DONATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS FOR PURPOSES OF SOCIAL SOLIDARITY AND TO LIMIT WASTE

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MAIN OBJECTIVE

To prevent food waste and increase the recovery of surplus food through an integrated approach

- To CLARIFY AND HARMONIZE already existing RULES ON FOOD DONATION;
- To ENHANCE PUBLIC-PRIVATE SYNERGIES leading innovation and further promoting the recovery of surplus food;
- To STIMULATE INNOVATION FOR PREVENTING FOOD WASTE and fostering recovery and redistribution of surplus food;
- To **FOSTER A NEW CULTURE** to limit domestic waste.



TO CLARIFY AND HARMONIZE ALREADY EXISTING RULES ON FOOD DONATION

- 1. Hierarchy for the use of food
- 2. Clarification regarding products and FBOs
- 3. Civil liability (Good Samaritan Law)
- 4. Simplification of administrative burden
- 5. Hygiene and food safety
- 6. Food durability and labelling
- 7. VAT not perceived on food donation
- 8. Tax deduction



TO ENHANCE PUBLIC-PRIVATE SYNERGIES LEADING TO INNOVATION AND FURTHER

PROMOTING THE RECOVERY OF SURPLUS

FOOD

ROUND TABLE FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOD WASTE AND FOOD AID

- COORDINATOR: Ministry for Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policy
- MEMBERS: all the stakeholders of the food supply chain, the charitable organizations, and the public administrations
- SCOPE: managing available funding, implementing a database on surplus food and waste, addressing problems and finding also innovative solutions.



TO STIMULATE INNOVATION FOR PREVENTING FOOD WASTE AND FOSTERING RECOVERY AND REDISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS FOOD

NATIONAL FUND FOR PROJECTS THAT FACILITATE THE RECOVERY OF SURPLUS FOOD AND LIMIT FOOD WASTE

- Financing of a national observatory on surplus food, food recovery, and then food waste (located at the Ministry of Agriculture);
- Financing innovative projects for the recovery of surplus food and the prevention of food waste.



TO FOSTER A NEW CULTURE TO LIMIT DOMESTIC WASTE

CONSUMER AWARENESS ABOUT FOOD WASTE

- Enhancement of a culture in favour of donation through **specific targeted projects** against food waste and information campaigns to consumers and schools;
- Citizen-oriented communication campaigns promoted by RAI;
- Information campaigns financed by 3 Ministries
 (Agriculture, Environment, and Health);
- Education campaigns targeted at students financed by the Ministry of Education.

FIRST RESULTS OF THE LAW

The 'Round Table for the fight against food waste and food aid' is studying some sensitive issues:





To study a regulatory pathway to finance transformation costs for charitable organizations that transform surplus food into processed products (e.g. fresh fruit juice) in order to avoid wasted fruit at peak production.

To align existing tax legislation with the new Law No 166/2016.

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The Ministry for Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policy is implementing:



A **national study centre** on surplus food, food recovery and waste



A digital platform with information about the 'Round Table', the relevant regulations, and the best practices implemented by public authorities and FBOs.



A call for proposals for innovative projects in the field of food waste

FIRST RESULTS OF THE LAW



The Ministry of Health is **drafting guidelines** to reduce food waste in
the catering sector.



Several local authorities have already been involved in **projects**with restaurant associations to use doggy bags.



Several municipalities are applying
a reduction of waste laws for
companies that decide to donate
surplus food.



Agreements with RAI (Italian Radio and Television) to activate communication campaigns at national level.

