

CNCDA | National Commission for Combating Food Waste

NATIONAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN TO COMBAT FOOD WASTE

Office for Planning, Policies and Administration of the Portuguese Ministry of
Agriculture and Fisheries

12 November 2024

16th meeting of the EU Platform on Food losses and Food Waste

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A MISSION

Combating food waste, a shared responsibility from producers to consumers

COMPREHENSIVE AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY:

18 entities, including the autonomous regions and 13 public administration bodies dependent on 8 different ministers, 2 municipal associations and a social solidarity Association of the voluntary sector

Coordination by the Office for Planning, Policies and Administration

National Strategy to Combat Food Waste



3 Strategic Objectives

Reduce

Prevent

Monitor



9 Operational Objectives



Action Plan



14 Measures



MEASURES (Action Plan)

M1 *Reviewing and disseminating food safety guidelines aiming to combat waste*

M2 *Promoting consumer awareness actions*

M3 *Implementing awareness-raising actions for the school-age population*

M4 *Developing specific training actions for different segments of the food chain*

M5 *Regularly publishing a statistical panel of food waste levels, including the creation of an area dedicated to this topic in the official statistics portal*

M6 *Disseminating good practice (guidelines and success stories)*

M7 *Promoting the development of innovative processes*

MEASURES (Action Plan)

M8 *Facilitating and encouraging the food donation scheme*

M9 *Improving coordination and involvement of national administration in European and international regulation*

M10 *Implementing a collaboration platform to identify availability by type of food*

M11 *Promoting specific locations to sell products at risk of waste*

M12 *Developing the methodology for calculating food waste at the different phases of the food chain*

M13 *Implementing health and nutrition pilot projects*

M14 *Periodic reporting to the government and the public at large*

Results of the measures

M1 *Reviewing and disseminating food safety guidelines aiming to combat waste*

M4 *Developing specific training actions for different segments of the food chain*

OBJECTIVES

Improving knowledge at all links in the food chain to reduce the waste generated and improve the safety of food donated.

DEVELOPED ACTIVITIES

- Production of guides to good practices and procedures for operators, by link in the food chain, as well as the dissemination of materials.
- Review of practices and procedures implemented in the field by the entities involved.
- Training was given to the specific links in the chain directly by the national bodies responsible for food safety and inspection.

EXECUTOR

Economic and Food Safety Authority, Directorate-General for Food and Veterinary (M1 and M4) and state-owned company who supports the fishing and fishing ports sector (M4)

Results of the measures

M6

Disseminating good practice (guidelines and success stories)

OBJECTIVES

Disseminating good practice and encouraging the development of pioneering and creative initiatives in combating food waste



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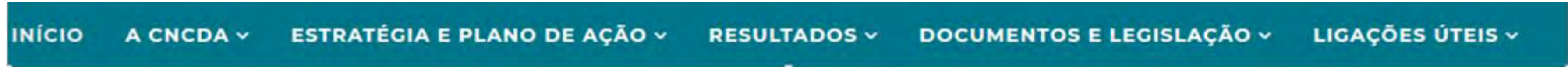
DEVELOPED ACTIVITIES

- CNCDA's institutional website created;
- Since the creation of the CNCDA Distinctive Seal (in mid-April 2021) 45 applications have been approved;
- Institutional communication - CNCDA Newsletter, of a periodic nature (despite not being an initial goal or purpose).

EXECUTOR

Office for Planning, Policies and Administration of the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Consumer Directorate-General

