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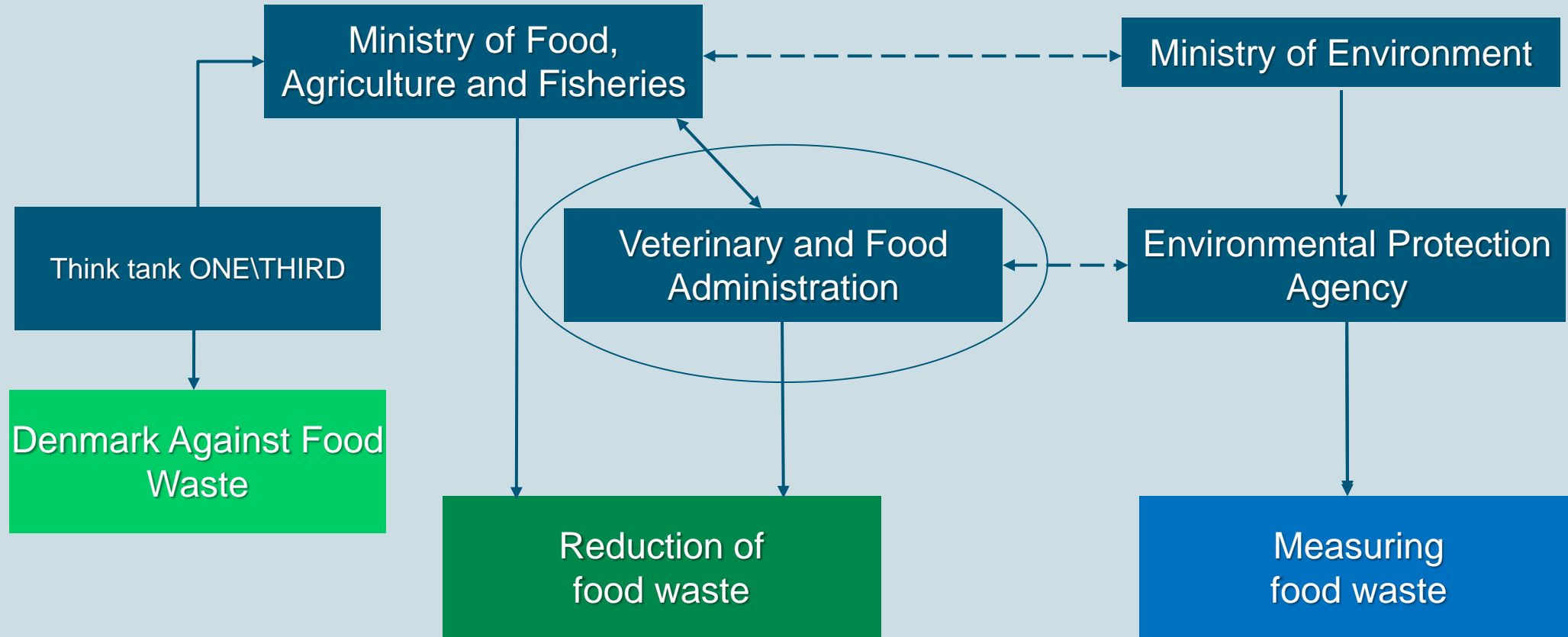
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# Food Redistribution in Denmark

**EU FLW PLATFORM -  
FOOD DONATION SUB-GROUP  
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# How are we organized



