



EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste – key achievements and future challenges

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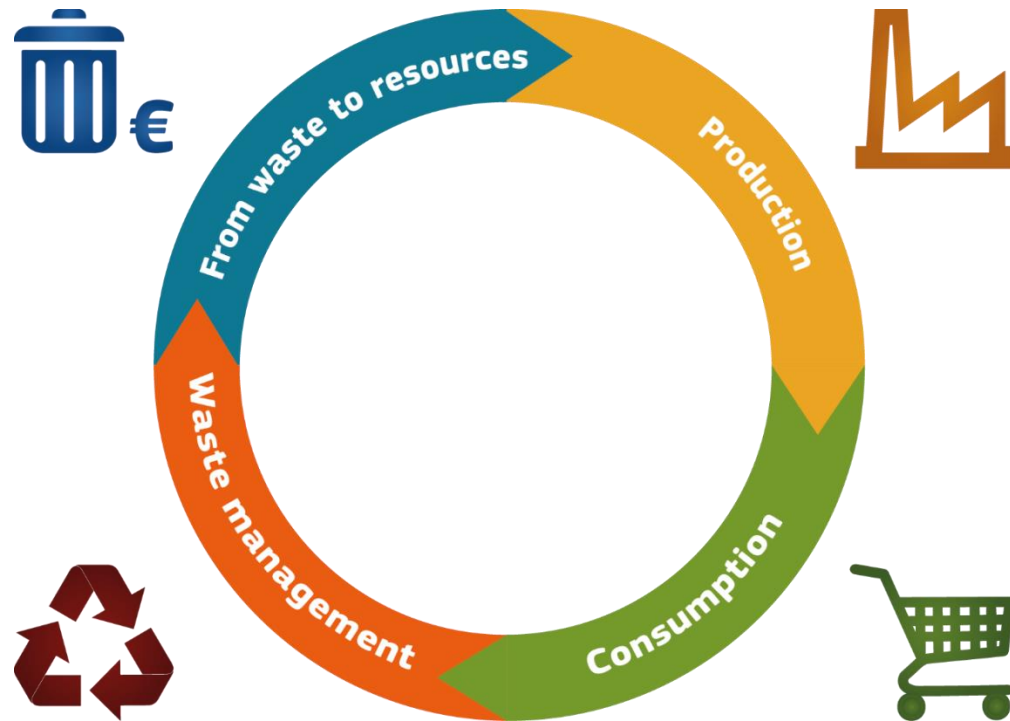
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Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package



Waste legislation – state of play

***Political agreement reached (December 2017) –
revision of Waste Framework Directive (COM(2015)595 final)***

Food waste prevention: new obligations for Member States:

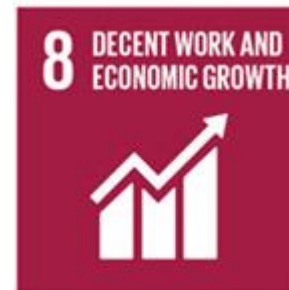
- **reduce food waste generation at each stage in the food supply chain to progress towards SDG 12.3**
- **Monitor and report** regularly on food waste levels, based on **common EU methodology** (Delegated Act)



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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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EU Pilot Project: Food Redistribution

Overall aim:

- further investigate regulatory and operational frameworks for food redistribution in the EU
- facilitate the dissemination of the **EU food donation guidelines** and engagement with stakeholders in the EU-28.



Timeline: 2018-2020





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Facilitate food donation: leverage learning and experience in the EU



Circulaire relative aux dispositions applicables aux banques alimentaires et associations caritatives (Belgian food safety agency)



Foodstuffs donated to food aid (Finnish food safety agency)



Guide des bonnes pratiques d'hygiène de la distribution de produits alimentaires par les organismes caritatifs (French Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood, and Forestry)



Leitfaden für die Weitergabe von Lebensmitteln an soziale Einrichtungen – Rechtliche Aspekte (German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture)



Recupero, raccolta e distribuzione di cibo ai fini di solidarietà sociale (validated by the Italian Ministry of Health)



Food Donation Guidance to Charities and Businesses (The Food Safety Authority of Ireland)



Įsakymas dėl labdarai ir paramai skirto maisto tvarkymo aprašo patvirtinimo (State Food and Veterinary Service, Lithuania)



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EU guidelines: former food to feed: adopted 13 April 2018!

- Facilitate the safe feed use of former food, in line with "food use" hierarchy, and prevent food waste.
- Clarify application of relevant EU rules: food, feed and waste.
- Present best practice examples which comply with regulatory framework and prevent unnecessary administrative burden.



