# Dutch national Monitor on Food Waste – progress on measurement in different stages of food supply chain

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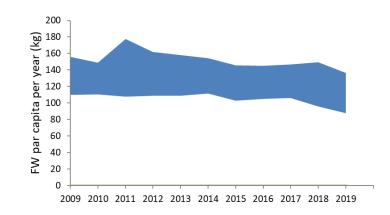


## Monitoring and reporting of FLW in NL

- Up to and including 2019:
  - Amount (kg) of food loss and waste in NL
  - Entire food chain from farm to fork
  - Destinations: food banks, animal feed, biogas, composting, incineration, landfill
  - Food waste: animal feed landfill



- Avoidable (edible)
- Potentially avoidable (no by-product, edible, but removed from food chain for economic, technologic, legislative or product intrinsic reasons)



FLW in NL, update 2019



## Monitoring and reporting of FLW in NL



- After 2020: following the EU delegated act on FLW reporting:
  - Amount (kg) of food loss and waste in NL
  - Split into
    - Chain links
    - Destinations: biogas, composting, incineration, landfill
  - Voluntary reporting on donations and feed





### Monitoring and reporting of FLW in NL



- Conversion from NL to EU reporting requirements challenges:
  - No sufficient public data on split into chain links
  - Feed not considered FLW, in conflict with national strategy
  - Use of (in)edible instead of (potentially) (un)avoidable
  - Reporting based on public statistics on feed and waste management, no primary data
- Self-reporting enables development of primary data from (sub)sectors
- Validation is required with national statistics / public sources



## Self-reporting of FLW in NL

- Aiming for: engagement of all stakeholders in the food system in FLW reduction, addressing own operation and within their chain
- By stimulating:
  - Self-reporting
  - KPI development
- By providing
  - Harmonised (sub)sector specific monitoring templates
  - Bench marking



### Food Waste Free United ecosystem

#### WHY JOIN FORCES TO COMBAT FOOD WASTE?



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Food waste in Europe causes **6%** of all greenhouse gases emitted through human activity.<sup>2</sup>



Wasting less food = helping to achieve climate goals and ensuring there is enough valuable food for the growing global population.

That is equal to 105–152 KG per capita annually in the Netherlands.<sup>3</sup>

#### The focus of the Taskforce

The Taskforce focuses on reducing food waste throughout the entire food chain. We will accomplish this by preventing and reducing as much food waste as possible and creating value from side flows according to the "Moerman Food Lise Hierarchy"

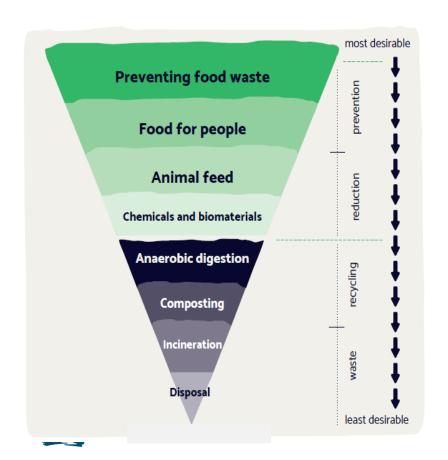
2015 - 2030 50% reduction

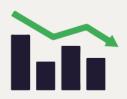
#### **OUR OBJECTIVES**

In a joint effort, we aim to make the Netherlands one of the first countries to cut food waste in half. We will make the Netherlands a leader and a global role model in terms of realizing Sustainable Development Goal 12.3.



## Food Waste Free United ecosystem





1. Monitoring progress and impact: United Against Food Waste measures the effects of its individual and joint approach.



2. Joining forces to combat food waste across the food supply chain:
Stakeholders and leaders combine their strengths, networks and knowledge to develop innovative solutions.



**3.** Joining forces to combat food waste by consumers: United Against Food Waste aims to achieve sustainable changes in behaviour through campaigns, interventions and living labs.



4. Changing the rules: United Against Food Waste promotes the legislation and instruments needed to create a circular economy.



