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# National Strategy for Food Waste Reduction

From the strategy to implementation

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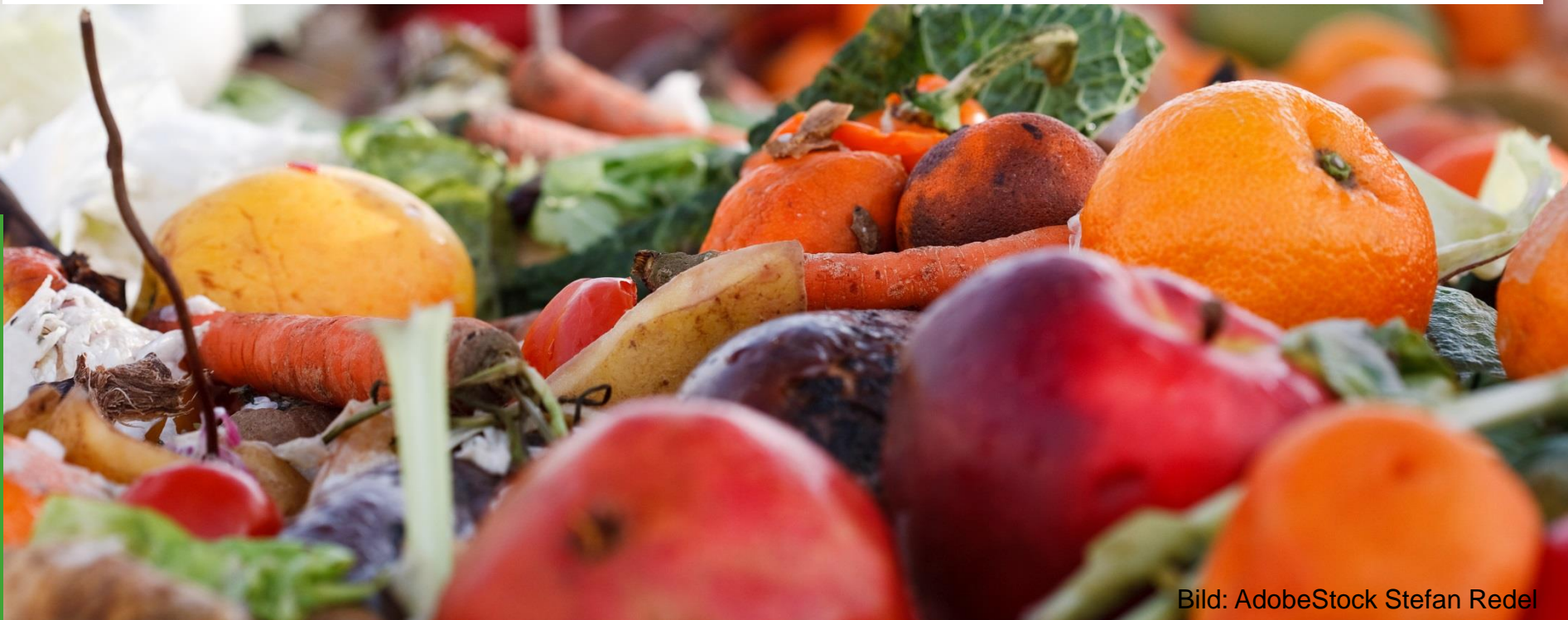


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# Context and challenge

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with SDG 12.3: halving food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reducing food losses along the food supply chain by 2030
- Food production uses up valuable resources such as soil, water and energy and emits greenhouse gases
- Reduction of food waste poses a challenge for all stakeholders
- The National Strategy sets the framework in order to define measures and achieve a change of mindset within society



