

Update on EU food waste measurement activities and work on setting EU-level targets

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Food waste prevention targets – legal basis

Considered in Waste Framework Directive (2018)

Art 9(6): By 31 December 2023, the Commission shall examine the data on food waste provided by Member States (...) with a view to considering the feasibility of establishing a Union-wide food waste reduction target to be met by 2030 on the basis of the data reported by Member States (...). To that end, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council, accompanied, if appropriate, by a legislative proposal.

Promised in Farm to Fork Strategy (2020)

The Commission is committed to halving per capita food waste at retail and consumer levels by 2030 (SDG Target 12.3). Using the new methodology for measuring food waste and the data expected from Member States in 2022, it will set a baseline and propose legally binding targets to reduce food waste across the EU.



Food waste prevention targets

To be delivered by end of 2023

Based on data from 2020, reported by-mid 2022 and any other data available

Subject to impact assessment (including several stakeholders consultations)



1st step - Inception Impact Assessment (Roadmap)

It will include following parts:

- a) Context, Problem definition and Subsidiarity Check
- b) Objectives and Policy options
- c) Preliminary Assessment of Expected Impacts
- d) Evidence Base, Data collection and Better Regulation Instruments



Inception Impact Assessment – consultations

 Subject to EU-wide stakeholders consultations – 4 weeks on Better Regulations Portal

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives

Dedicated consultations with EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste?

Planned publication - still in 2021



Update on food waste measurement activities

Meeting of the sub-group on food waste measurement – 4.III.2021
Presentations available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste/eu_actions/food-waste-measurement_en

Planned webinar for Member States – mid-April 2021 (to be confirmed)



Thank you



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