 % meat & fish AND YEAR 8 % milk products 20% bakery and pasta products Breakdown of avoidable and partly avoidable food waste from households by product group

Source study by the University of Stuttgart (2012), funded by the BMEL



The intervention

Too good for the bin! initiative:

- Digital measures
- Different dialogue formats
- Information materials









Why this was successful

- Raising awareness without finger wagging
- Educational work
- Evoking emotions
- Encouraging action.

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> We throw away every eighth item of food we buy. You can make a real difference.





Main insights gained

- A campaign is not a sure-fire success.
- A stable network of co-operation partners is helpful.
- It is beneficial to pursue a target group-specific approach to the action to be taken





Other learnings

First results on waste generation in private households

- 4.4 million t of food waste in German private households per year
- around 55 /kg per person
- about 50 % is avoidable



Outlook

Too good for the bin! will be continued and is an essential component of a national strategy