CNCDA's institutional website



Transparency

Developing the work

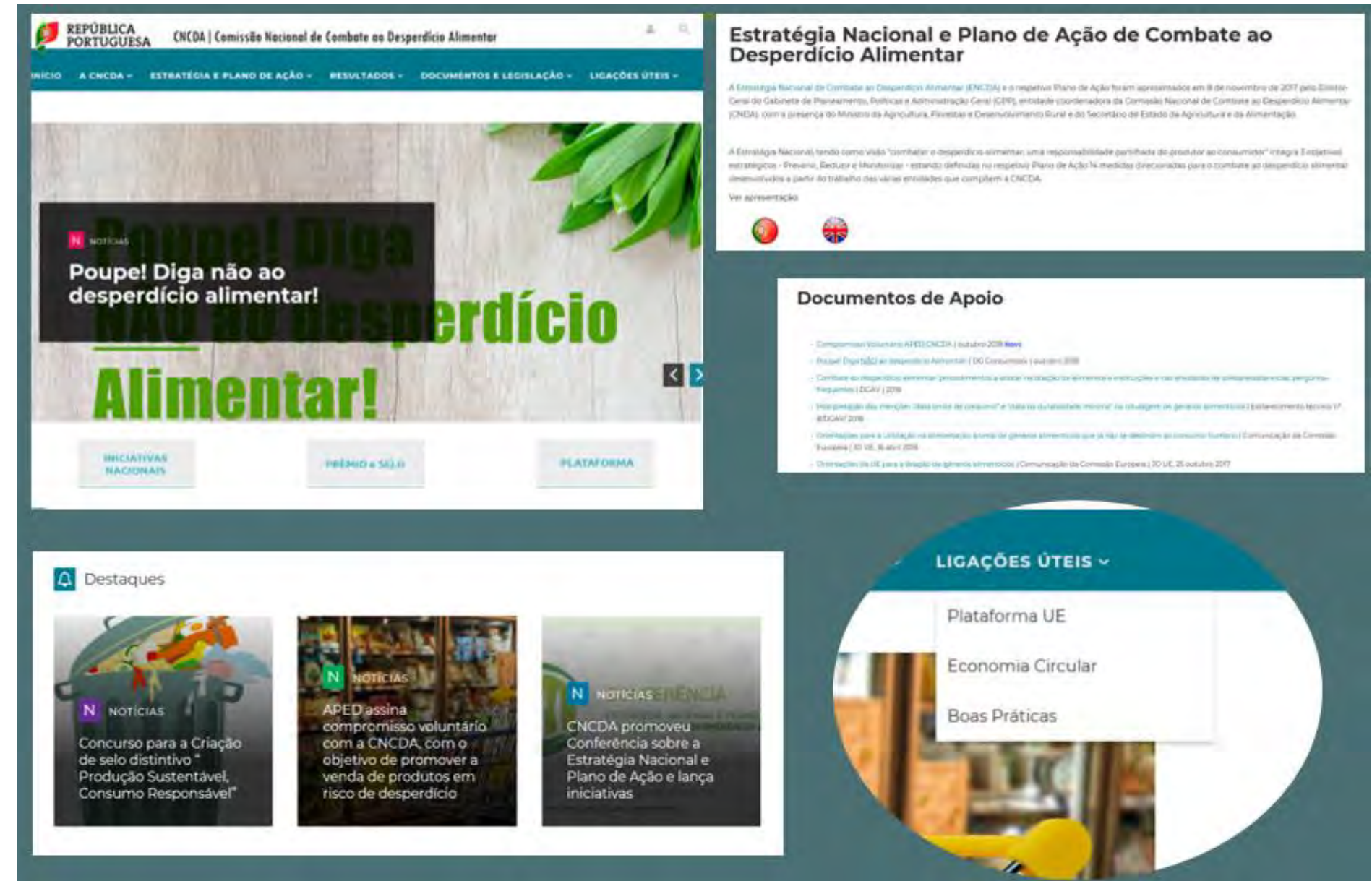
Dissemination of good practices

National initiatives

Disclosure of information

Documentation

Legislation



Results of the measures

M8

Facilitating and encouraging the food donation scheme

**Action 8.1 – Definition of
common concepts and
harmonised practices**

OBJECTIVES

Promoting the donation of safe food through harmonised procedures

**Action 8.2 – Assessment of food
law rules and procedures**

OBJECTIVES

Periodic reevaluation and updating of the guidelines aiming at easily executed and well-perceived regulation

**DEVELOPED
ACTIVITIES**

- Preparation of various documents on food donation (focusing on the types of food to be donated and the applicable rules) and provision of information on the websites of the entities involved

EXECUTOR

Economic and Food Safety Authority and Directorate-General for Food and Veterinary

Results of the measures

M10

Implementing a collaboration platform to identify availability by type of food

OBJECTIVES

Facilitating the link between holders of food surplus and those who may need it, thus reducing the potential for food waste
Providing information on the ENCDA implementation and on food waste monitoring

Supply / demand collaboration platform

DEVELOPED ACTIVITIES

- Contract with an external company to implement a collaborative platform to bring together potential donors and recipients of products at risk of food waste (under development).

