



EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (14th meeting)

Perspectives of Member States: **FINLAND**

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Presentation overview

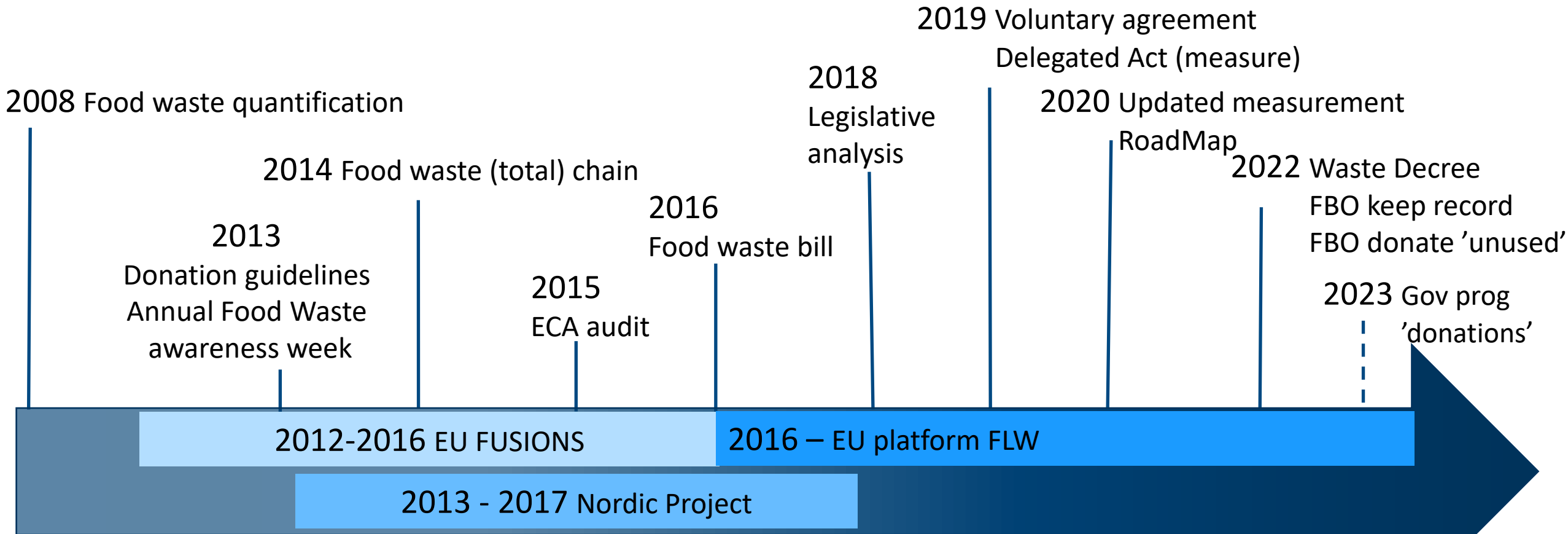


- Time-line of Food waste activities in Finland
- Food waste monitoring
- Roadmap to halve food waste by 2030
- Food waste progress in national policies
- Summary of cross-sector work



Ruokahukka ruotuun!
Keep hungry wolf (ie. food waste) under control!₂

TIME-LINE OF FOOD WASTE ACTIVITIES IN FINLAND



FOOD WASTE RESEARCH:

- Household: amount, composition, attitudes, packaging
- Primary production, industry, retail, hospitality: waste and losses
- Means to decrease food waste in food chain
- Economic and environmental impacts of food waste
- Food aid –needs and development



SDG
2030
½ Food
waste

The amount of food waste in Finland (2020)

