

Redistribution of surplus food: examples of practices in the Member States

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EU food donation guidelines



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

#FoodDonationGuidelines #CircularEconomy #WorldFoodDay



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





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- <u>Purpose:</u> illustrate how Member States implement EU rules to facilitate food donation in practice
- <u>Content:</u> addresses areas where EU legislation prevails (*eg* food hygiene, labelling, VAT...) as well as those governed by national rules (*eg* liability, other taxation).
- <u>Author:</u> EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (not a document of the European Commission)





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Content and format:

- Sourced from contributions of Platform members
- Descriptive, not a legal analysis of existing measures in the Member States
- Structure follows that of EU Guidelines on Food Donation, as agreed with sub-group on food donation
- Document does <u>not include</u> specific food donation initiatives and/or list of actors involved on the ground in the EU MS





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Validation of content:

- National Competent Authorities must ensure coherence of measures described with EU rules
- Where possible discrepancies between reported practices and relevant EU rules/EU food donation guidelines were found, information has not been included, pending clarification by NCAs (eg freezing of food of animal origin for food donation purposes).





Facilitate food donation: leverage learning and experience in the EU



Circulaire relative aux dispositions applicables aux banques alimentaires et associations caritatives (Belgian food safety agency)



Foodstuffs donated to food aid (Finnish food safety agency)



Guide des bonnes pratiques d'hygiène de la distribution de produits alimentaires par les organismes caritatifs (French Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood, and Forestry)



Leitfaden für die Weitergabe von Lebensmitteln an soziale Einrichtungen – Rechtliche Aspekte (German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture)





Recupero, raccolta e distribuzione di cibo ai fini di solidarietà sociale (validated by the Italian Ministry of Health)



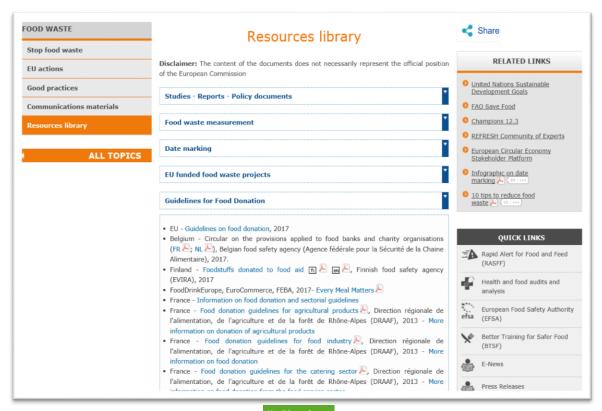
Food Safety Food Donation Guidance to Charities and Businesses (The Food Safety Authority of Ireland)



Įsakymas dėl labdarai ir paramai skirto maisto tvarkymo aprašo patvirtinimo (State Food and Veterinary Service, Lithuania)



Food donation guidelines/tools: publish on COM website



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Next steps:

- Members of EU Platform to:
- send written comments by 18 January 2019
- verify/add to list of national guidelines/tools for inclusion on COM food waste website
- Revised draft to be sent to Platform members for validation (final content to be confirmed by national competent authorities)



Questions?