EXECUTOR

Office for Planning, Policies and Administration of the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Portuguese Environment Agency

Results of the measures

M11

Promoting specific locations to sell products at risk of waste

OBJECTIVES

Ensuring that products near expiry date are provided with a commercial circuit that facilitates their consumption

Points of sale recognisable by the consumer

DEVELOPED ACTIVITIES

- **Portugal's voluntary agreement** was established in October 2018 by CNCDA. The aim is to ensure a commercial circuit in retail stores that facilitates the sale of food at risk of waste.
- As part of this agreement, the Portuguese Association of Distribution Companies developed **communication campaigns to help consumers understand best before dates**, reinforcing the prevention of food waste.
- The agreement's initiatives were accompanied by a system for monitoring and quantifying the products sold or donated.

EXECUTOR

Economic and Food Safety Authority and Directorate-General for Food and Veterinary with agri-food retail partners

2023

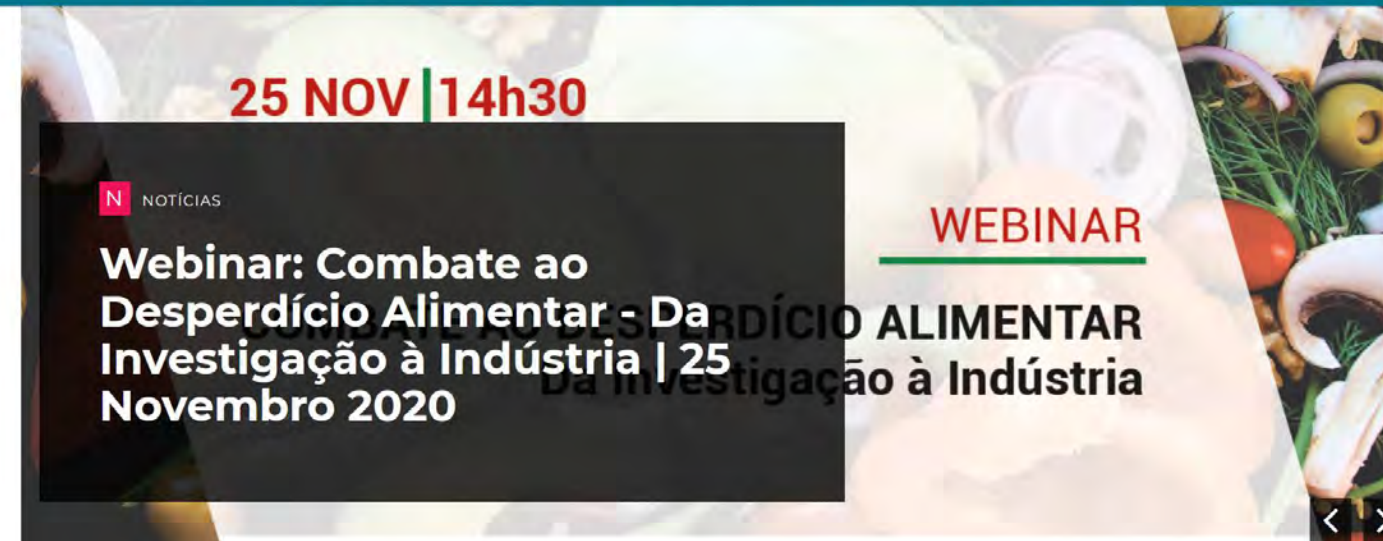
A total of 2676 stores took part in this initiative, and together they disposed of 27,000 tons of food products with an expiry date close to their expiry date.

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What has been done?

