



# EU actions to facilitate food donation and fight food waste

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



**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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AROUND **88 MILLION TONNES** OF  
FOOD ARE WASTED ANNUALLY  
IN THE EU

THE VALUE OF THE WASTED FOOD IS  
ESTIMATED AT **143 BILLION EUR**

# EU waste legislation – new measures to prevent and reduce food waste

## *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)

*Revision of Waste Framework Directive (COM(2015)595 final):  
adopted 30 May 2018*



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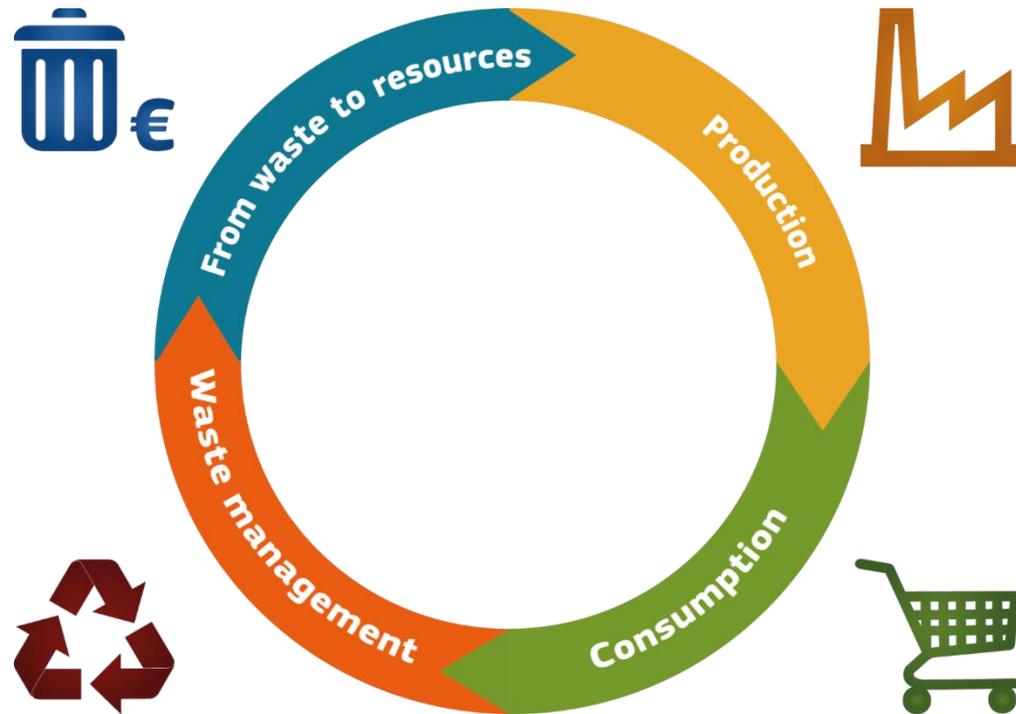
# Fighting food losses and waste at each stage of the food value chain





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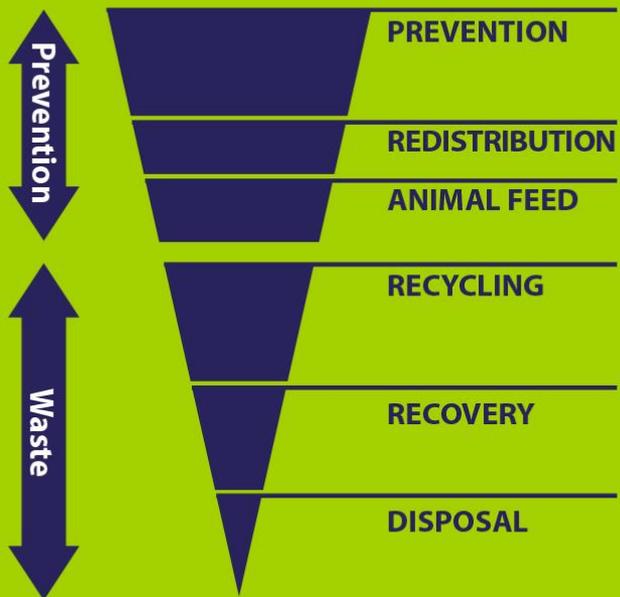
# Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package





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# EU Platform dedicated to food waste prevention – since 2016



## 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.



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# Fight Food Waste: no impact on safety of the food and feed chain



- EU Platform on food waste prevention
- Measure and monitor food waste
- EU guidelines to facilitate:
  - food donation (2017)
  - valorisation of former foodstuffs as animal feed (2018)
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking



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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**



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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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# Date marking



