



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

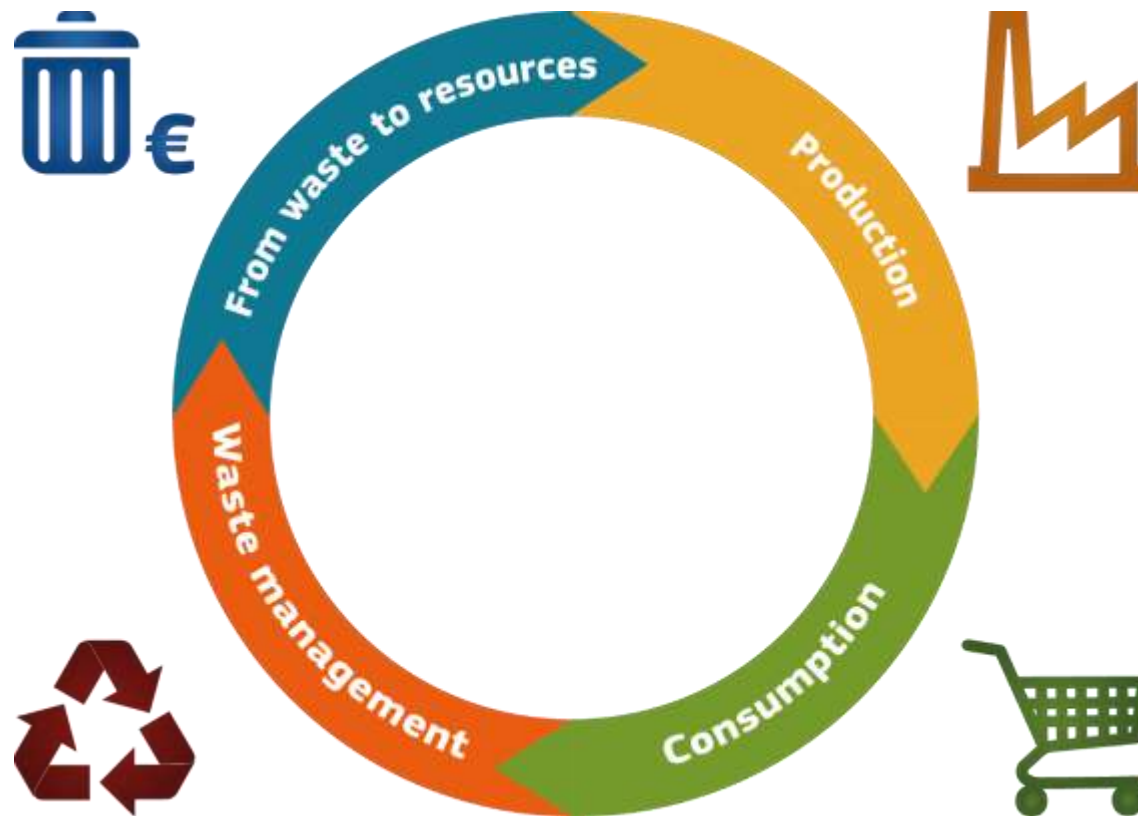
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**AROUND 88 MILLION TONNES OF FOOD
ARE WASTED ANNUALLY IN THE EU**

**THE VALUE OF THE WASTED FOOD IS
ESTIMATED AT 143 BILLION EUR**

Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package (2015)

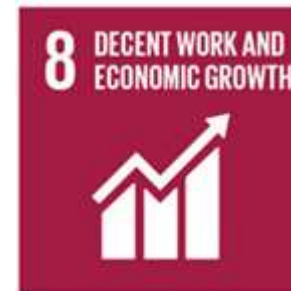




SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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.

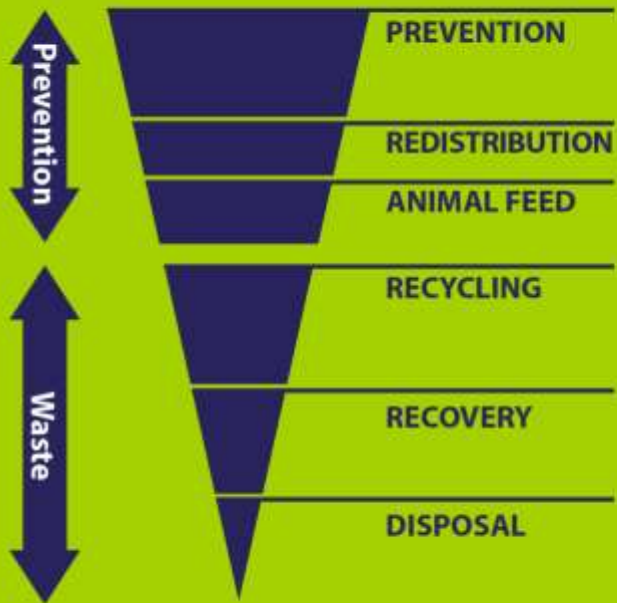


Fight Food Waste: no impact on safety of the food and feed chain



- EU Platform on food waste prevention
- Measure and monitor food waste
- EU guidelines to facilitate food donation – **adopted 16 October 2017**
- Optimise safe use of food in feed
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking

EU Platform dedicated to food waste prevention



EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

We bring together all the actors involved and facilitate their work to prevent food waste & support the paradigm shift towards a circular economy and more sustainable food systems.



EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

Aims to support all actors in:

- monitoring progress towards SDG 12.3
- defining measures needed to prevent food waste
- fostering inter-sectorial cooperation and
- sharing best practice.

Members: Member States/EFTA countries, EU bodies and international organisations and actors in the food value chain. (37 private sector organisations selected following public call for applications)



Waste legislation – state of play

- **Provisions on food waste** are one of the elements of COM proposal to revise Waste Framework Directive (*COM(2015)595 final*)
- **New obligations for Member States:**
 - **reduce food waste generation at each stage in the food supply chain** (primary production, processing/manufacturing, retail/other food distribution, restaurants and food services, households)
 - **Monitor** food waste levels, based on **common EU methodology**, and **report** (on a biennial basis).



Waste legislation – negotiations

- Proposal is subject to **ordinary legislative procedure** (former "co-decision") – i.e. Council and Parliament are co-legislators
- **Negotiations** at political and technical levels involving Council, Parliament and Commission, started on 30 May and are ongoing, with the aim to **agree final text by end 2017**

EU food donation guidelines



On World Food Day the European Commission adopted guidelines to facilitate food donation in the EU.

#FoodDonationGuidelines #CircularEconomy #WorldFoodDay

Facilitate food donation

- Dedicated sub-group on food donation:
 - Preparation of document illustrating practices in Member States
⇒ Call for contributions from all Platform members (initial input by end 2017; final document by end 2018))
- New EFSA mandate for 2nd scientific opinion on hazard analysis approaches for certain small retail establishments including possible additional hazards related to food donation activities. Timeline (30.09.2018)
- Pilot project on food redistribution (2017-2020)
 - Mapping/analysis of policy/operational frameworks in Member States; information and dissemination of EU guidelines

EU guidelines: former food to feed

- Facilitate the safe feed use of former food
- Hindrance due to legal uncertainty and unnecessary administrative burden should be paved away
- Intensive consultation with authorities and stakeholders
- Publication of the guidelines by end 2017



Date marking: promote better understanding and use



... KNOW YOUR DATES!

"USE BY"

informs you about

FOOD SAFETY



"BEST BEFORE"

informs you about

FOOD QUALITY

58% consumers say they always look at date marking when shopping and preparing meals, but less than 1 in 2 understand its meaning.



Commission study on date marking practices

Aim: investigate how food business operators and national competent authorities understand and utilise date marking and possible impact of practices on food waste.

Main phases:

- 1) Desk research to identify (if/where possible) main foods contributing to food waste in the EU MS and possible link with date marking
- 2) Market research to map date marking practices in selected food categories
- 3) Qualitative research (in-depth interviews) with MS and food business operators

Report to be published by end 2017

Sub-group on "Action and Implementation"



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



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LATEST NEWS

EU and FAO join forces to take action on food waste and antimicrobial resistance
EU and FAO join forces to take action on food waste and antimicrobial resistance. EU and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations join forces to take action on food waste and antimicrobial resistance.

Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis and the Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) José Graziano ... read more

WDOG (Waste Wise Online Course) on 'Share Food, Save Waste'
Philosophy & Values and Fundations, Basics, Awareness-CHALLENGES have launched 'Share Food, Save Waste', a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) addressed to all those who are interested in reducing food waste and enhancing food security for people in need.

The resource is open to a wide audience. ... read more

Wasted: How America is Losing Up to 40 Percent of Its Food From Farm to Fork to Landfill
A report by the National Resources Defense Council

In 2012, the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) published Wasted: How America is Losing up to 40 Percent of Its Food From Farm to Fork to Landfill, helping spark a national debate on food waste in the US. The second edition updates and expands the previous report, capturing the latest studies, ... read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste meeting
On Tue, 7th November 2017 from 10:00 to 12:00 (London, United Kingdom, GMT) at the Europa Building, 10-11 Rue de la Loi, Brussels

The next plenary meeting of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste.

PAST EVENTS

Fund for European Aid to the Least Developed (PEAF) Network Meeting: Promoting Food Waste in FGD4 Actions
On Thu, 19th September 2017 from 10:00 to 12:00 (Brussels, Belgium)

Bringing together 20 PEAF4 Network Members from across Europe, the event addresses the list of five PEAF4 Network Meetings scheduled to take place in the course of 2017. The meeting will:

- Provide information and working sessions on good practices in the prevention of food waste, challenges and ... read more

LATEST DOCUMENTS

The Netherlands: The effect of data marking terminology of products with a long shelf-life on food purchasing behaviour of consumers

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Knowledge sharing by industry professionals and non-food consumers from across Europe and the United Kingdom to reduce waste and improve food resources.

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A third of food is wasted, making food waste the third-biggest carbon emitter globally.



Reduce the global waste of food and water through the global food waste challenge. Source: World Bank, FAO, and the European Commission.

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