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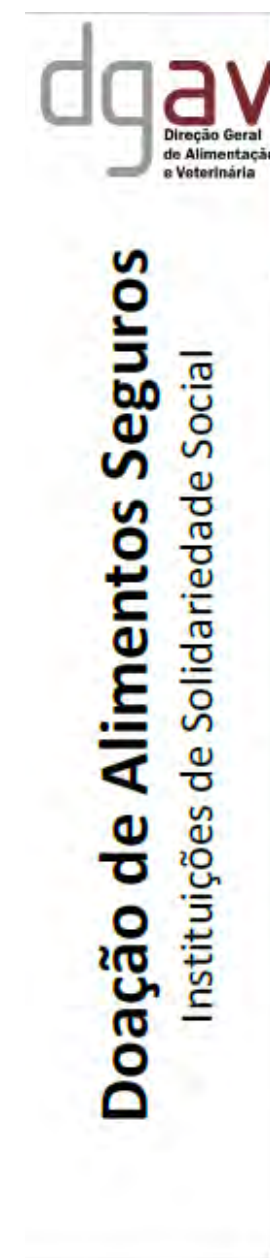
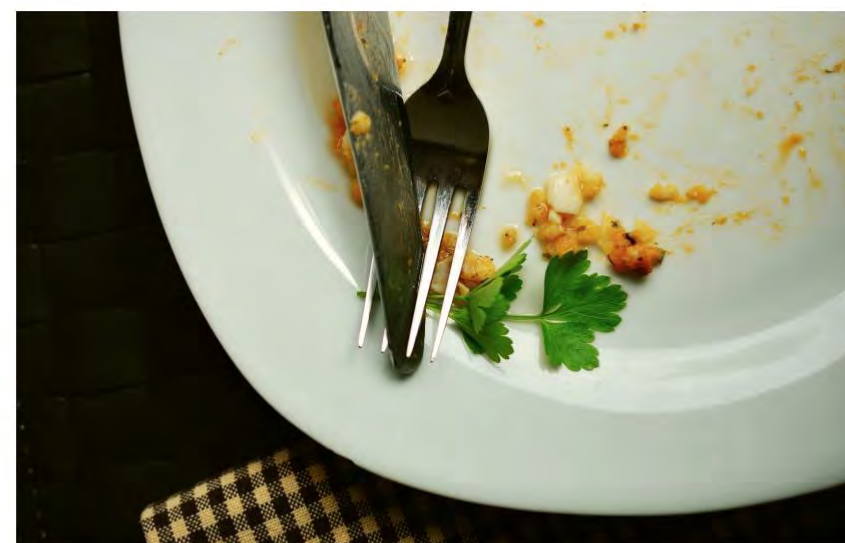
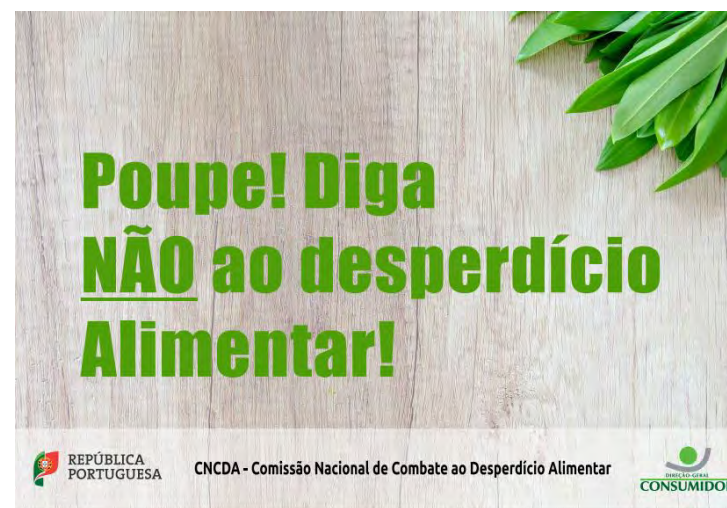
Iniciativas Nacionais

Este espaço destina-se à divulgação de iniciativas de combate ao desperdício alimentar.

Se pretende divulgar uma iniciativa contacte-nos através do endereço eletrónico cnoda@gpp.pt.

Iniciativas:

-  Dicas de Combate ao Desperdício Alimentar (novo) ficha de iniciativa | outubro 2020
-  Desperdício Zero à Mesa com o Pingo Doce (novo) ficha da iniciativa | setembro 2020
-  Too Good To Go ficha da iniciativa | fevereiro 2020
-  Phenix Portugal ficha da iniciativa | fevereiro 2020



Notícias da CNCDA

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Relatório de Avaliação Final