# National Strategy

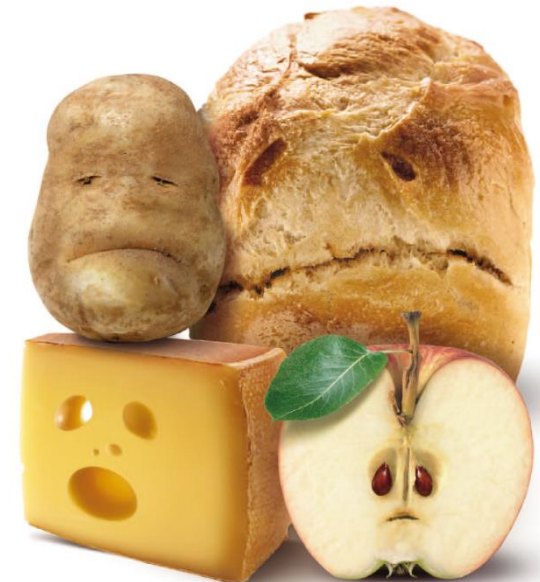
- Drawing up a strategy together with the federal ministries and the federal states (Länder)
- Involving trade associations and civil society
- Adopted by the cabinet on 20 February 2019

Nationale Strategie zur  
Reduzierung der  
Lebensmittelverschwendung

# Food waste

## What are the stakes?

- Definitions of the revised EU legislation (Waste Framework Directive)
- Foodstuffs only after the harvest and after slaughter
- Waste arises at all points of the food supply chain
- Causes of food waste are very complex and diverse

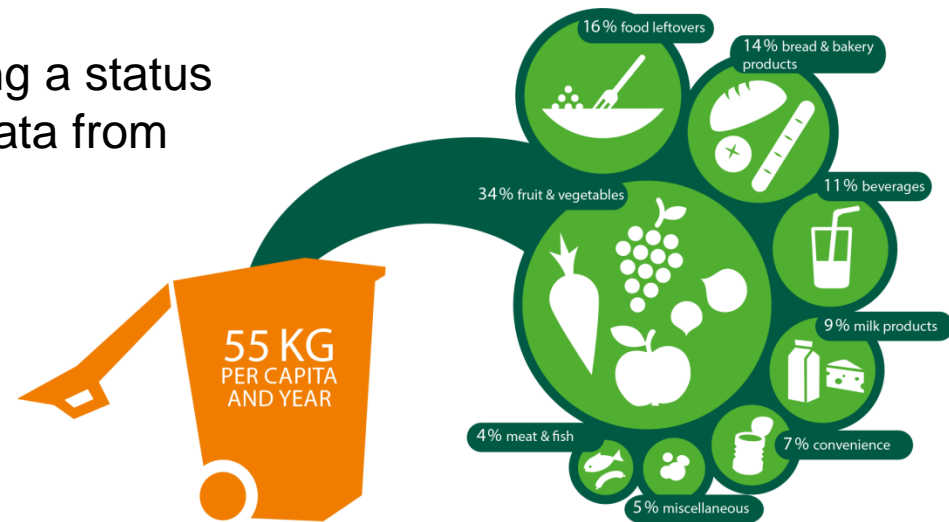


# Sectors of the food supply chain



# Measuring food waste

- At present, data on food waste levels along the food supply chain are not sufficient.
- An inter-ministerial working group was initiated in May 2018 that is working on an indicator and methodological paper.
- The Thünen Institute is conducting a status quo analysis based on existing data from 2015.
- Baseline in June 2019.



# Fields of Action

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## **Political framework**

*Focus: formation of various committees for future cooperation*

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## **Behavioral change among all actors**

*Focus: publicizing the benefits of reducing food waste*

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## **Process optimization in the economy**

