



# Moving towards Sustainable Development Goal 12.3

**EU Platform on Food Losses and  
Food Waste  
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# Combating food waste in the EU



**ECA Special Report no 34/2016: Combating Food Waste: an opportunity for the EU to improve the resource-efficiency of the food supply chain**


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## Cutting food waste

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In the EU, food waste has been estimated at some 88 million tonnes, or 173 kg per capita per year. 6x4P Images/European Union-EP

**MEPs advocate efforts to halve by 2030 food waste in the EU, by lifting existing restrictions on food donations and eliminating confusion about “best before” and “use by” labels.**

- cut food waste by 30% by 2025 and by 50% in 2030
- make food donations easier
- make “best before” and “use by” labels less confusing

“In developed countries food is wasted mostly at the end of the chain, at distribution and consumption. Everyone has a responsibility to tackle this problem”, said lead MEP [Bijana Borzan](#) (S&D, HR). “My report calls for a coordinated policy response on labelling, liability and education, as most consumers do not understand the precise meaning of “best before” and “use by” labelling. Moreover, we should address the shortcomings of existing EU legislation where it hinders food donations” she added. Her resolution was adopted on Tuesday by 623 votes to 33, with 20 abstentions.

MEPs call on EU countries to achieve food waste cuts of 30% by 2025 and a further 50% by 2030 (compared to 2014) - an objective Parliament introduced in waste legislation voted in March.

National authorities and stakeholders should do more to help consumers to understand

**Further information**

- > Steps of the procedure
- > EP rapporteur [Bijana Borzan](#) (S&D, HR)
- > Adopted text (2016/2223(IN)) will soon be available here (15.05.2017)
- > Video recording of debate (click on 15.05.2017)
- > Video of the press conference
- > EP Research: tackling food waste, the EU’s contribution to a global issue
- > EU-Fusions project study
- > EbS+ (15.05.2017)
- > Audiovisual material for professionals

**Political groups**

- > News pages of the EPP group
- > Press release by the S&D group
- > News pages of the ECR group

**European Parliament resolution of 16 May 2017 on initiative on resource efficiency: reducing food waste, improving food safety**

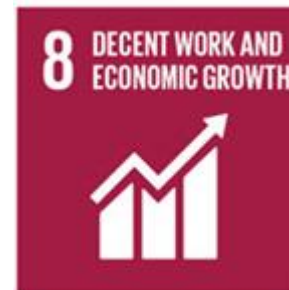


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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



**SDG 12.3: By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses.**





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# Fighting food losses and waste at each stage of the food value chain





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## **Fight Food Waste: No impact on safety of the food and feed chain**

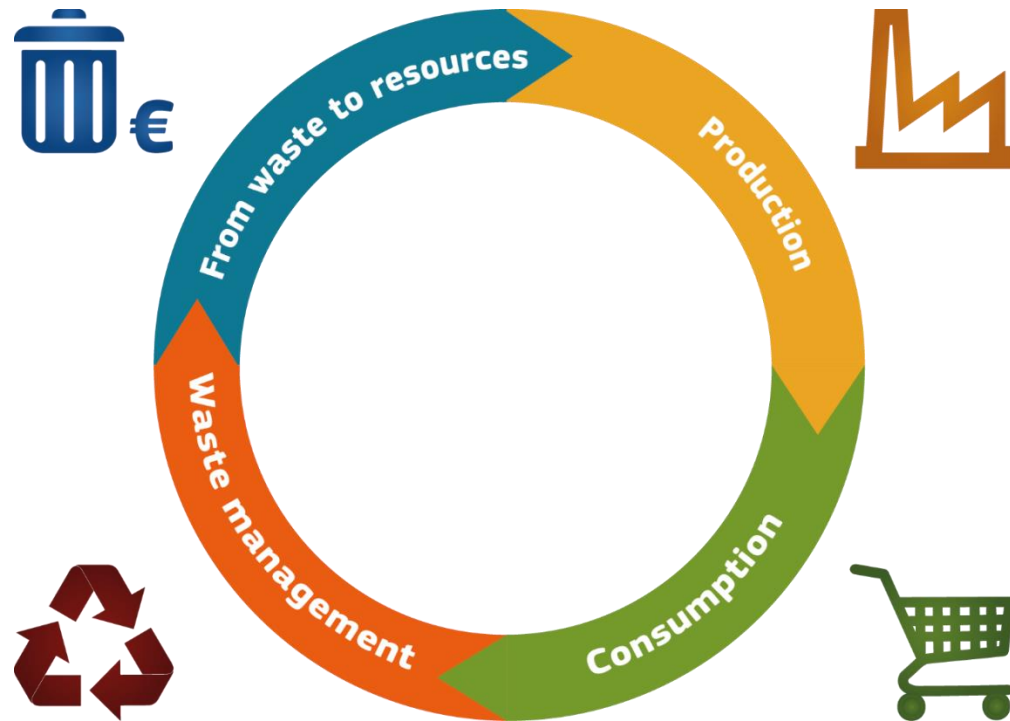


- Measure and monitor food waste
- EU guidelines to facilitate food donation
- Optimise safe use of food in feed
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking
- EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste



