

# EU FW reduction targets: State of play

*State of play of EU legislative proposal and conference in Budapest – update from Hungary*

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# Conference on food waste prevention

- Held in Budapest, 1st of October
- Organised together with FAO
- High-level representatives from 16 countries
- Reaching out beyond EU borders (Europe and Central Asia)

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30 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER 2024

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



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Aims:

# **sharing experiences & provide motivation**

- Promotion of good practices: EU FLW Hub, Compendium on tools, best practices and recommendations to reduce food waste
- Stakeholder collaboration
- National programmes
- Educational programmes
- Role of municipalities, local initiatives
- Food waste measurement and monitoring
- New findings in consumer research
- International collaboration

# Highlights

- Keynote speakers:
  - István Nagy, Minister of Agriculture Hungary
  - Viorel Gutu, Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia at FAO
  - Sandra Gallina, Director-General, DG SANTÉ
  - Raschad Al-Khafaji, Director, FAO Liaison Office with the European Union and Belgium
- High-level panel discussion I: Key elements and achievements of national food waste prevention programmes in Europe and Central Asia
- High-level panel discussion II: Strengthening stakeholder collaboration: a call for coordinated efforts
- Public-private coalitions for national food waste prevention, Toine Timmermans, FWFU
- Achievements of food waste prevention policy in the EU, Bartosz Zambrzycki, DG-SANTÉ
- Tackling household food waste with behavioural science, Sophie Attwood, Behavioural Global
- Household food waste prevention in Hungary, Gyula Kasza, Wasteless Foundation
- Panel discussion III: Reducing consumer food waste, challenges and opportunities





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# Panel discussion: Reducing consumer food waste, challenges and opportunities



- Anja De Cunto, C40 Cities
- Betty Chang, EUFIC
- Richard Swannell, WRAP
- Sanne Stroosnijder, Wageningen University & Research
- Sophie Attwood, Behaviour Global
- Stéphane Leroux, International Food Waste Coalition



# Household food waste in Hungary (2016-2023)

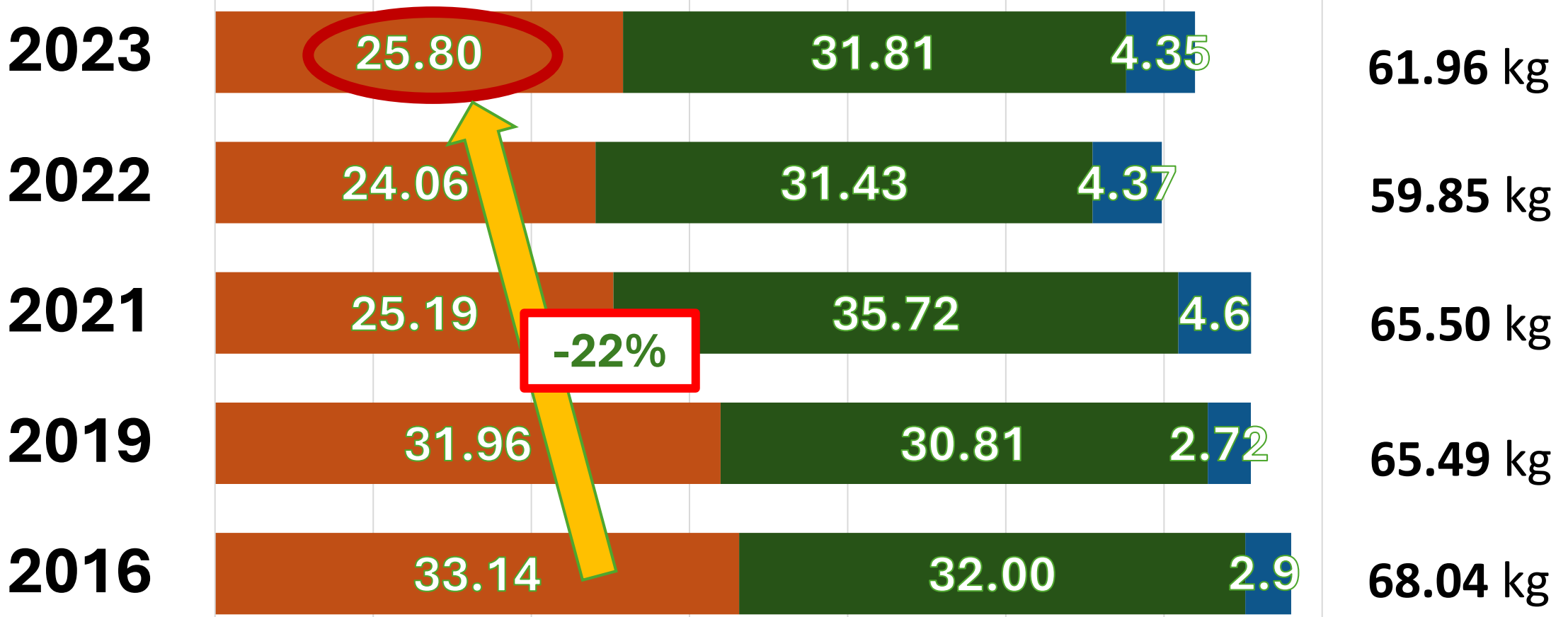
(kg/capita/year)



