



EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste: Taking stock, one year on

**EU Platform on Food Losses and
Food Waste
Commissioner Andriukaitis
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SDG 12.3: 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.





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In the EU, food waste has been estimated at some 88 million tonnes, or 173 kg per capita per year. © AP Images/European Union/EP

MEPs advocate efforts to halve by 2030 food waste in the EU, by lifting existing restrictions on food donations and eliminating confusion about "best before" and "use by" labels.

- cut food waste by 30% by 2025 and by 50% in 2030
- make food donations easier
- make "best before" and "use by" labels less confusing

"In developed countries food is wasted mostly at the end of the chain, at distribution and consumption. Everyone has a responsibility to tackle this problem", said lead MEP Bijana Borzan (S&D, HR). "My report calls for a coordinated policy response on labelling, liability and education, as most consumers do not understand the precise meaning of "best before" and "use by" labelling. Moreover, we should address the shortcomings of existing EU legislation where it hinders food donations", she added. Her resolution was adopted on Tuesday by 623 votes to 33, with 20 abstentions.

MEPs call on EU countries to achieve food waste cuts of 30% by 2025 and a further 50% by 2030 (compared to 2014) - an objective Parliament introduced in waste legislation voted in March.

National authorities and stakeholders should do more to help consumers to understand

Further information

- > Steps of the procedure
- > EP rapporteur Bijana Borzan (S&D, HR)
- > Adopted text (2016/2223(INI)) will soon be available here (15.05.2017)
- > Video recording of debate (click on 15.05.2017)
- > Video of the press conference
- EP Research: tackling food waste, the EU's contribution to a global issue
- > EU-Fusions project study
- > EbS+ (15.05.2017)
- > Audiovisual material for professionals

Political groups

- > News pages of the EPP group
- > Press release by the S&D group
- > News pages of the ECR group

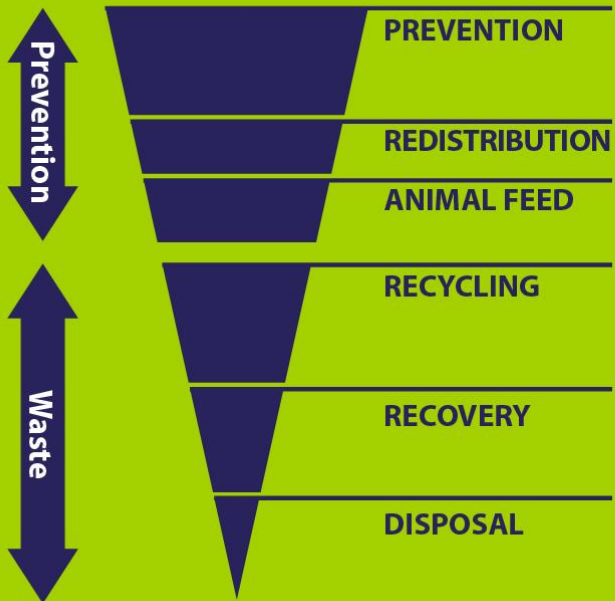
European Parliament resolution of 16 May 2017 on initiative on resource efficiency: reducing food waste, improving food safety

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EU Platform dedicated to food waste prevention



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We bring together all the actors involved and facilitate their work to prevent food waste & support the paradigm shift towards a circular economy and more sustainable food systems.



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Fighting food losses and waste at each stage of the food value chain





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Fight Food Waste: No impact on safety of the food and feed chain



- EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste
- Measure and monitor food waste
- EU guidelines to facilitate food donation
- Optimise safe use of food in feed
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking



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EU and FAO join forces to take action on food waste and antimicrobial resistance
EU and Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations join forces to take action on food waste and antimicrobial resistance.
Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis and the Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) José Graziano... read more

MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) on "Share Food, Cut Waste"
Politecnico di Milano and Fondazione Banco Alimentare ONLUS have launched "Share Food, Cut Waste", a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) addressed to all those who are interested in reducing food waste and enhancing food security for people in need.
The resource is open to a wide audience, from... read more

Wasted: How America is Losing Up to 40 percent of Its Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill, a report by the Natural Resources Defense Council
In 2012, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) published Wasted: How America is Losing up to 40 Percent of Its Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill, helping spark a national debate on food waste in the US. The second edition updates and expands the previous report, capturing the latest studies.... read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste meeting
On Tue, 7th November 2017 from 10:00 to 18:00 (Jacques Delors building, 60-101 Rue Belliard, Brussels)
The third plenary meeting of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste.

