



# Redistribution of surplus food: examples of practices in the Member States

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# EU food donation guidelines



**On World Food Day the European Commission adopted guidelines to facilitate food donation in the EU.**

**#FoodDonationGuidelines #CircularEconomy #WorldFoodDay**

## **Platform document: « Redistribution of surplus food: examples of practices in the Member States »**

- Purpose: illustrate how Member States implement EU rules to facilitate food donation in practice
- Content: addresses areas where EU legislation prevails (eg food hygiene, labelling, VAT...) as well as those governed by national rules (eg liability, other taxation).
- Author: EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (not a document of the European Commission)

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## Content and format:

- Sourced from contributions of Platform members
- Descriptive, not a legal analysis of existing measures in the Member States
- Structure follows that of EU Guidelines on Food Donation, as agreed with sub-group on food donation
- Document does not include specific food donation initiatives and/or list of actors involved on the ground in the EU MS

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## Validation of content:

- National Competent Authorities must ensure coherence of measures described with EU rules
- Where possible discrepancies between reported practices and relevant EU rules/EU food donation guidelines were found, information has not been included, pending clarification by NCAs (eg freezing of food of animal origin for food donation purposes).



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# Facilitate food donation: leverage learning and experience in the EU



***Circulaire relative aux dispositions applicables aux banques alimentaires et associations caritatives*** (Belgian food safety agency)



***Foodstuffs donated to food aid*** (Finnish food safety agency)



***Guide des bonnes pratiques d'hygiène de la distribution de produits alimentaires par les organismes caritatifs*** (French Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood, and Forestry)



***Leitfaden für die Weitergabe von Lebensmitteln an soziale Einrichtungen – Rechtliche Aspekte*** (German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture)



***Recupero, raccolta e distribuzione di cibo ai fini di solidarietà sociale*** (validated by the Italian Ministry of Health)



***Food Donation Guidance to Charities and Businesses*** (The Food Safety Authority of Ireland)



***Įsakymas dėl labdarai ir paramai skirto maisto tvarkymo aprašo patvirtinimo*** (State Food and Veterinary Service, Lithuania)



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# Food donation guidelines/tools: publish on COM website

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- Stop food waste
- EU actions
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## Resources library

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**Studies - Reports - Policy documents**

**Food waste measurement**

**Date marking**

**EU funded food waste projects**

**Guidelines for Food Donation**

- EU - [Guidelines on food donation](#), 2017
- Belgium - Circular on the provisions applied to food banks and charity organisations (FR ; NL ) , Belgian food safety agency (Agence fédérale pour la Sécurité de la Chaîne Alimentaire), 2017.
- Finland - [Foodstuffs donated to food aid](#) , Finnish food safety agency (EVIRA), 2017
- FoodDrinkEurope, EuroCommerce, FEBA, 2017- [Every Meal Matters](#)
- France - [Information on food donation and sectorial guidelines](#)
- France - [Food donation guidelines for agricultural products](#) , Direction régionale de l'alimentation, de l'agriculture et de la forêt de Rhône-Alpes (DRAAF), 2013 - [More information on donation of agricultural products](#)
- France - [Food donation guidelines for food industry](#) , Direction régionale de l'alimentation, de l'agriculture et de la forêt de Rhône-Alpes (DRAAF), 2013 - [More information on food donation](#)
- France - [Food donation guidelines for the catering sector](#) , Direction régionale de l'alimentation, de l'agriculture et de la forêt de Rhône-Alpes (DRAAF), 2013 - [More information on food donation for the catering sector](#)

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- [10 tips to reduce food waste](#)

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- [Health and food audits and analysis](#)
- [European Food Safety Authority \(EFSA\)](#)
- [Better Training for Safer Food \(BTSF\)](#)
- [E-News](#)
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## Next steps:

- Members of EU Platform to:
  - send written comments by 18 January 2019
  - verify/add to list of national guidelines/tools for inclusion on COM food waste website
- Revised draft to be sent to Platform members for validation (final content to be confirmed by national competent authorities)



# Questions?