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Assessment of progress made in implementing the Council conclusions adopted on 28 June 2016

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Background

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

- 2016: Council Conclusions on Food Losses and Food Waste (10730/16)
- 2018: 1st assessment of progress made in the implementation (6659/18)
- 2020: 2nd assessment of progress made in the implementation (11665/20)



Food Losses and Waste in the EU

Table 1: Estimates of food waste in EU-28 in 2012 from this quantification study; includes food and inedible parts associated with food.

Sector	Food waste (million tonnes) with 95% CI*	Food waste (kg per person) with 95% CI*
Primary production	9.1 ± 1.5	18 ± 3
Processing	16.9 ± 12.7	33 ± 25
Wholesale and retail	4.6 ± 1.2	9 ± 2
Food service	10.5 ± 1.5	21 ± 3
Households	46.5 ± 4.4	92 ± 9
Total food waste	87.6 ± 13.7	173 ± 27

**Confidence interval*

Milestones on EU-level

- Revision of the Waste Directive
 - Sets an indicative food waste reduction target
 - Requires specific measures, e. g. raise consumer awareness
- Common methodology for food waste measurement in the EU
- EU Platform of Food Losses and Waste
 - Publication of concrete recommendations for action
- European Green Deal, Circular Economy Action Plan & Farm to Fork Strategy
- International Day of Awareness of Food Losses and Waste

**STORE
FOOD
PROPERLY**

*Check the labels
for storage
instructions,
make sure your
fridge is between
1° and 5°C*

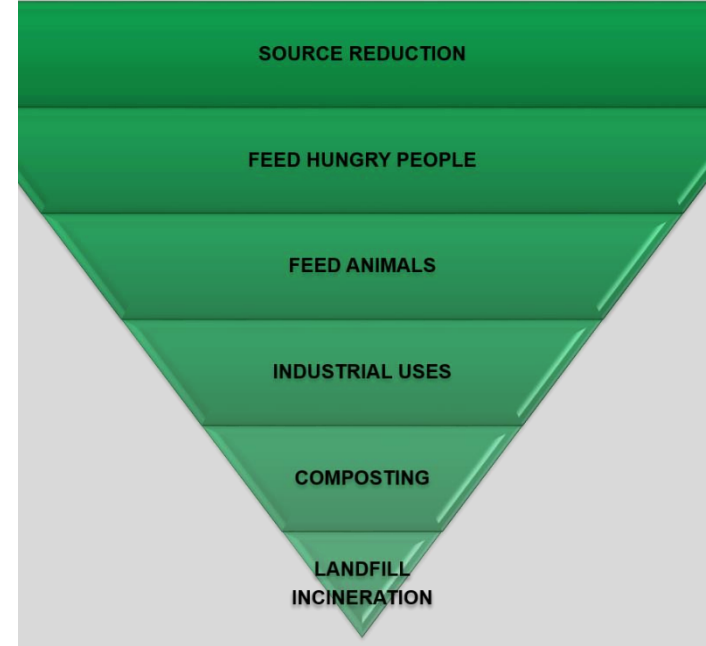


29 SEPTEMBER 2020 | International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

#FLWDay #FoodWasteEU
ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste_en

Progress in Member States

- Adoption of national strategies & non-legislative instruments in most Member States
- Legislative measures focus just on certain points in many cases
 - Food donation
 - Food safety
- Connection to general waste prevention and management programmes
- Integration of the waste management hierarchy in national measures
 - More support possible



Progress in Member States

- Consumer information
 - Date marking
 - Storage of food
 - Meal planning
 - Etc.
- School education
 - educational material
- Research on food losses and waste
 - “From Farm to Fork”, e.g. food waste measurement
 - Potential in the field of artificial intelligence



Progress in Member States

- Collaboration with different stakeholders
 - Dialogue formats
 - Voluntary agreements
- Funding of innovative approaches
- Integration in other policy areas
 - Climate
 - Agriculture
 - Nutrition
 - Environment
 - Education



COVID-19 Pandemic

- Impacts, e.g.:
 - Panic buying
 - Raised awareness
 - Closed catering facilities
 - Less volunteers at charity organizations

- Solutions, e.g.:
 - Intensify information
 - Call up for responsible shopping
 - Support food donations in various ways
 - And much more...



Zu gut für die Tonne!

@zgfdt

Ihr habt zu viele Vorräte eingekauft? Was wird nun daraus? Wir geben euch in den nächsten Tagen viele wertvolle Tipps, damit nichts davon in der Tonne landet. [#KaufNurWasDuBrauchst](#)



Work in Progress

For example:

- National implementation of measurement methodologies
- Continue the exchange in the EU Platform
 - Topics we already dealt with (measurement, date marking, consumer information)
 - New topics
- Specific actions to reduce food losses



Most important:

**Continue to take action
against food loss and waste!**



Thank you for your attention!

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