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# **PREVENTING AND REDUCING FOOD WASTE AND LOSSES**

The example of the French national policy



# The French policy to fight against food waste

A photograph showing a woman with dark hair, wearing a grey cardigan, leaning over a kitchen counter. She is looking down at a young boy in a bright blue polo shirt who is focused on preparing food in a clear glass bowl. The kitchen background includes a sink, a roll of white paper towels, and various kitchen items on shelves.

# The organization of the French policy to fight against food waste

# FIGHT AGAINST FOOD WASTE

+ Ministry of the Economy and Finance  
DG of Public Finance  
-> In charge of defiscalisation

+ Ministry of the Economy and Finance  
DG for Competition, Consumer Affairs and  
Fraud Control  
-> In charge of date marking  
-> Follow-up European work on date marking  
(INCO regulation)

*Double competence*

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

DG for Food

Food Policy Office

Follow-up on **international work** to fight against food waste (ISO 20001)

Follow-up on **European work** to fight against food waste

- Designing and implementing a **national policy** to fight against food waste
- **Follow-up** of the anti food waste label, the work of ADEME, CGDD
- **Coordination** of national policy at **territorial level** (regional food directorates, territorial food projects, etc.)

## MINISTRY OF ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION AND TERRITORIAL COHESION

DG for Risk Prevention

Office for prevention and the fight against waste

- Follow-up on **European work** to fight against food waste
- Transmission of food waste reporting under the WFD
- Designing and implementing a **national policy** to prevent food waste

ADEME French Environment and Energy Management Agency

- **Conducting studies on food waste**
- Development of **guides** and **support materials**

CGDD General Commission for Sustainable Development

Environmental Pressures Office

- Follow-up European work on **measurement**
- Preparation of **data for the reporting** of food waste under the WFD

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Office

- Follow-up on **international work** to fight against food waste (ISO 20001)
- **Anti food waste Label work** (in collaboration with the Food Policy Office of the Ministry of Agriculture)
- Designing and implementing a **national policy** to combat food waste

*has the guardianship of*

# The mobilization of France in favour of the fight against food waste

**National goal** : halve food waste by 2025\* in collective catering and retail, and by 2030\* for the other sectors  
(\*compared to its 2015 level)



**National incentive  
framework**



**Implementation of a  
legislative arsenal at  
national level**



# The national incentive framework

# The national Pact against food waste

- France has succeeded in mobilizing all stakeholders by launching the **National Pact against Food Waste**.
- This pact, set up in 2013 and renewed in 2017, brings **together voluntary public or private players** from the **entire food chain**.
- **Aim** : reducing food waste.





# National “anti-food waste” label (AGEC law, 2020)

- ✓ **Objective** : value any actor in the food chain who contributes to the national objectives of reducing food waste.
- ✓ **Actors targeted** : distributors, collective and private catering, food industry and primary production.
- ✓ Can be obtained with **3 levels of progression** in order to enhance the efforts already made and to encourage the actors to improve
- ✓ This system will ultimately help to **guide consumer choices** and **create a virtuous dynamic** for the companies concerned.