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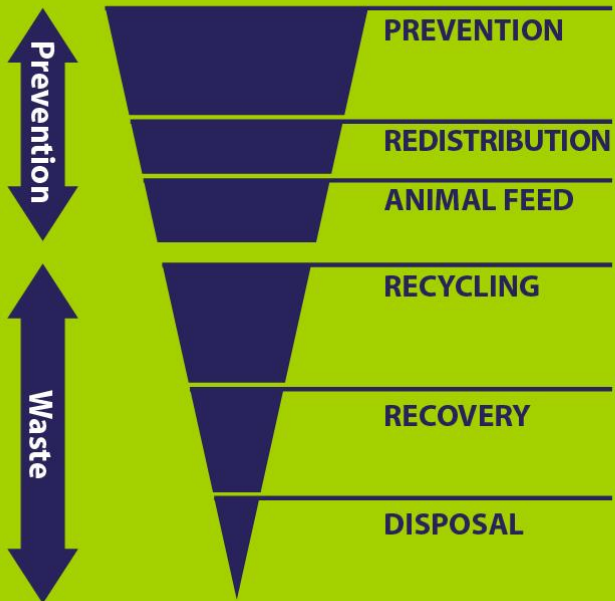
# Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package





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# Launch of EU Platform dedicated to food waste prevention



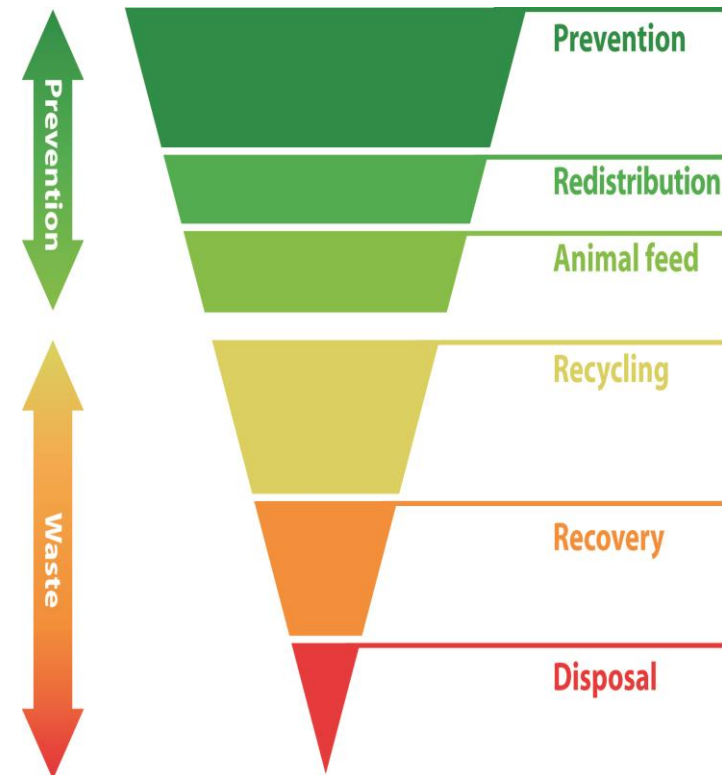
## EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

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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# Waste legislation proposal



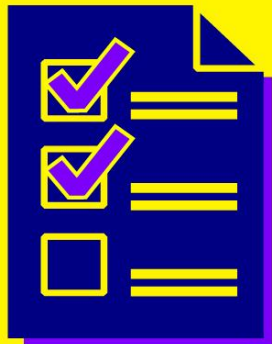
The proposal reflects commitment to SDG 12.3 and requires MS to:

- reduce food waste at each stage of the food supply chain (including households);
- monitor food waste levels; and
- report back on progress.



# EU food donation guidelines

**The European Commission will develop  
in co-operation with Member States and stakeholders**



## **EU food donation guidelines**

**The guidelines will help food donors and food banks/charity organisations to comply with relevant EU legislation (food safety, traceability, food hygiene, labelling etc.) with adoption forecast for **end 2017**.**

# EU guidelines: former food to feed

- Facilitate the safe feed use of former food
- Hindrance due to legal uncertainty and unnecessary administrative burden should be paved away
- Intensive consultation with authorities and stakeholders
- Publication of the guidelines by end 2017





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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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# Digital tools to promote cooperation

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### Access a network

**AGORA**

In this network, you can discuss food waste related issues, share ideas and gather information on policy areas related to food waste prevention. You can also let the community know about the events you organise or the reports you produce! Check it out and start a discussion on your chosen food waste issue with your peers!

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### Thematic Networks

These open groups are accessible as soon as you are member of the AGORA Network. You don't need to request an access in order to participate.

**Innovation**

As the quest to divert food waste continues, among the advances being developed in the industry are food waste software applications. Some tools enable restaurants and retailers to match would-be trashed food to charities while others enable generators to sell perishable food online at a discount.

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**Date marking**

The group will discuss the approaches and practices adopted by the food business operators and regulatory authorities in the supply chain that have impact on food waste.

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**Food Donation**

Expert sub-group to support the Commission's work in relation to food donation.

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**Food Waste Measurement**

Expert sub-group to support the Commission's work in relation to food waste measurement.

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## A knowledge sharing network created to reduce food waste across Europe & UK

Knowledge sharing by industry professionals and individual consumers from across Europe and the United Kingdom to reduce waste and improve food resources.

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**A third of food is wasted, making food waste the third-biggest carbon emitter globally.**

- 30% of food goes to waste in supply chain
- 100 million tonnes of food waste
- 100 000 people that could have been fed a year
- £3.6 billion in financial loss a year

Across the globe, nearly 30% of food is wasted throughout the agri/food supply chain. Around 100 million tonnes of food are wasted annually in the EU (estimate for 2021).

### Popular Resources

**Cutting dimensions of food**

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**Waste prevention**

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**Food costing model for the take-away industry**

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# Tackling food waste in the EU



**Facilitate cooperation and joined-up action!**

***Thank you***