

OECD Stocktaking of Food Loss and Waste Policies

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The OECD in a nutshell

Who we are

- International organisation based in Paris
- 38 member states across the world, representing 80% of global trade
- 3000+ employees

What we work on

- The full range of social, economic and environmental challenges...
- More than 30 committees on topics such as tax evasion, best practices in education, foreign aid... and **food systems**

How we work

- **Inform & advise** – unique source of data, analysis and insights
- **Engage & influence** – bringing policy makers and experts together to exchange ideas
- **Set standards & provide policy support**



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Method:
Questionnaire and three
case studies (Australia,
France, Japan)



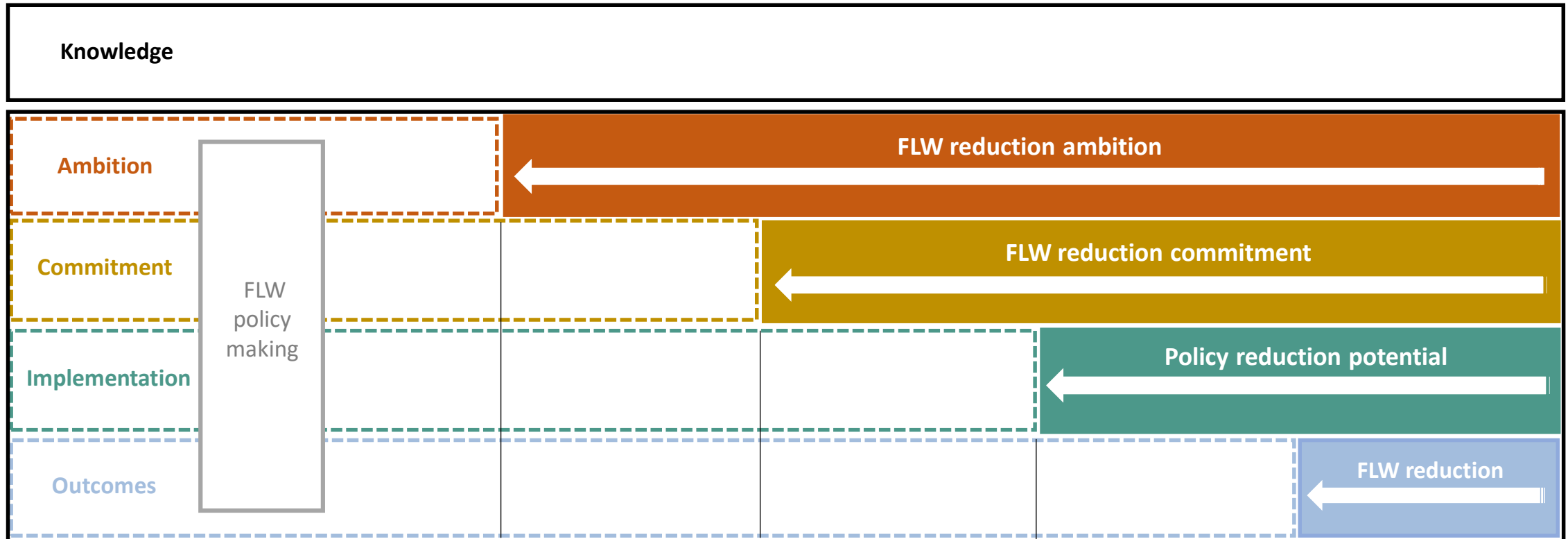
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Complementary project:
OECD-FAO 2024
Agricultural Outlook



A systematic framework for analysing FLW policymaking processes



Adapted from the FELD Action tracker



There is no silver bullet in FLW policymaking!

National conditions

- Geographical
- Economic
- Legislative
- Social

FLW knowledge

- Agricultural production
- Ag. Handling
- Food processing
- Wholesale
- Retail
- Hospitality
- Public procurement
- Households