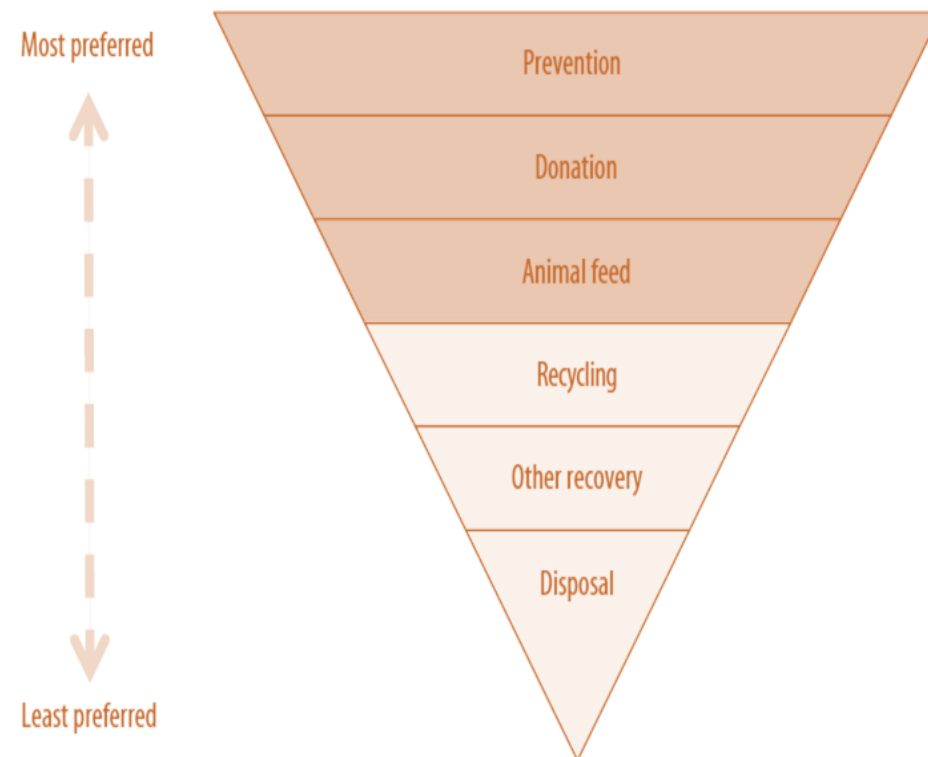


# The national legislative framework

# General legislative framework

- ✓ **2016: Garot law** specifies a **hierarchy of actions** to combat food waste
- ✓ **2020: AGEC law** defines food waste
- ✓ **2020: AGEC law** sets **national targets** for reducing food waste
- ✓ **2016=>2019: Ban of the destruction of edible food for distributors** (2016: Garot law), **collective catering operators** and **the agri-food industry** (2018 Egalim law).

## Food waste hierarchy<sup>1</sup>



# Specific legislative framework

## *Food donation*

- Obligation to offer a partnership to a food aid association to targeted actors
- **2019 (Egalim law)** : Implementation of a **donation quality management plan** to ensure quality, involving staff training and awareness.

## *For the commercial catering sector*

- The **EGalim law (2018)** introduces the **obligation for commercial catering** operators to offer a recyclable reusable container to take away uneaten food - equivalent to the **doggy bag** (implemented in 2021)

## *Obligation to carry out a waste diagnosis*

- **2019 (Egalim law)** : Collective catering sector
- **2020 (AGEC law)** : Agri-food industries sector



In France food donation leads to **tax reduction** (60 % of the value of the donation)

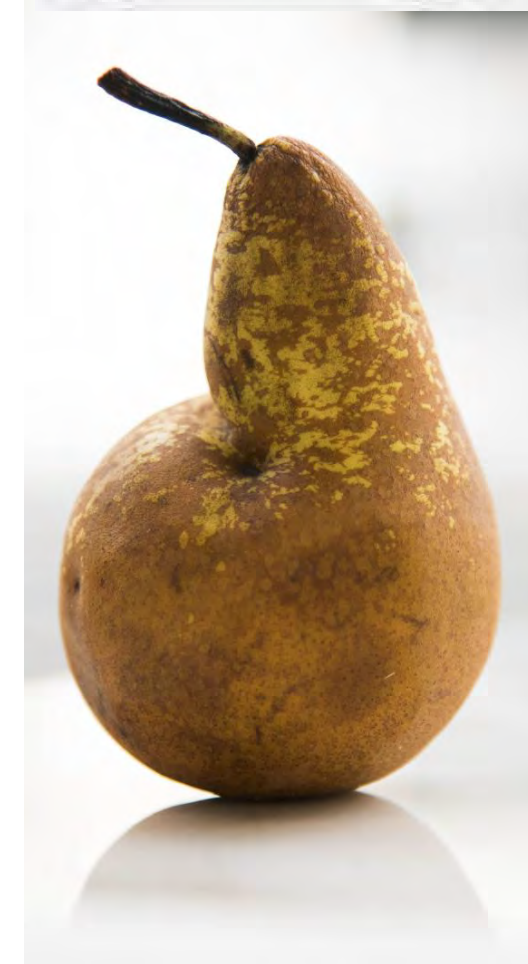
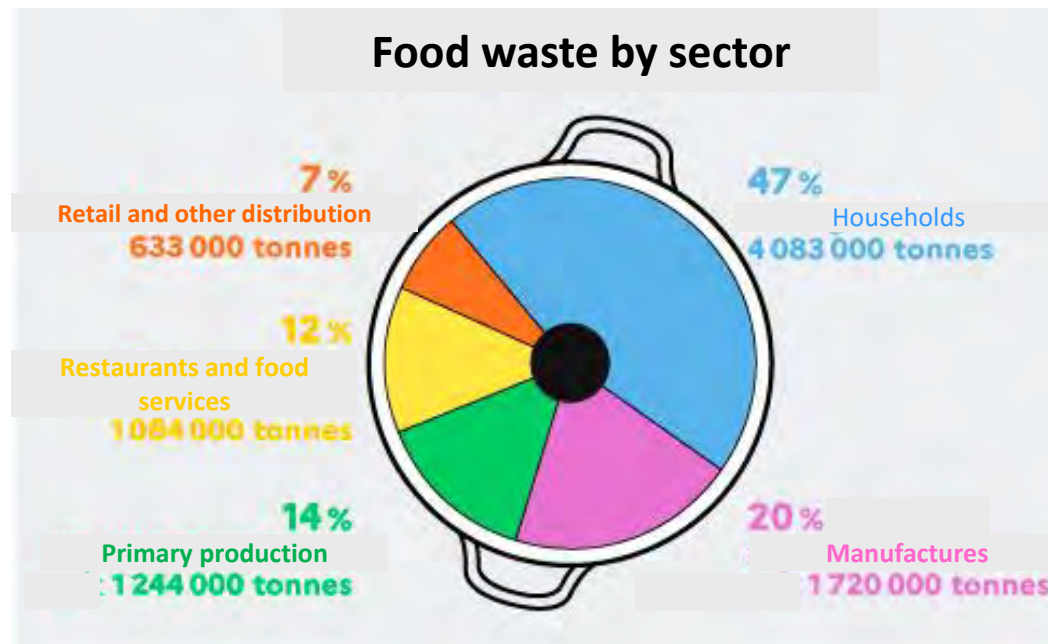