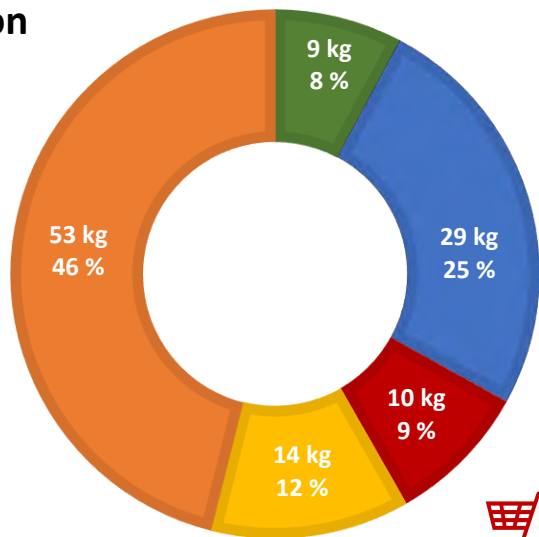
The amount of food waste in Finland 641 million kg/year (2020)



Primary production

116 kg/year/person

Households



Processing and manufacturing



Retail and other distribution of food

Restaurants and food services



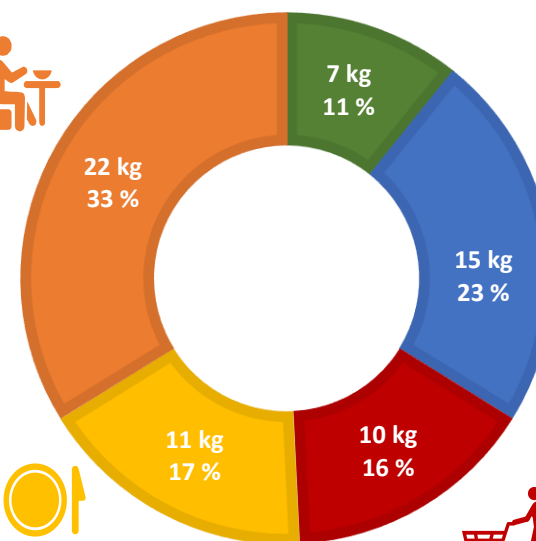
The amount of edible food waste in Finland 362 million kg/year

65 kg kg/year/person



Primary production

Households



Processing and manufacturing



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Food waste in the EU by main economic sectors, 2020

(kilogrammes per inhabitant)