Date marking: next steps

- **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)

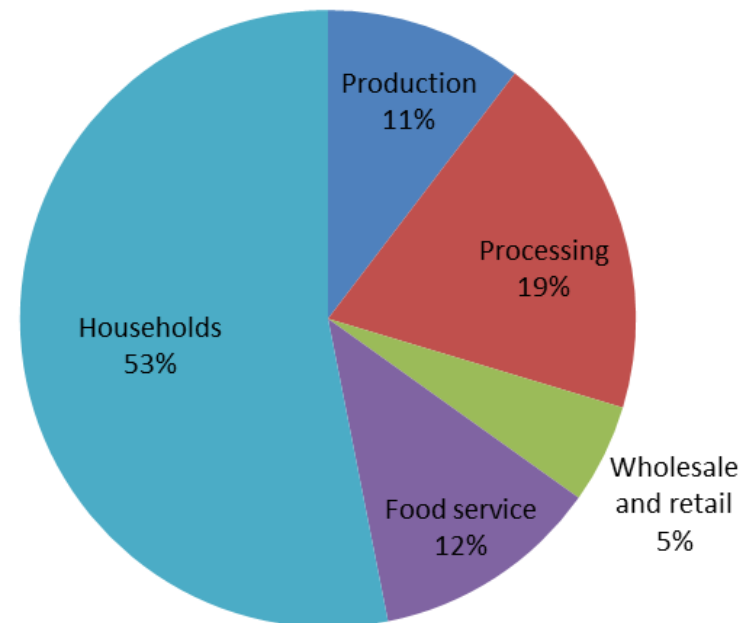
⇒ **Sub-group established – 20 April 2018**



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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**



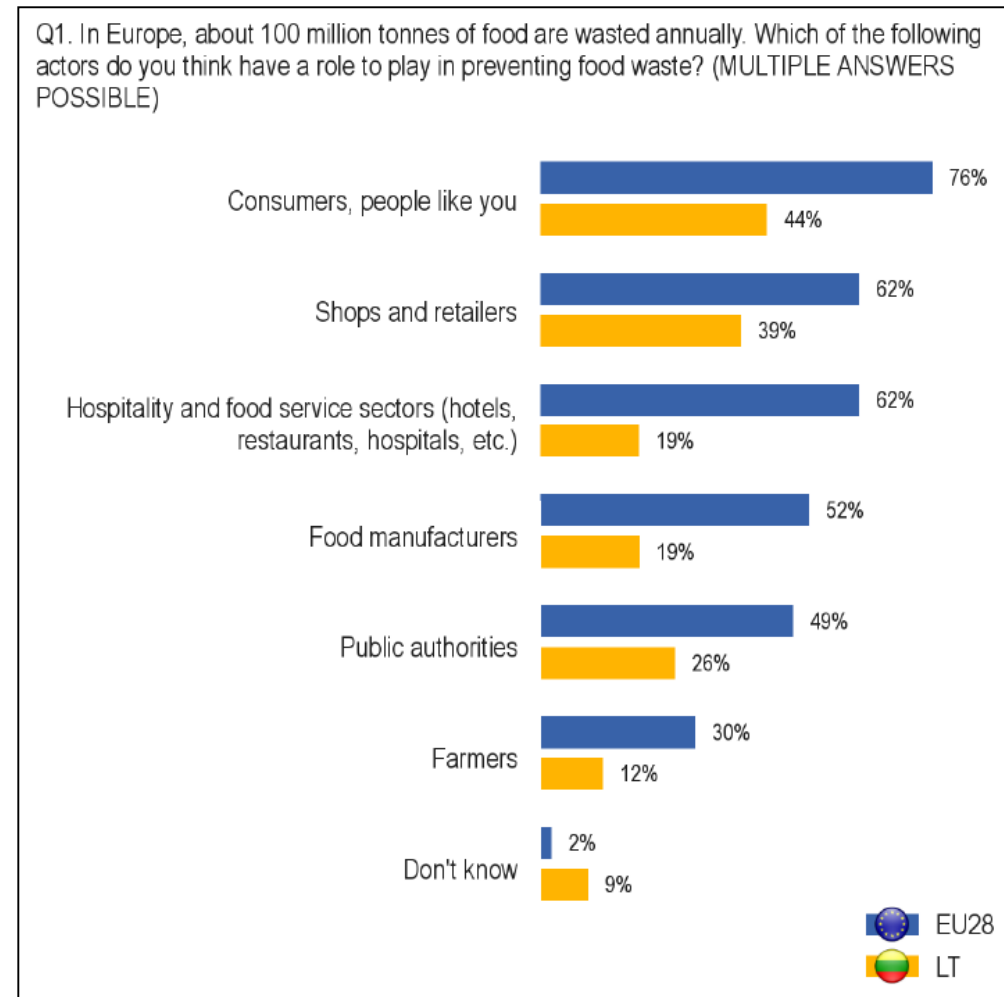
Source: FUSIONS project, 2016
(based on 2012 data)



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"Which of the following actors do you think have a role to play in preventing food waste?"

Flash Eurobarometer 425,
Food waste and date marking, October 2015





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Focus on "Action and Implementation"



Facilitate sharing of best practice, experience,
business cases and models



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Thank you!

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