International comparability

- Different FLW denominations
- Tracking progress

Flexible policy approaches are needed



FLW policy environment: Countries mobilise a wide range of policy instruments

Awareness
raising
initiatives

Voluntary
collaborations

Mandatory
regulations

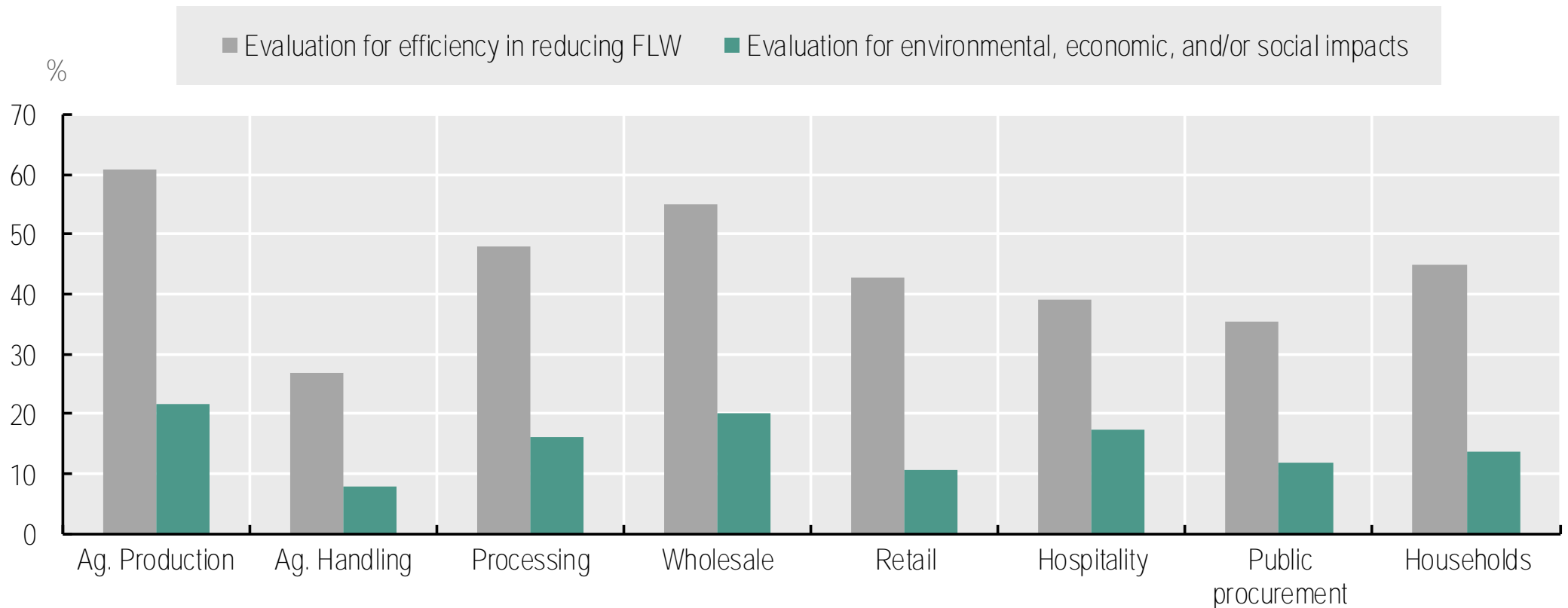
Fiscal
measures

Support to
innovative
practices



FLW policy evaluation: Enhanced mechanisms are needed

Evaluations of FLW policy instruments by stage



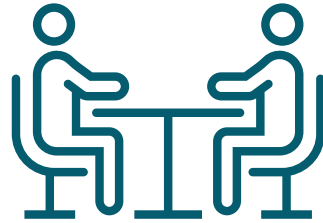
Source: OECD Questionnaire on Food Loss and Waste Reduction Policies, 2023



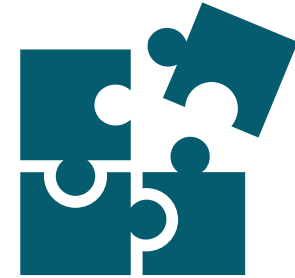
FLW policy process: the involvement of stakeholders is needed to achieve progress



Reporting and monitoring system to track progress



Inclusive and transparent policy dialogue



Mechanisms to disseminate innovative practices



FLW policy environment: key conclusions

FLW Knowledge

**Improvement
but lack of
international
comparability**

Policy Ambition

**100% committed
to SDG 12.3...
But there are blind
spots**

National Commitments

**Mostly soft
measures; Explore
win-win
collaboration**

Policy implementation

**Policy targeting
rather than policy
layering !**

Policy effectiveness

**Lack of
mechanisms,
timelines and
indicators**



Next steps at the OECD on Food Loss and Waste

- **Publication of the OECD report:** A stocktaking of Food Loss and Waste Policies
- **Virtual release event on 16 January 2025:** an opportunity to learn more and discuss with policymakers from Australia, France and Japan
- **2025-2026:** Towards better FLW measurement and policy evaluation practices – Invitation to join the OECD Food Chain Analysis Network





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