

Reduction of food waste in a sustainable food system

EEA's ongoing and planned work

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The European Environment Agency is.....



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An independent EU agency

Supporting policy development and key global processes by providing reliable and actionable data



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An interface between science and policy

Dependent upon strong networks to carry out its work



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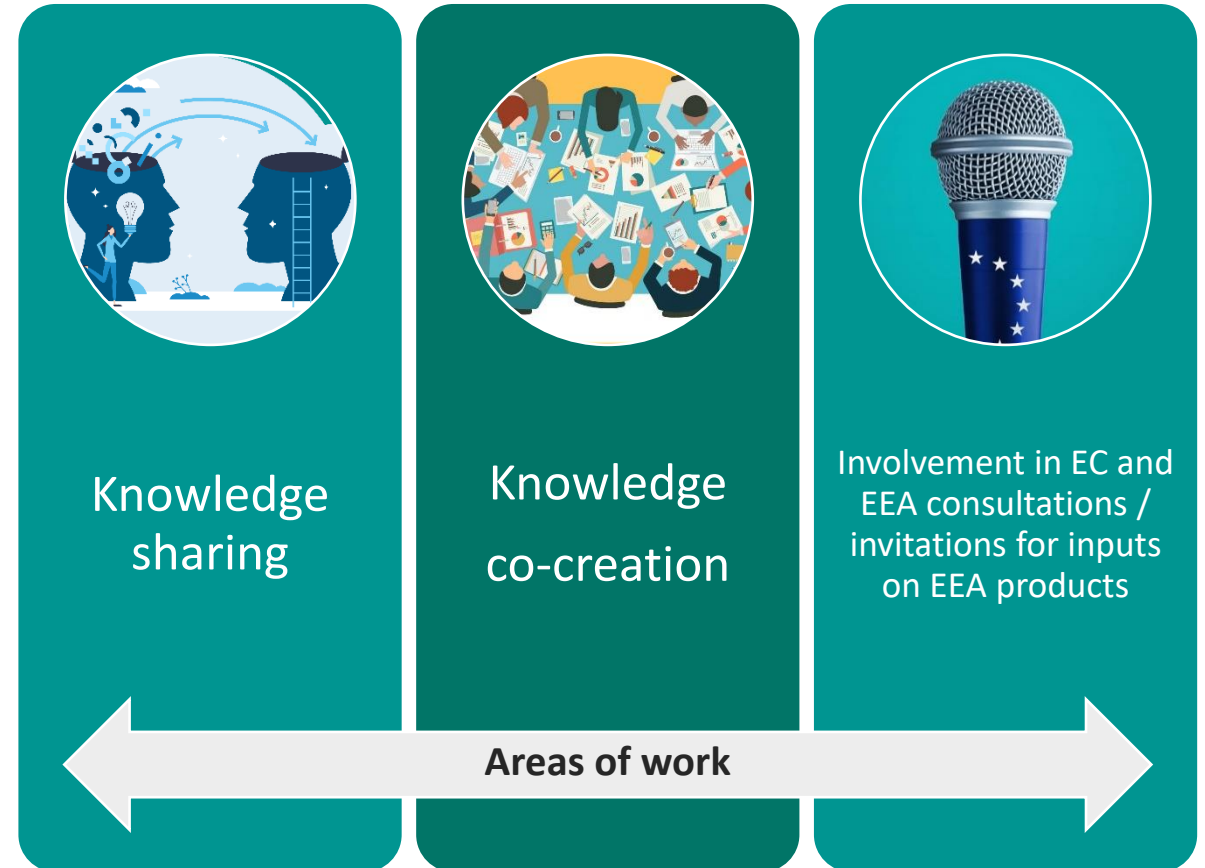
Eionet Circular Economy and Resource Use Group

- › **Rationale of the group:** Support the European Union's efforts to transition towards a more sustainable and circular economy.
- › Includes representatives from **EEA member and cooperating countries** (e.g., Ministries, government agencies, research institutions...).
- › Example of ongoing **areas of work in 2023:** CE monitoring, sustainable consumption, waste prevention/management.