*Focus: Improving of existing business processes*

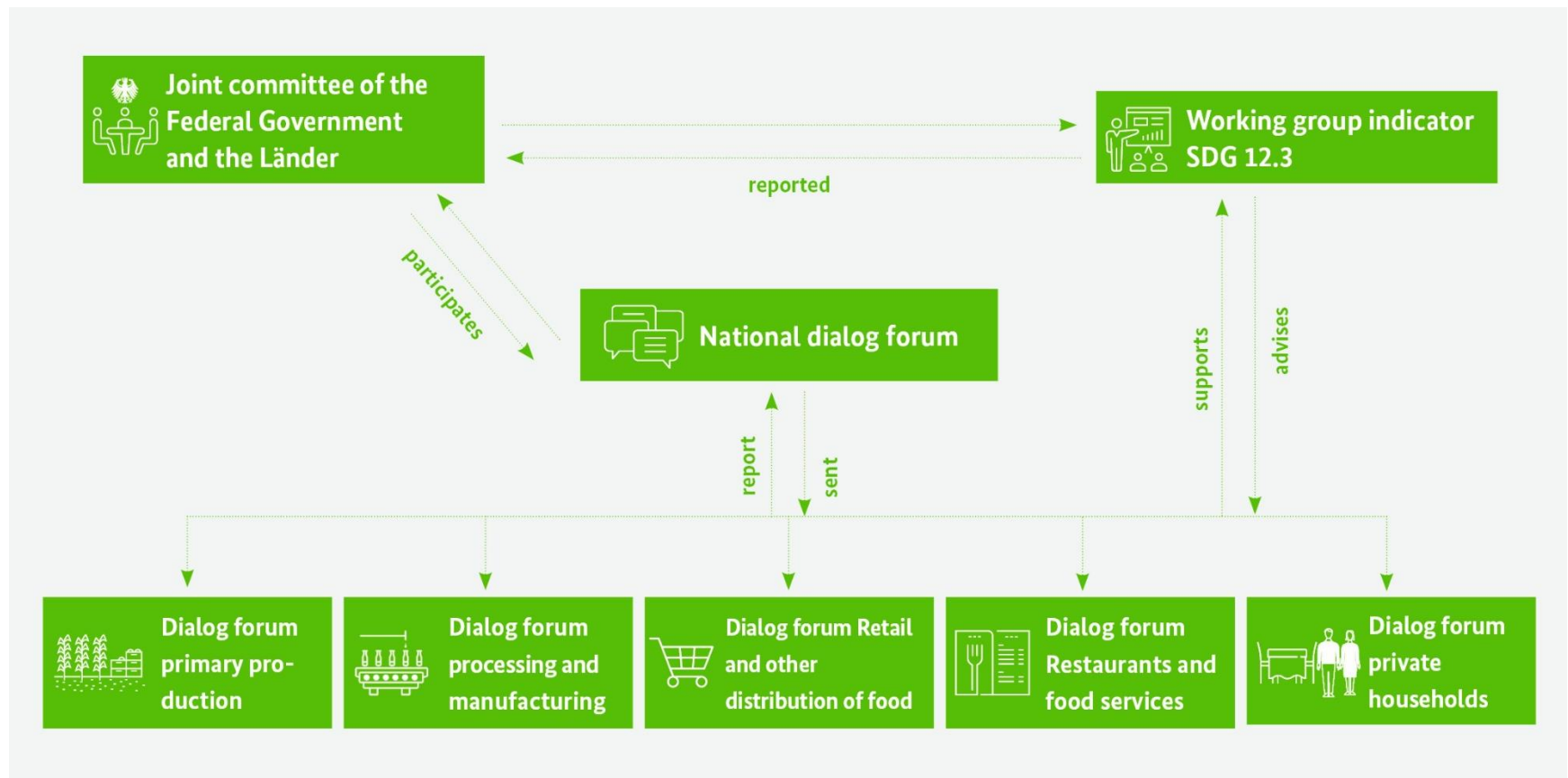
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## **Potential through research and digitization**

*Focus: Development of innovative, digital solutions for complex logistics distribution*



# Future structure of cooperation





# Each one of us has a role to play

- to show appreciation for our foodstuffs in everyday life
- Federal Government and Länder: facilitating communication and cooperation between the actors through dialogue platforms
- Food business operators: find practicable solutions, identify the greatest potential for reduction and work out measures
- Science: assists the process through applied research with partners in practice



# Road map for less food wastage

from february 2019



**Sector-related  
dialogue forums**

June 2019



**International workshop  
on the harmonized method  
for measuring**

June 2019



**Data for the baseline 2015**

September 2019



**National dialogue forum  
launch event**

- Extension on the initiative *too good for the bin*
- Continuous information and documentation of implementation
- Joint committee of the Federal Government and the Länder takes over the cross-departmental and transnational steering



# Thank you very much!



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