#### ONZE STAKEHOLDERS



























































































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#### Current state of sector-based data



#### **Primary Sector**

No registration, destinations known

- → Inclusion of questions on FLW in economic survey
- → Upscaling to production areas + volumes



#### Manufacturing & trade

Side & waste streams registration (undisclosed) + destinations

- → Developing benchmarks and yearly updates for some sectors
- → Upscaling to sector sizes



#### Retail

Supermarkets and online: representative data via converted loss registration  $(\mathfrak{C})$  + destinations

- Developing benchmarks and yearly updates
- → Upscaling with market shares

Other retail: no data



#### Out-of-home

> 30 subsectors

Restaurants: food waste horeca challenge

Company catering: benchmark for unsold products

Party catering: challenge ongoing

→ Upscaling to sector sizes

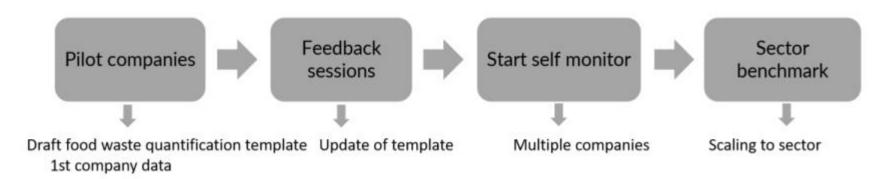


#### Households

3-annual compositional analysis + survey; representative data



## Organising self-reporting of FLW in NL

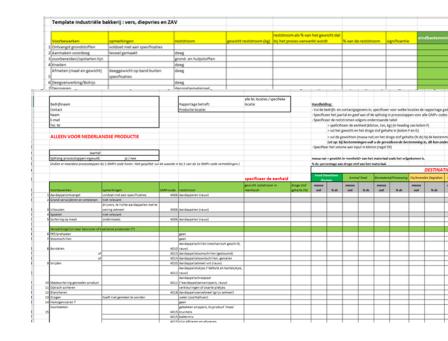


- Presentation of FLW topic to companies, individually or via branche organisation meetings
- Pilot to develop sector specific registration templates
- Broader participation of sector with call to companies
- Meetings to share results, discuss findings and communication
- Data management: agreements, procedure, online secure data portal, additional data security for analyses



#### Self-reporting templates

- Use of sector specific teminology
- Provide definition and examples
- Support consideration of all process steps
- Validation of template with pilot companies with actual data
- Allow and process feedback





## Self-reporting of FLW in NL

## Supermarkets and online

FW in supermarkets (2018) FW in supermarkets (2020) 2022: expected in Nov '22



## Manufacturing and trade

- Potato processing (frozen and chilled); 2020-2022
  - Industrial bakeries (fresh bread, preserved bread, pastry); 2020-2022
- Vegetable and fruit trade; 2020-2022
- Slaughterhouses and deboning (pig, veal, beef); 2021, 2022
- Confectionary, cookies, nuts, crisps, chocolate
- Meat processing
- Vegetable and fruit processing

Out-of-home



SCALE 12.3 (EU) cluster: company catering, banqueting

















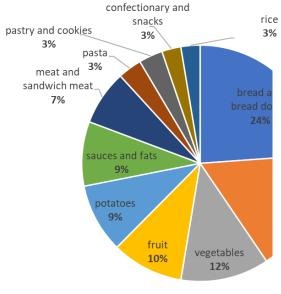


## Challenges in self-reporting

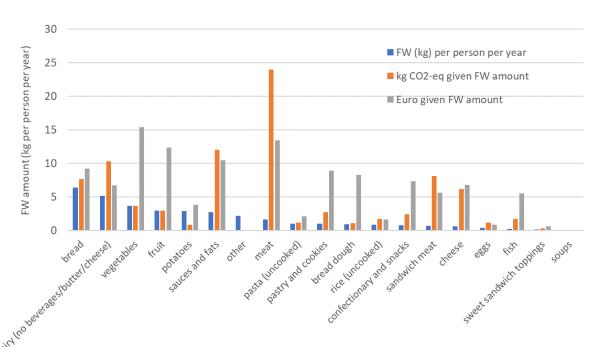
- Clear definitions of FLW
- Context data: sector specific challenges
- Obtaining representative data for each (sub)sector: <u>motivating</u> <u>companies to participate</u>
- Time needed from FLW experts to support companies
- Communication to engage other, including policy makers and society



#### Impact of FLW in households



FW 34.3 kg per person of solid and thick li





# Thank you for your attention!

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