Eionet Food Systems Group

- › **Group officially launched in June 2022** as part of the Eionet modernization process
- › **Rationale of the group:** to support activities addressing the sustainability of food systems in Europe
- › Includes representatives from **EEA member and cooperating countries** (e.g., Ministries, government agencies, research institutions...)
- › Two ongoing **areas of work in 2023:**
 - › Eionet working paper to gather evidence on national-level food system policies and strategies
 - › Participatory food system mapping process



EEA's mandate on Waste prevention (WFD)

To publish, every two years, a report containing:

1 Assessment of the **progress** made in the completion and implementation of waste prevention programmes

2 Evolution of prevention of waste generation for each Member State and for the Union as a whole

3 An assessment of **decoupling of waste generation** from economic growth and the transition towards a circular economy

EEA's previous years waste prevention reports



2023



2021



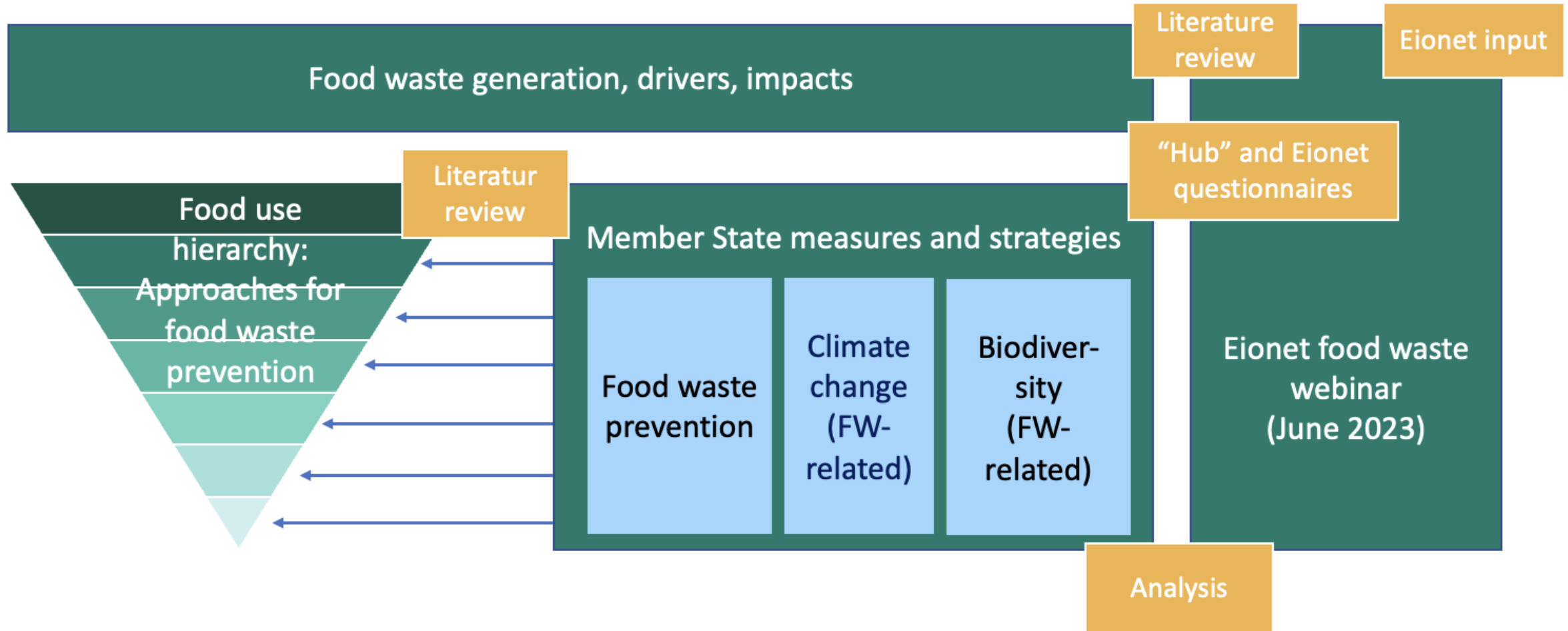
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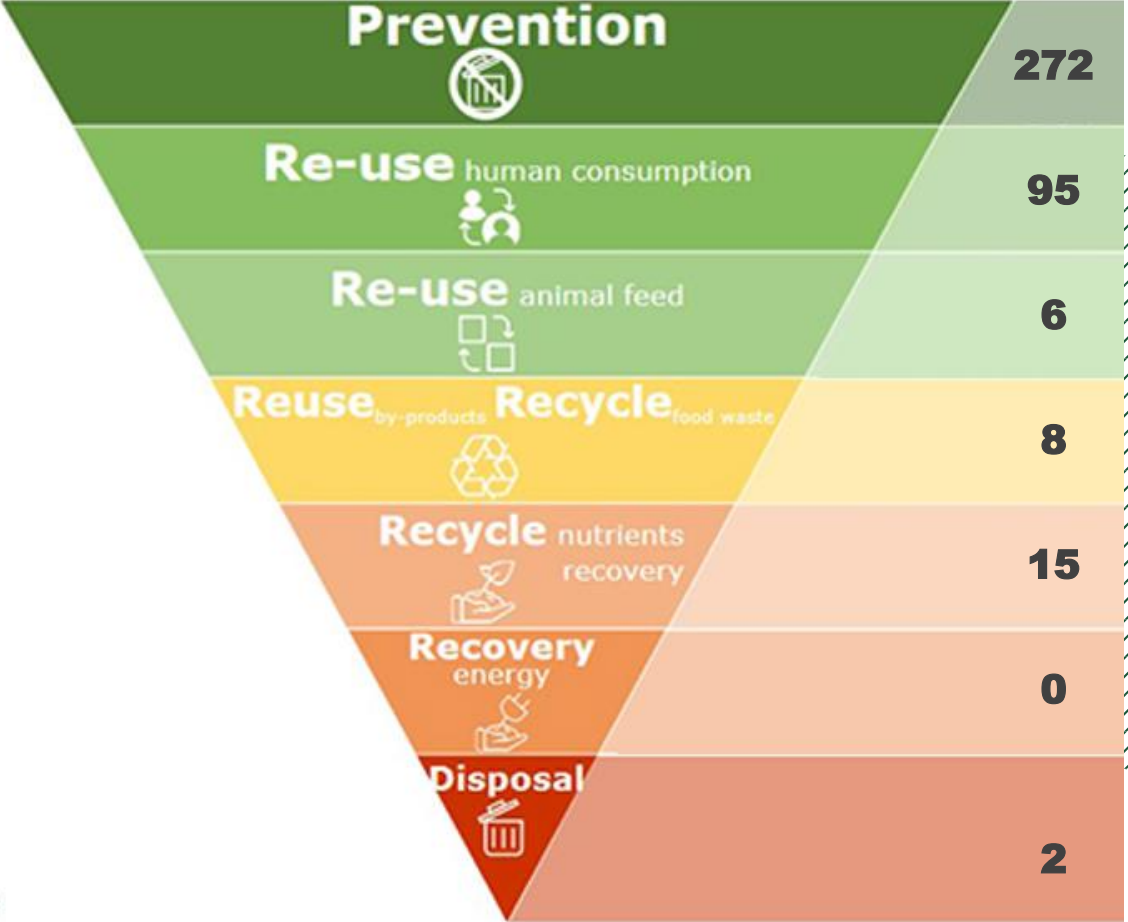


Efforts of food waste prevention in the EU-27 Member States - *methodology*



Some preliminary results....

Most preferable option
Least preferable option



Number of actions carried out in the EU 27 MS, mapped according to the food use hierarchy


Continuation of the project in 2024 and 2025

- › Quality of food waste data **(2024)**
- › Effectiveness of food waste measures **(2024)**

➔ **Final waste prevention report 2025**



Study - Innovative approaches to reducing on farm food waste

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- › Main causes, variance across production systems
 - › Impacts on environmental sustainability of food production, climate and biodiversity
 - › Social and economic benefits
 - › Emerging innovations for waste reduction ↘

[Reimagining the food system through social innovations — European Environment Agency](#)

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