... **KNOW YOUR DATES!**

**"USE BY"**

informs you about

**FOOD SAFETY**



**"BEST BEFORE"**

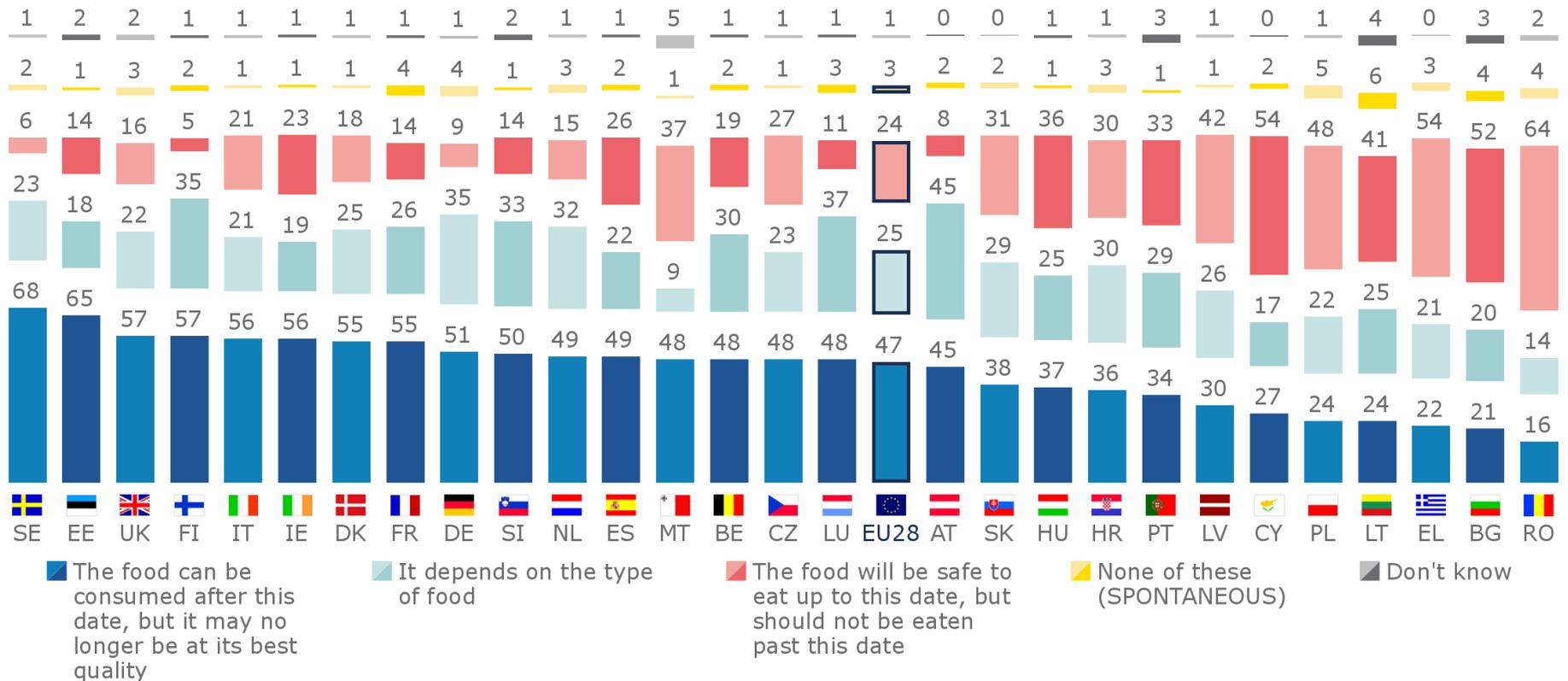
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**FOOD QUALITY**

**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)

# Focus on "Action and Implementation"



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



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### LATEST NEWS

**EU and FAO join forces to take action on food waste and antimicrobial resistance**  
EU and Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations join forces to take action on food waste and antimicrobial resistance.  
Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis and the Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) José Graziano... [read more](#)

**MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) on "Share Food, Cut Waste"**  
Politecnico di Milano and Fondazione Banco Alimentare ONLUS have launched "Share Food, Cut Waste", a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) addressed to all those who are interested in reducing food waste and enhancing food security for people in need.  
The resource is open to a wide audience, from... [read more](#)

**Wasted: How America is Losing Up to 40 percent of Its Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill**, a report by the Natural Resources Defense Council  
In 2012, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) published Wasted: How America is Losing up to 40 Percent of Its Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill, helping spark a national debate on food waste in the US. The second edition updates and expands the previous report, capturing the latest studies.... [read more](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste meeting**  
On Tue, 7th November 2017 from 10:00 to 18:00 (Jacques Delors building, 00-101 Rue Belliard, Brussels)  
The third plenary meeting of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste.

### PAST EVENTS

**Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) Network Meeting: Preventing Food Waste in FEAD Actions**  
On Thu, 21st September 2017 (Event Lounge, Bd. Général Wahlenlaan 16F, 1030 Brussels, Belgium)  
Bringing together 80 FEAD Network Members from across Europe, the event represents the first of five FEAD Network Meetings scheduled to take place in the course of 2017. The meeting will:  
\*Provide information and working sessions on good practices in the prevention of food waste, challenges and... [read more](#)

### LATEST DOCUMENTS

**The Netherlands: The effect of date marking terminology of products with a long shelf life on food discarding behaviour of consumers**

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Knowledge sharing by industry professionals and individual consumers from across Europe and the United Kingdom to reduce waste and improve food resources.

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

- 30%** of food goes to waste in supply chain
- 100 million tonnes** of food waste
- 100 000** people that could have been fed a year
- £3.6 billion** in financial loss a year

Across the globe, nearly 30% of food is wasted throughout the agri-food supply chain. Around 100 million tonnes of food are wasted annually in the EU (estimate for 2012).

### Popular Resources

- Costing dimensions of food**  
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