# Food redistribution in Denmark

## Redistribution is part of the national strategy to reduce food waste:

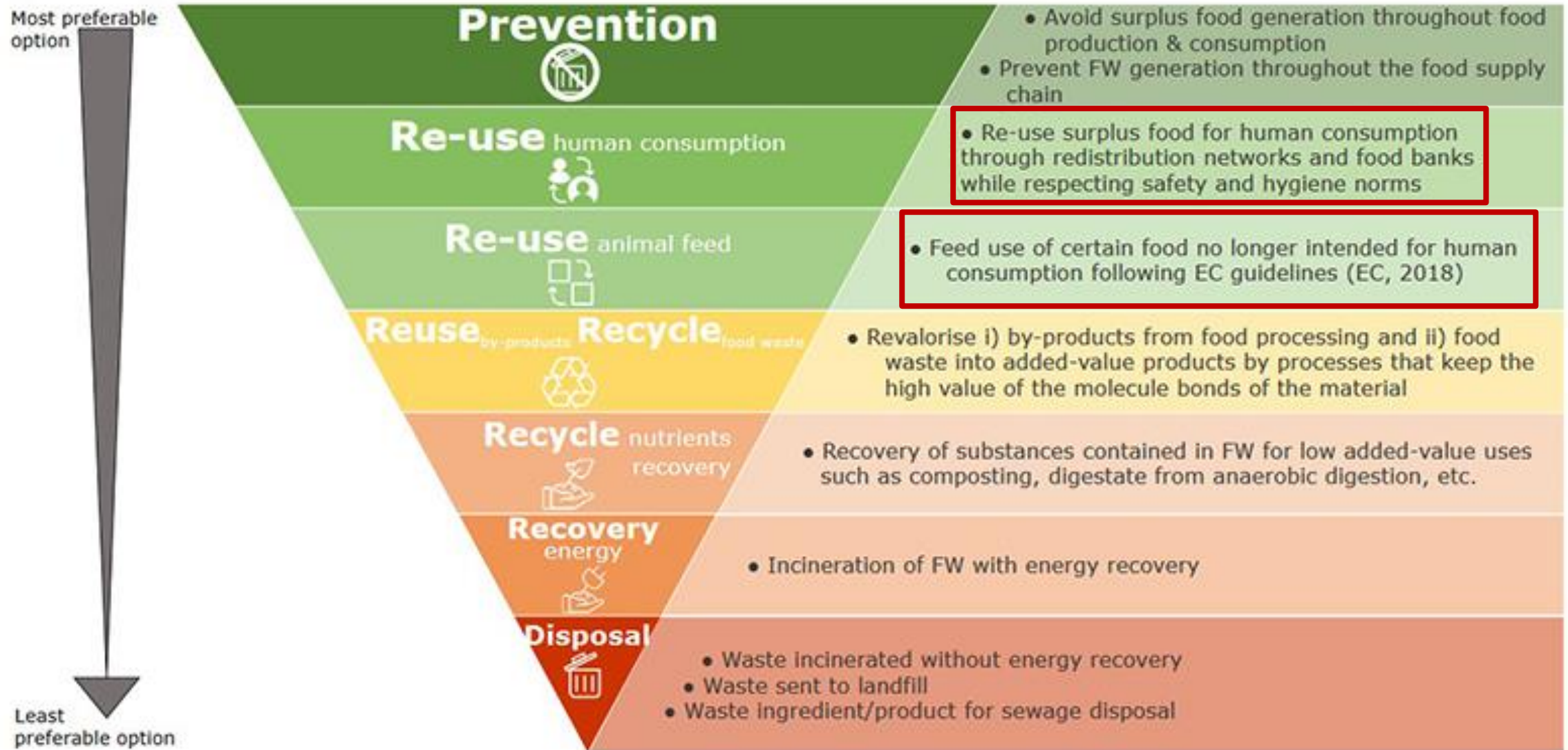
- Working group on regulatory barriers
- Denmark against food waste (OneThird)
- Financial support to redistribution organisations

## DVFA initiatives:

- Guidance to FBO's and redistribution organisations
- Campaign – guidance and inspection



