



State-of-play/highlights of the food and drink manufacturing sectors' actions to prevent/reduce food loss and waste

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What has changed more generally

- More awareness on the issue of FLW since the establishment of UN SDG target 12.3
- Establishment of Multi-stakeholder platforms/initiatives at EU, global and National level (EU Platform on FLW, 'Champions 12.3' etc.)
- High level of stakeholder engagement and cross sectoral cooperation
- Communication on key actions and success stories

What has been achieved more generally

- Targeted action on FLW prevention and reduction (embedded in internal trainings and company strategies)
- Continued joint stakeholder action (i.e with farmers, retailers, food services, food banks etc.)
- Industry support at National level to implement/reach SDG target 12.3
- EU Policy agenda on FW has reinforced/fostered a number of key initiatives/actions and achievements undertaken by the food and drink sector

Key learnings: challenges and opportunities

- SME's might not have the necessary resources to implement food waste prevention strategies in their operations
- Packaging Vs. Food waste
- Sharing data
- Technology/ies remains key to further prevent food waste in manufacturing processes and along the supply chain (i.e Apps, AI etc.)
- Funding for innovation & research to support and promote circularity

The role of the platform and its recommendations for action

- The EU Platform on FLW is a positive example showcasing a stakeholder approach in contributing to the implementation of SDG target 12.3
- The EU Platform gathers a wide range of experts/actors that make considerable impact on FLW
- The recommendations for action have been key to communicate and raise awareness on stakeholder priorities and engagement on FLW

Future outlook: needs and opportunities of the sector, tools to achieve flw prevention/reduction objectives, ways in which the Platform can further support actions

- FLW remains a top priority for the food and drink manufacturing sector
- Development of guidelines on how to measure and report on food waste (with a focus on SME's)
- Awareness raising campaigns on FLW along the value chain remain key
- More time will be needed in order to assess what needs and tools will be required for the food and drink sector as the actions within the recommendations are mostly ongoing

