



Rescuing and valorising food resources in the Circular Economy

REFRESH Food Waste 2017
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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**



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



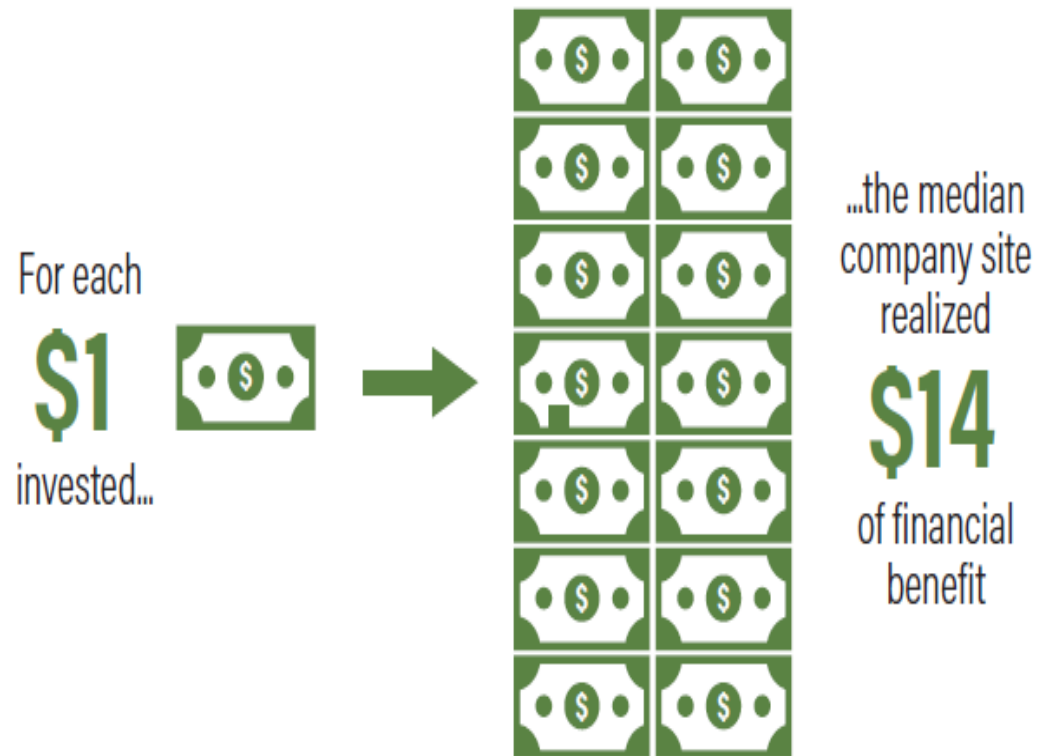
SDG 12.3: By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses.





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FIGURE 5. The median financial benefit-cost ratio for company sites was 14:1



Source: WRI and WRAP analysis



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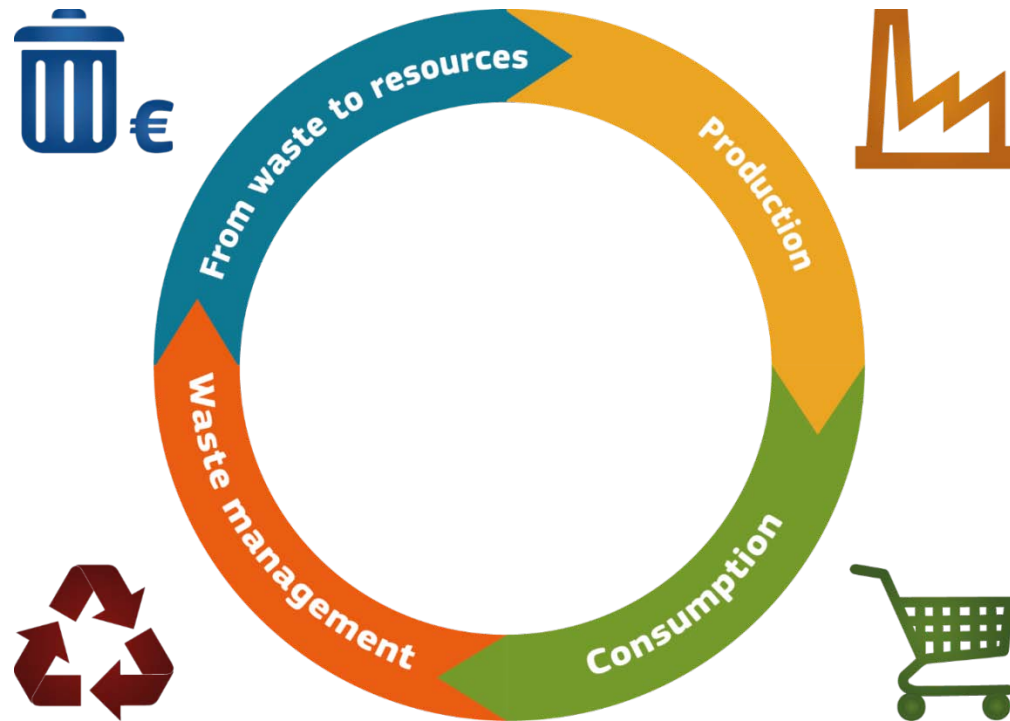
Fighting food losses and waste at each stage of the food value chain





