



Update on Circular Economy Action Plan and work of EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

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



- EU Platform on food waste prevention
- Measure and monitor food waste
- Facilitate food donation
- Optimise safe use of food in feed
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking

Waste legislation – published!

Amendments to Waste Framework Directive were adopted on 30 May 2018. Member States have now 24 months (until 5 July 2020) to adapt their legislation and administrative provisions.

Key provisions on food waste prevention:

- **Definition** of food waste
- **Member States obligations** on food waste prevention, including possible future EU targets
- **Reporting** obligation and **EU measurement methodology**

Member States obligations...

- **Reduce food waste generation at each stage in the food supply chain** (primary production, processing and manufacturing, retail and other distribution, restaurants and food services, households) as a contribution to the SDG 12.3, including hierarchy of actions.
- **Adopt** food waste prevention **programmes** (as specific part of MS waste prevention programmes)
- **Monitor and annually report** on food waste levels, based on **common EU methodology** (Delegated Act). It is planned that 2020 will be the first reporting period.

...and possible future EU targets

Revision clause on potential future targets:

- ***"By 31 December 2023, the Commission shall examine data on food waste provided by Member States (...) with a view to considering the feasibility of setting up a Union-wide food waste reduction target to be met by 2030 (...)*** To that end, the Commission shall submit a **report** to the European Parliament and to the Council, accompanied, **if appropriate, by a legislative proposal."**

Monitoring and reporting

- **Methodology - Delegated act** to be adopted by **end March 2019** – MS Expert Group has already met 5 times!
- We aim to send the draft delegated act for stakeholder consultation via the “**feedback mechanism**” before Christmas or early next year.
- **Reporting format (including quality check report)** is in preparation - will proceed further **after the adoption of methodology**.

EU Pilot Project: Food Redistribution

- Investigate **regulatory and policy frameworks** – by November 2018
- Document with examples of **Member States' food donation practices** (2019)
- Investigate **operational frameworks** for food redistribution in the EU - by end 2018
- Disseminate **EU food donation guidelines** in EU-28 in cooperation with stakeholders (2019) and seek feedback on their effectiveness (by 2020)
 - ⇒ Final report with all deliverables – Q1 2020





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Food safety: simplified approach to make food donations easier

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Hazard analysis approaches for certain small retail establishments and food donations: second scientific opinion

EFSA Panel on Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ), Kostas Koutsoumanis, Ana Allende, Avelino Alvarez-Ordóñez, Sara Bover-Cid, Marianne Chemaly, Robert Davies, Lieve Herman, Friederike Hilbert, Roland Lindqvist, Maarten Nauta, Luisa Peixe, Giuseppe Ru, Marion Simmons Panagiotis Skandamis, Elisabetta Suffredini, Liesbeth Jacxsens, Annette Petersen, Theo Varzakas, Katleen Baert, Michaela Hempfen, Yves Van der Stede, Declan Bolton

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Market study on date marking and food waste prevention: main findings

- Up to 10% of the food waste generated annually in the EU is linked to date marking
- Wide variation in date marking practices
- Poor legibility of date marks (11% of products sampled)
- Strengthened cooperation and innovation in the food supply chain can help prevent food waste
- Additional guidance by control authorities may be needed in certain areas (e.g. food redistribution past the "best before" date)

Date marking and food waste prevention

A multi-faceted, co-ordinated and coherent action plan is required by all key players

Key objectives of policy actions:

- improve the differentiation between the concepts of "use by" and "best before"
- facilitate common understanding and use of date marking by all actors (industry, national competent authorities and consumers)

⇒ Sub-group established – 20 April 2018

Promote more consistent use and understanding of date marking

- Immediate priority: draft technical guidance clarifying EU legal requirements to promote more consistent date marking practices by food business operators and control authorities.
- Task force established (met in June/November); many contributions received from Platform members
- Scientific advice from EFSA may be needed in order to inform FBOs' decision making regarding use of «use by» dates
- Date marking «best practice» could be integrated in 2019 Platform recommendations for action on food waste prevention



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Action and Implementation: 1-2 October, The Netherlands

