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EU ACTION TO FIGHT FOOD LOSS AND FOOD WASTE

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED AND WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AHEAD?

EU Platform on Food Losses
and Food Waste
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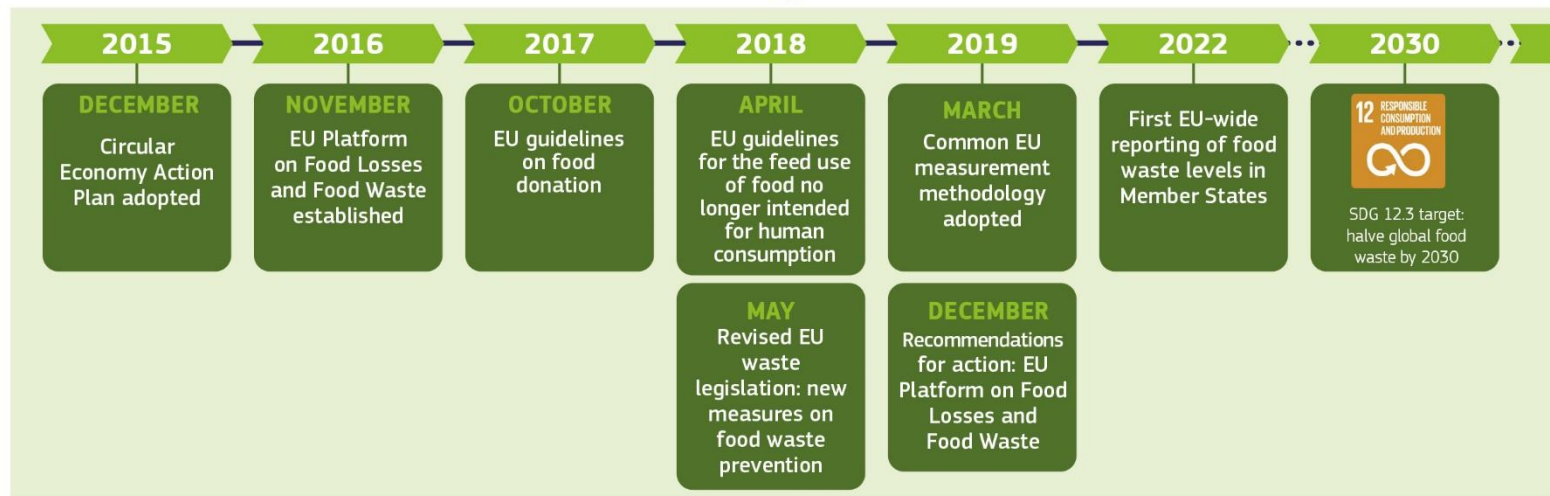
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EU ROADMAP TO SDG 12.3

EU action to fight food waste



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Farm to Fork strategy

Spring 2020



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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
- Optimise safe use of food in feed
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking



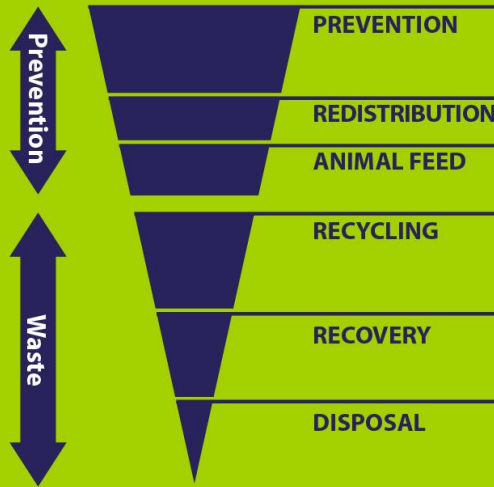
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EU PLATFORM DEDICATED TO FOOD WASTE PREVENTION (2016)



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.



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FOOD WASTE MEASUREMENT

- Monitor and annually report on food waste levels, based on common EU methodology
- Possible future EU targets:
"By 31 December 2023, the Commission shall examine data on food waste provided by Member States (...) with a view to considering the feasibility of setting up a Union-wide food waste reduction target to be met by 2030 (...)"



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EU guidelines: food donation (2017)



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

#FoodDonationGuidelines #CircularEconomy #WorldFoodDay



Food waste – we act! #FoodWasteEU

http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste/eu_actions/eu-platform_en



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EU guidelines: former food to feed (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.



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DATE MARKING



... **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.