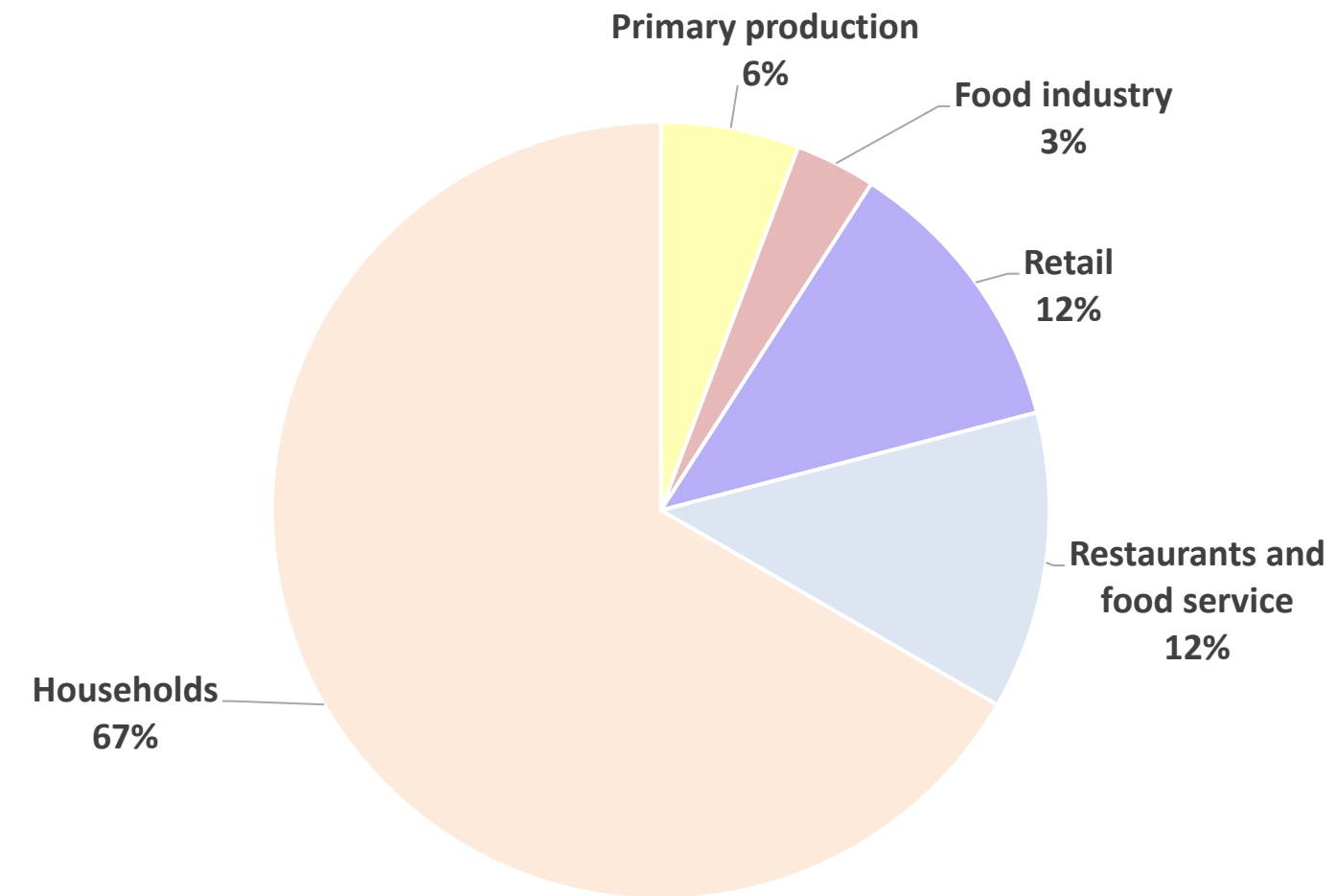
Relatório de Avaliação da Implementação da ENCDA período 2018/2021 | CNCDA, 2023

Available at: www.cnoda.gov.pt; www.aped.pt;

Food waste figures in Portugal

Food waste in Portugal - 2022¹

	2022 ¹	
	tonnes	%
Total	1 926 484	100%
Primary production	110 980	6%
Food industry	64 572	3%
Retail	227 908	12%
Restaurants and food service	239 000	12%
Households	1 284 025	67%



¹provisional data

In Portugal, food waste generated in 2022 it was **184.0 kg/inhabitant**.



Next steps

- **Preparation of the review of the national strategy to combat food waste**
 - Keep the measures that make sense
 - New measures
 - New members
 - Another approach

A multidisciplinary approach is essential, integrating all the links in the agri-food chain and involving all operators, from the public to the private sector, with innovation playing an important role.

Thank you for your attention!