PAST EVENTS

Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) Network Meeting: Preventing Food Waste in FEAD Actions
On Thu, 21st September 2017 (Event Lounge, Bld. Général Wahlenlaan 16F, 1030 Brussels, Belgium)
Bringing together 80 FEAD Network Members from across Europe, the event represents the first of five FEAD Network Meetings scheduled to take place in the course of 2017. The meeting will:
*Provide information and working sessions on good practices in the prevention of food waste, challenges and... read more

LATEST DOCUMENTS

The Netherlands: The effect of date marking terminology of products with a long shelf life on food discarding behaviour of consumers

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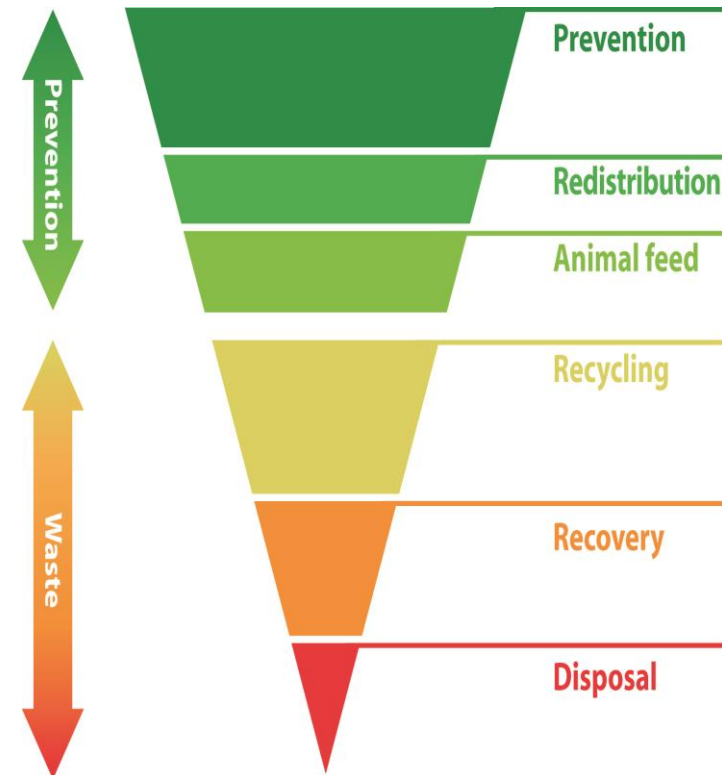
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Waste legislation proposal



The proposal reflects commitment to SDG 12.3 and requires MS to:

- reduce food waste at each stage of the food supply chain (including households);
- monitor food waste levels; and
- report back on progress.



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European Commission and FAO strengthen collaboration on Food waste, AMR and nutrition





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EU food donation guidelines



On World Food Day the European Commission adopted guidelines to facilitate food donation in the EU.

#FoodDonationGuidelines #CircularEconomy #WorldFoodDay

EU guidelines: former food to feed

- Facilitate the safe feed use of former food
- Hindrance due to legal uncertainty and unnecessary administrative burden should be paved away
- Intensive consultation with authorities and stakeholders
- Publication of the guidelines by end 2017





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Date marking



... **KNOW YOUR DATES!**

"USE BY"

informs you about

FOOD SAFETY



"BEST BEFORE"

informs you about

FOOD QUALITY

58% consumers say they always look at date marking when shopping and preparing meals, but less than 1 in 2 understand its meaning.

Thank you