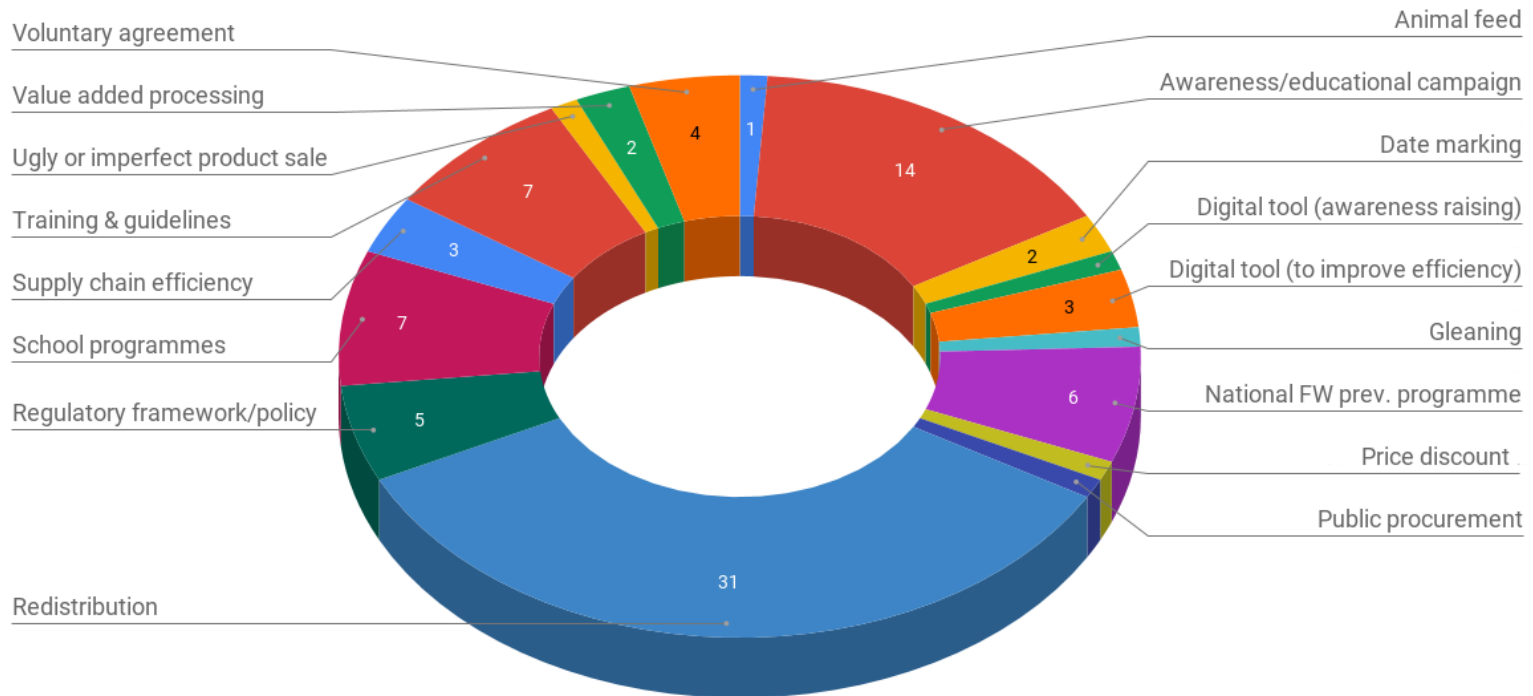
Field visits to food waste prevention and innovation organisations/companies





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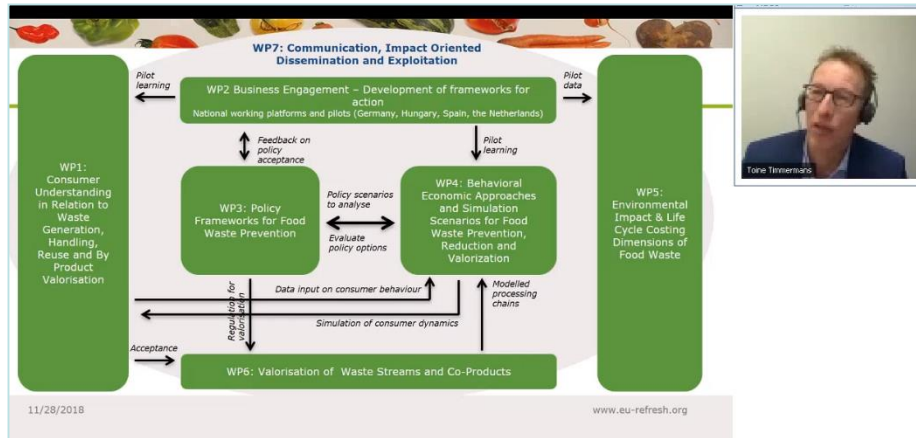
Action and Implementation: analysis of Platform initiatives





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G7 webinar on EU actions to prevent food waste, 28 November 2018



Over 50% of EU food waste is generated at household level

- **88 (± 14) million tonnes** of food waste per year
- Equivalent of **20%** of all produced food in EU
- **143 billion euros**
- ~ **304 Mt CO2 eq** (6% of total EU GHG emissions)
- **173 kilograms** of food waste per person

Source: FUSIONS project, 2016 (based on 2012 data)



Is it possible to recover **SURPLUS FOOD** to prevent **FOOD WASTE** and reduce **FOOD INSECURITY**?





EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste: extension of current mandate

- Current mandate of the Platform ends October 2019
- Propose to extend current mandate and membership until end 2021
- Process: members will receive a letter early next year, inviting them to renew their participation
- In 2021, the Commission expects to launch a new public call for expression of interest for private sector organisations. Possible adjustment of mandate, tasks, membership taking into account learnings from 5-year operations of the current Platform.

Future work and meetings

- New phase in Platform's work, focussed on own deliverables and outputs, for example :
 - Member States food redistribution practices (2019)
 - Participation in dissemination events linked to EU food donation guidelines (2019)
 - Recommendations for food waste prevention actions (2019)
- 2019 Plenaries: 6 May; Nov/Dec (tbc)

Thank you!