# Food waste hierarchy

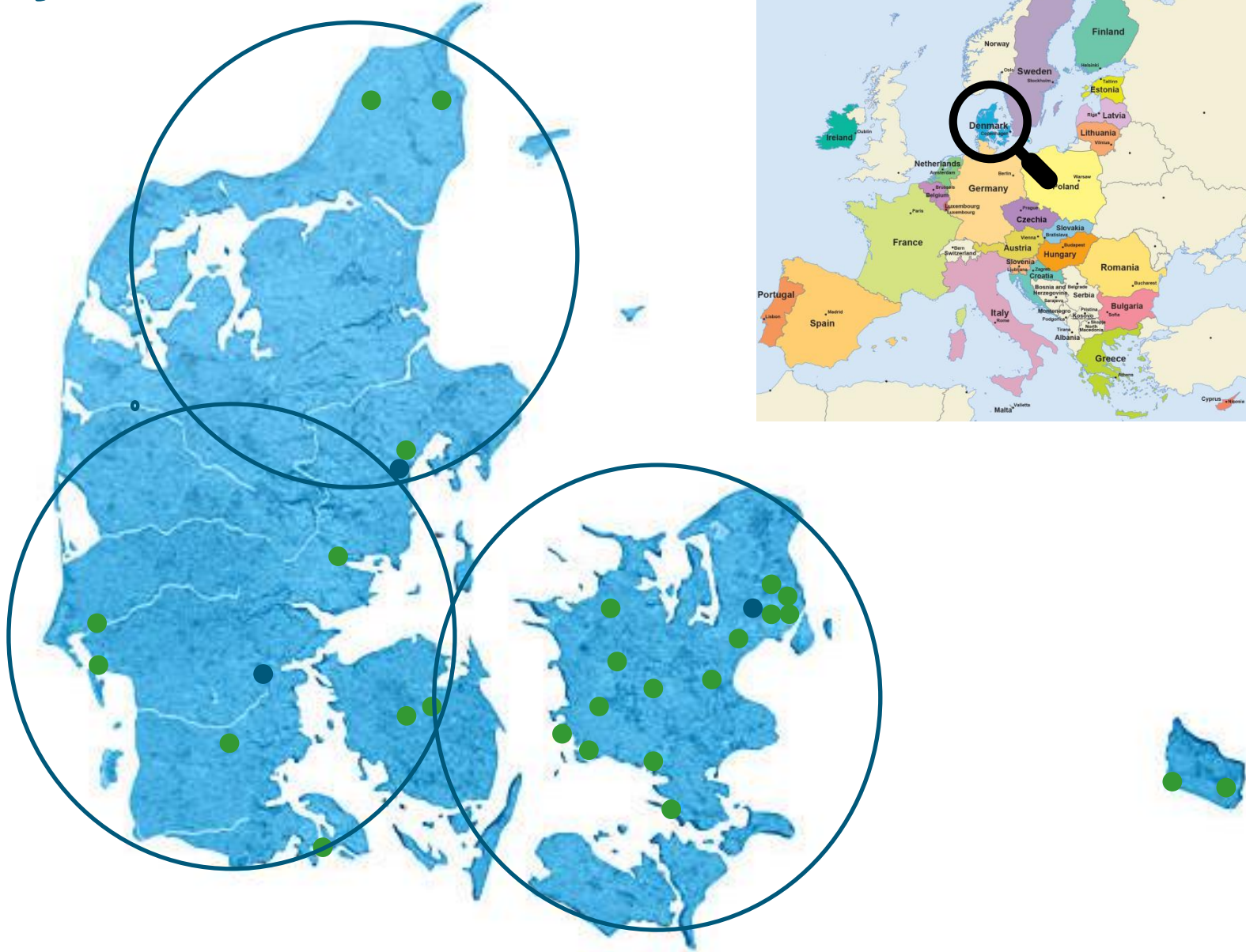


# Food redistribution players in Denmark

- The Danish Food Bank (Fødevarebanken)
  - Wholesale
  - Covers all of Denmark

- Stop Waste Locally (Stop Spild Lokalt)
  - 25 food oases
  - Facebook groups

Small redistribution organisations, shelters etc. all over Denmark



# Working group on regulatory barriers

Dialogue and workshops with stakeholders to identify main barriers.  
A working group at the DVFA is looking at:

- Traceability
  - Registration in order to document forward traceability
- Hygiene regulation
  - provisions on marginal, local and restricted activities, 853/2004 (exemptions for wholesale activities in retail)
- Recalls (labelling errors, risk assessments etc.)
- Labelling
  - language (not in Danish but understandable)
- Feed regulations
  - When food becomes feed – complex regulation
  - Products of animal origin – TSE



# Food donation in service sector and retail

## Guidance and dialogue on donation

Guidance on homepage:

Targeted guidance for

- Food business operators that want to donate
- Redistribution organisations
- Public catering kitchens and commercial kitchens

Guide to assess if the food can be donated

Ongoing dialogue with FBO's and organisations



# Food donation campaign

DVFA launched a guidance and inspection campaign for food donations recipients in 2023:

- Duration of campaign: August – October
- 50 registered food companies selected for inspection (e.g. retail food banks and homeless shelters)
- Prior to the inspection visit the companies received:
  - Information about the time of the visit (to ensure presence relevant staff)
  - A fact sheet

## Fact sheet

### Donation af overskudsmad Har din virksomhed styr på reglerne?

Er din virksomhed med i kampen mod madspild? Hvis du modtager donerede fødevarer, som du dernæst donerer eller sælger videre til andre, er der nogle regler, du skal have styr på.

Reglerne gælder, når du håndterer, opbevarer og har ansvar for fødevarer til andre, og er med til at sikre, at du videregiver sikre fødevarer af god kvalitet.

Her er **fire regler**, som du skal være særligt opmærksom på.

#### 1 Håndvask

Der skal være mulighed for at vaske hænder, når man håndterer fødevarer.

#### 2 Sporbarhed

Alle fødevarer skal kunne spores i alle led, så de kan trækkes tilbage, hvis der skulle være noget galt med dem. Det sikrer høj fødevaresikkerhed.

#### 3 Oplysninger om allergener

Man kan gøre andre rigtig syge, hvis der ikke er styr på allergenerne. Det er derfor obligatorisk at oplyse om indhold af allergeneingredienser for alle fødevarer, også uemballerede.

#### 4 Uddannelse

Har du medarbejdere? Så er det dit ansvar at instruere dem i korrekt behandling af fødevarer - også selvom de arbejder frivilligt. Alle, der håndterer fødevarer, skal have den fornødne instruks, så de kan håndtere fødevarer på en hygiejnisk og sikker måde.

Læs mere om reglerne for donation af fødevarer og generelle regler ved håndtering af fødevarer på [www.fvst.dk](http://www.fvst.dk).





## Aim of the campaign - threefold

1. Guidance for organizations and companies receiving donations
2. Check regulatory compliance
  - Facilities for hygienic washing and drying of hands
  - Traceability
  - Information on allergens
3. Gather knowledge, more targeted inspections and guidance

## Results

- All inspection visits conducted.
- High regulatory compliance: 98% comply with the law.

Guidance and knowledge gathering during the inspections:

- Still a need for more guidance on some areas.
- We see potential for a new inspection campaign.



# Financial support to redistribution organisations



- Part of the Danish Strategy on Food Waste
- 2 mio. DKR ~ 267.000 € on the Finance Act (Annual budget law) in 2024
- Support for lease, rent, or purchase of a car/truck/lorry
- Up to 350.000 DKR ~ 47.000 € pr. organisation
- An order establishing the conditions is under consultation.



**Thank you  
Questions?**

