

Rescue food, fight hunger, save the planet: why we need to work together to fight food waste

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Food Waste at Home & Ways to Address it International Conference Commissioner Andriukaitis 10 April 2018, Vilnius



Over 50% of EU food waste is generated at household level

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- 88 (±14) million tonnes of food waste per year
- Equivalent of **20%** of all produced food in EU
- 143 billion euros
- ~ 304 Mt CO2 eq (6% of total EU GHG emissions)
- **173** kilograms of food waste per person



Source: FUSIONS project, 2016 (based on 2012 data)







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.





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"Which of the following actors do you think have a role to play in preventing food waste?" Q1. In Europe, about 100 million tonnes of food are wasted annually. Which of the following actors do you think have a role to play in preventing food waste? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)



Flash Eurobarometer 425, Food waste and date marking, Oct 2015



European Commission







Fighting food losses and waste at each stage of the food value chain







Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package





EU Platform dedicated to food waste prevention



EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

We bring together all the actors involved and facilitate their work to prevent food waste & support the paradigm shift towards a circular economy and more sustainable food systems.



Waste legislation – state of play

- **Political agreement reached (December 2017)** <u>revision of Waste Framework Directive (COM(2015)595 final)</u>
- Food waste prevention: new obligations for Member States:
 - reduce food waste generation at each stage in the food supply chain (primary production, processing/manufacturing, retail/other food distribution, restaurants and food services, households), to progress towards SDG 12.3
 - Monitor and report regularly on food waste levels, based on common EU methodology (Delegated Act)





EU food donation guidelines



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

#FoodDonationGuidelines #CircularEconomy #WorldFoodDay



Health and Commission Food Safety

#FoodWasteEU Food waste – we act!

http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste/eu_actions/eu-platform_en

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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)



Frica 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)

Bundesministerium Leitfaden für die Weitergabe von Lebensmitteln an soziale Einrichtungen – Rechtliche Aspekte für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (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 Safety Food Donation Guidance to Charities and Businesses (The Food Safety Authority of Ireland)



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

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EU guidelines: former food to feed

- Facilitate the safe feed use of former food
- Obstacles due to legal uncertainty and unnecessary administrative burden should be removed
- Intensive consultation with authorities and stakeholders
- Publication of the guidelines expected 1st Quarter 2018





Date marking



58% consumers say they always look at date marking when shopping and preparing meals, but less than 1 in 2 understand its meaning.

Correct answers to 'best before' vary from 68% in Sweden to 16% in Romania

Q What do you think "best before" on a food product actually means? I am going to read out some options, please select the one that best applies. (%)



Base: all respondents (N=26,601)



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'Use by'

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Health and Food Safetv

Consumer campaigns on date marking: examples from Member States

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French Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood, and Forestry, 2013

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BIEN COMPRENDRE LES MENTIONS FIGURANT SUR LES PRODUITS PERMET DE RÉDUIRE LE GASPILLAGE ALIMENTAIRE.

www.alimentation.gouv.fr

Use by vs best before dates

But don't confuse

'Best Before'

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MORE VIDEOS

OPTIMALE (DLUO) EST INDIQUÉE PAR LA FORMULE « À CONSOMMER DE PRÉÉÉRENCE AVANT. »

DLUO KÉSAKO ?

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The food is often OK to eat after best before-date. Store food according to instructions on package.

What do I do when the food has passed its date of durability?



Nordic Council of Ministers -Best before - Good After? Infographic, 2017

UK Food Standards Agency



Focus on "Action and Implementation"



Facilitate sharing of best practice, experience, business cases and models



Digital tools to promote cooperation





A third of food is wasted, making food waste the third-biggest carbon emitter globally.



Across the globe, nearly 30% of food is wasted throughout the agrifood supply chain. Around 100 million tonnes of food are wasted annually in the EU testimate for 20121.

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Popular Resources



Food costing model for the take-away industry

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Government approved waste removal procedures

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Consumer advice on healthy, sustainable diets: fight food waste, save the planet





Taking action to fight food waste!





Stop food waste!