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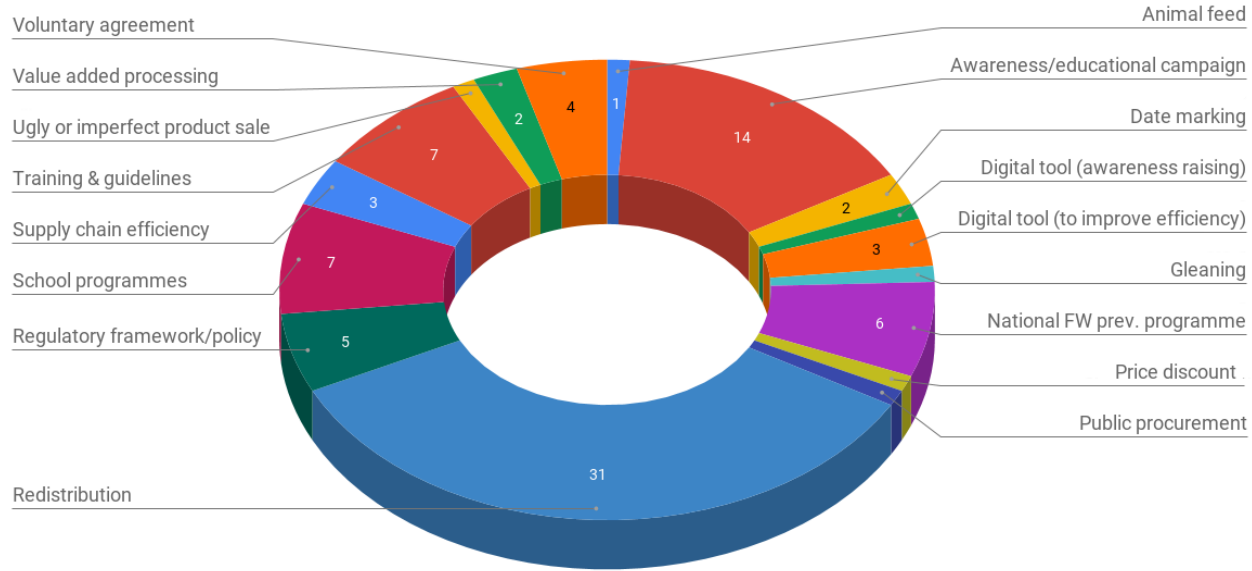
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ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION: ANALYSIS OF PLATFORM INITIATIVES



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June-
September
2018

- Collection of food waste prevention initiatives through the reporting template

October 2018

- Validation of indicators for the evaluation process by the sub-group and the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

February
2019

- JRC report “Assessment of food waste prevention actions”

September
2019

- Workshop on the draft key recommendations

November
2019

- Validation of the key recommendations by the Platform

December
2019

- Publication of the key recommendations for actions



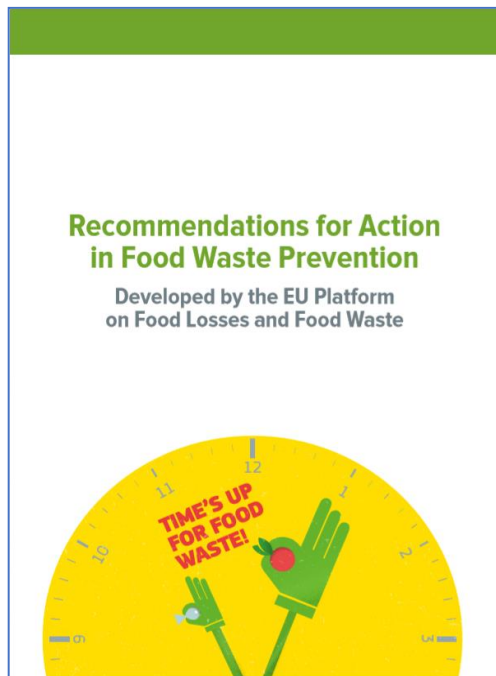
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PLATFORM'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION



- Primary production
- Manufacturing
- Retail
- Hospitality/food services
- Consumers
- Food donation
- Cross-cutting



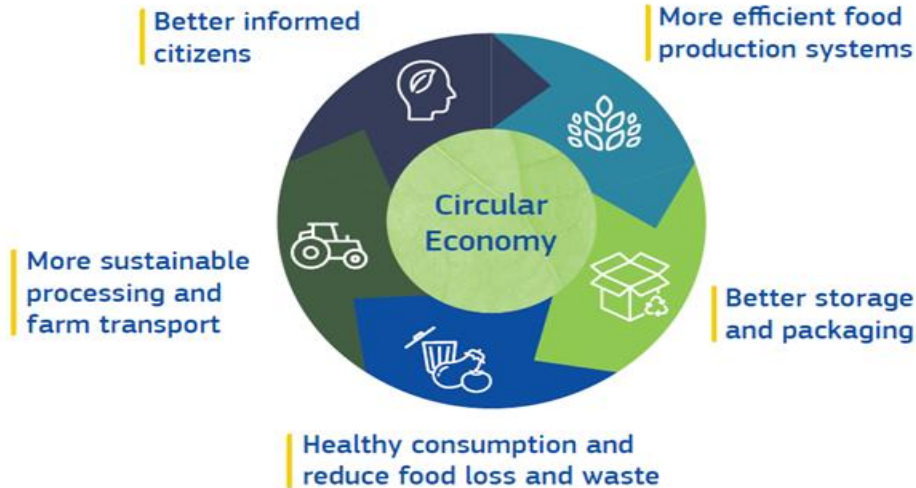
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Farm to Fork will contribute to achieving a circular economy:



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