Roadmap to halve food waste by 2030



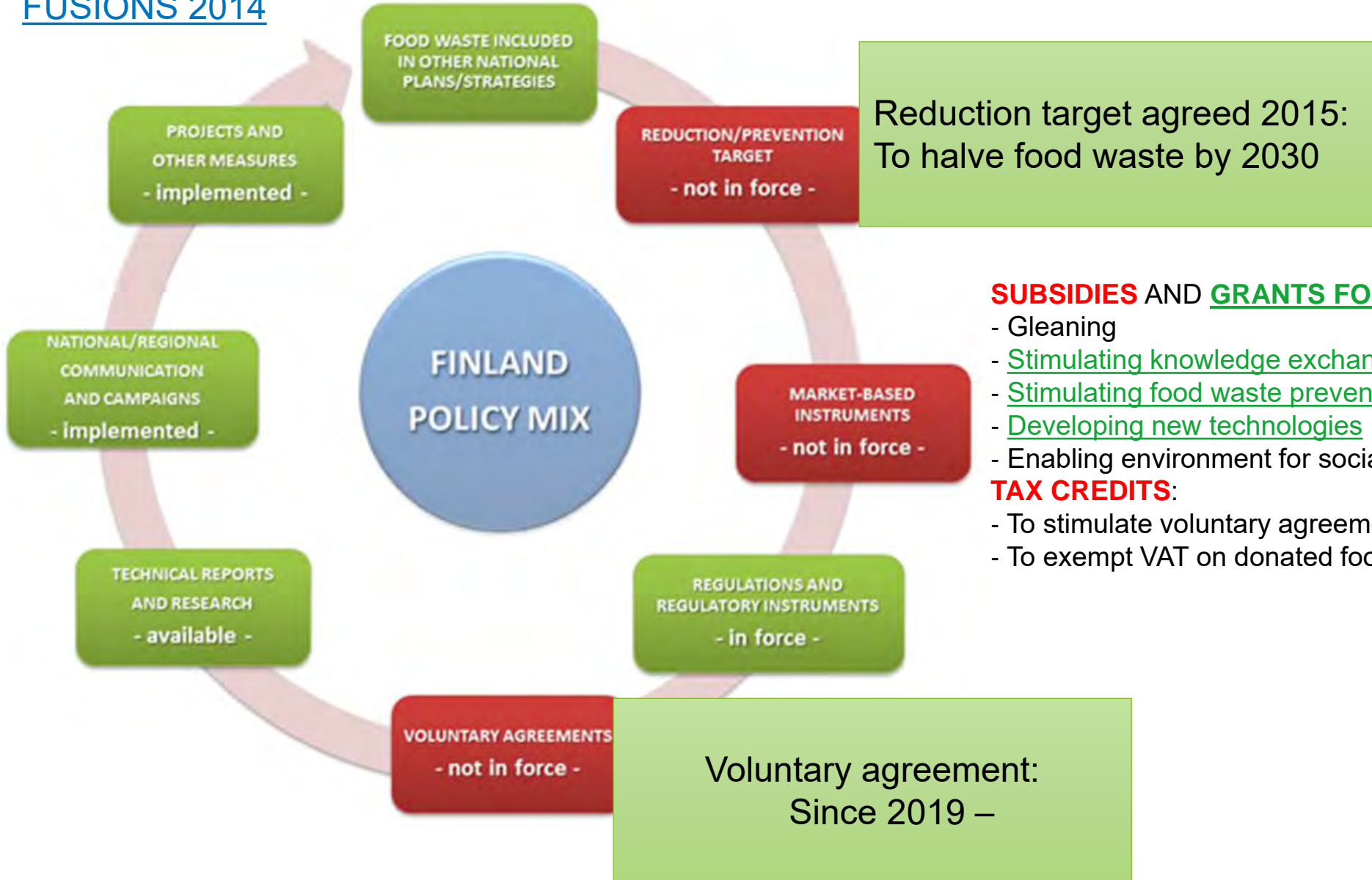
The food waste road map thematic areas (6) include measures to reduce food waste.

More details:

<https://projects.luke.fi/ruokahavikkis-auranta/en/roadmap/>

Food waste progress in national policies

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SUBSIDIES AND **GRANTS FOR:**

- Gleaning
- Stimulating knowledge exchange & co-operation between operators
- Stimulating food waste prevention & reduction projects
- Developing new technologies
- Enabling environment for social innovation projects

TAX CREDITS:

- To stimulate voluntary agreements & social innovation initiatives
- To exempt VAT on donated food

Accelerating the progress towards SDG 12.3 requires target-oriented cross-sector work



Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö
Jord- och skogsbruksministeriet
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Food safety -legislation: no food legislation to cause food waste,
- Guidelines: Safe food donations, Foodstuffs intended to be used as feed, and targeted guidelines for school meals, sustainable procurement etc.



Ympäristöministeriö
Miljöministeriet
Ministry of the Environment

- Waste legislation (monitoring): food waste record keeping, FBO food donations, under discussion target setting
- Guide for food operators to comply with the legislation



Ministry of Economic Affairs
and Employment of Finland

- ESR+ (European Social Fund Plus, formerly FEAD funds): support the most vulnerable individuals through the use of payment cards, counseling, and guidance



MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- Educational material on food waste reduction for schools and teachers.



Ministry of
Social Affairs and Health

- Under discussion (part of the Government program):
Food donation network funds & structures



MINISTRY OF FINANCE
FINLAND

- Responsible for the VAT directive and fiscal incentives

TARGET 12-3

HALVE GLOBAL PER
CAPITA FOOD WASTE