# Elaboration of a new policy of France to fight against food waste

# Food waste in France – 2021 - EUROSTAT


  
**8 764 000 t**  
 of food waste in  
 2021



Eurostat datas - 2021

# Elaboration of a new policy of France to fight against food waste

- The data sets sent to the Commission show that France has **still to improve its policy**
- The fight against food waste is a **process of continuous improvement**
- The **national strategy for food, nutrition and climate** is currently being drawn up, involving all the ministries concerned, to establish the roadmap for food policy up to 2030. The **fight against food waste** will play a key role in this strategy.

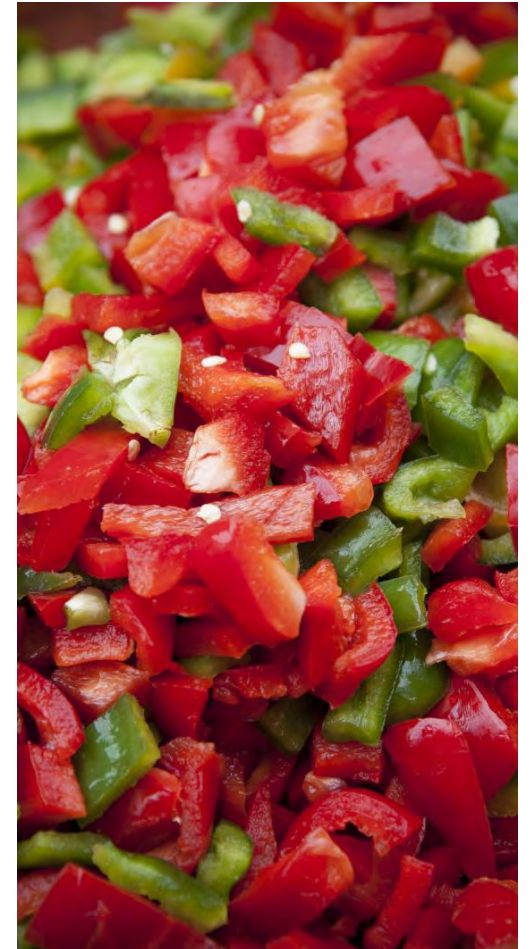
*Examples of orientations raised during the consultation process (under discussion) :*

**Raising consumer awareness** to reduce food waste

Strengthening the implementation of regulatory provisions (strengthen the deployment of inspections)

Development of initiatives at **territorial level**, whether through territorial food projects or networks to fight food waste

Improving **coordination** between the involved administrations

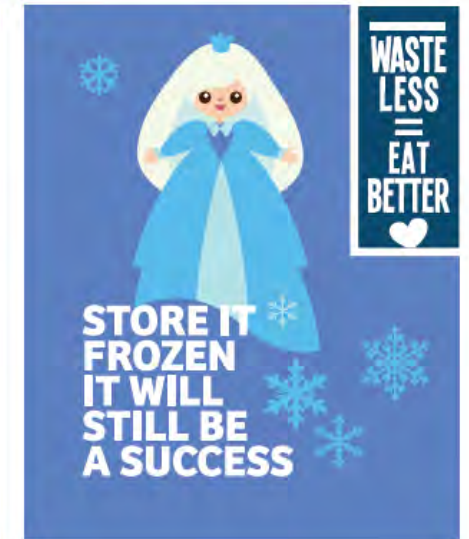




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