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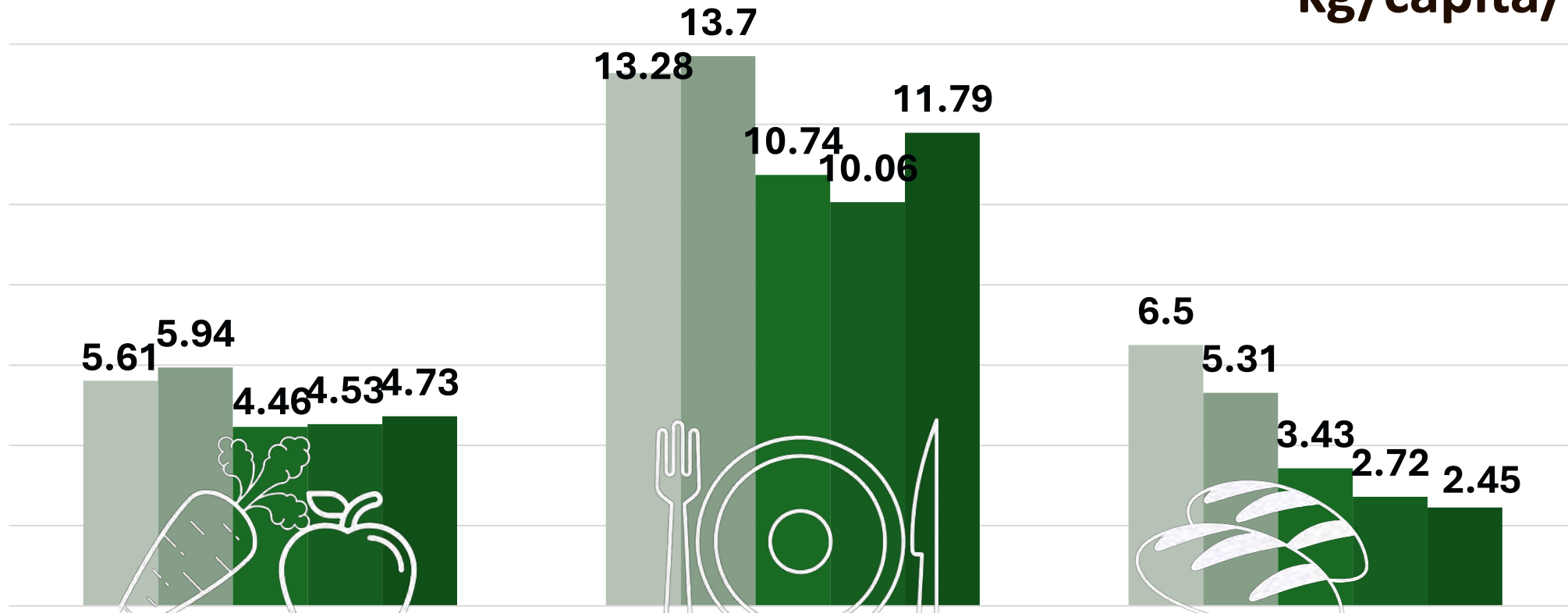
■ Avoidable ■ Unavoidable ■ Potentially avoidable

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# Quantity of edible foods wasted – The top 3

kg/capita/year



Fruit & vegetables

Meals

Bakery products

■ 2016 ■ 2019 ■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023



# State of play of EU legislative proposal

- On 13 March 2024, the European Parliament adopted its position on the European Commission's proposal for a regulation on waste.
- EU Parliament would:
  - raise to 40% from the Commission's 30% the food waste reduction targets at households, retail and catering
  - increase the FW reduction targets in processing and manufacturing from 10% to 20%
  - change the baseline from 2020 to an annual average between 2020 and 2022.
  - mandate the Commission to assess primary production food waste targets (including mature unharvested food or food used on farms) by 31 December 2025.
  - mandates the Commission, by 31 December 2027, to evaluate binding targets of at least 30% in processing and manufacturing and at least 50% in retail and other distribution of food, in restaurants and food services and in households to be reached by 2035
- EU Council 17 June 2024: General Approach
- Working Party On Environment, 5 September 2024: MSs supported the General Approach and generally did not support the increased FW reduction targets of EP

# Updates on the legislative proposal to amend the Waste Framework Directive

- **First Trilogue Negotiation in Strasbourg – 22 October 2024**
- **Aim:** Begin negotiations on the report of the Parliament and the „general approach” of the Council, which were approved on 13 March 2024 and 17 June 2024, respectively.
- **Overview:** The primary focus of the negotiation will be to reach an agreement on target indicators for food waste reduction.
- **Hungarian Presidency's Proposal:** The Hungarian Presidency has suggested that 6-7 technical negotiation sessions will be required to resolve outstanding issues.
- **Urgency for Action:** The Hungarian Presidency has emphasized the importance of initiating both technical and political debates, aiming to finalize discussions by the next trilogue on 12 December 2024.

# Opening Trilogue Meeting on the modification of the Waste Framework Directive

- The EC supported the Hungarian Presidency's approach
- EP indicated that instead of the requested 6-7 technical negotiation there is only opportunity to organise only 2, and the first one will take place after the COP29 meeting (11 to 22 of November, 2024)
- The 2 technical negotiations will likely to take place: at the end of November and at the beginning of December
- Unlikely to get closed under the Hungarian Presidency period
- However, there are not many open questions left:
  - FW reduction targets
  - Edible/unedible FW categories (option to separate measurement and be used as reduction target)

Thank you for your attention!





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