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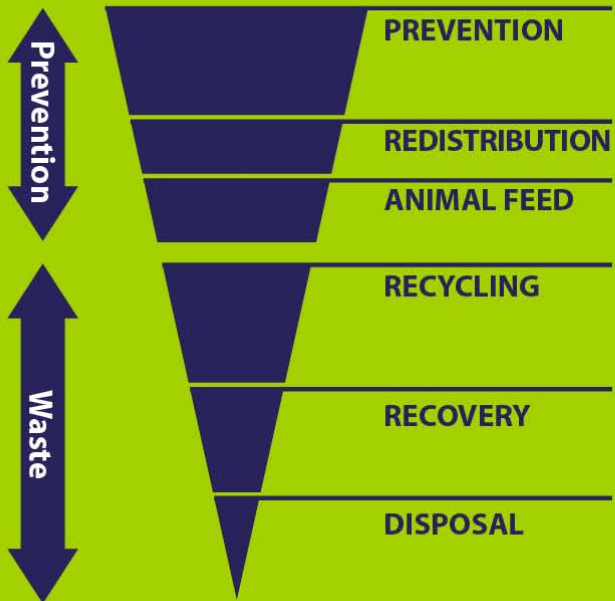
Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package





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Launch of EU Platform dedicated to food waste prevention



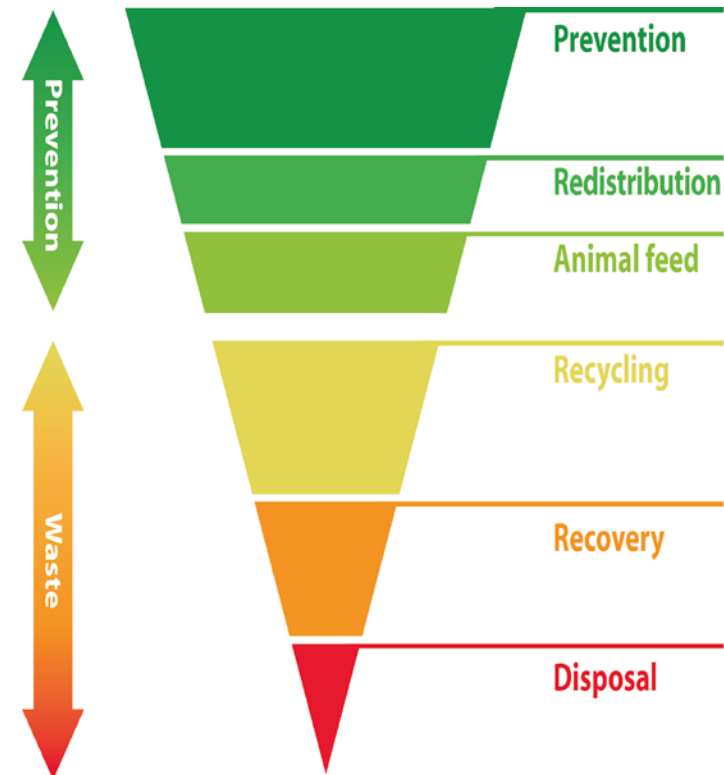
EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

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.



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Waste legislation proposal:



The proposal reflects commitment to SDG 12.3 and requires MS to:

- reduce food waste at each stage of the food supply chain (including households);
- monitor food waste levels; and
- report back on progress.



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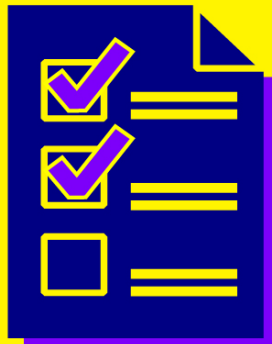
Fight Food Waste: No impact on safety of the food and feed chain



- Measure and monitor food waste
- EU guidelines to facilitate food donation
- Optimise safe use of food in feed
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking
- EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

EU food donation guidelines

**The European Commission will develop
in co-operation with Member States and stakeholders**



EU food donation guidelines

The guidelines will help food donors and food banks/charity organisations to comply with relevant EU legislation (food safety, traceability, food hygiene, labelling etc.) with adoption forecast for **end 2017.**

EU guidelines: former food to feed

- > Facilitate the safe feed use of former food
- > Hindrance due to legal uncertainty and unnecessary administrative burden should be paved away
- > Intensive consultation with authorities and stakeholders
- > Publication of the guidelines scheduled for this autumn





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Date marking



... **KNOW YOUR DATES!**

"USE BY"

informs you about

FOOD SAFETY



"BEST BEFORE"

informs you about

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.



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Commission *Food Waste* website: sharing good practices

FOOD WASTE	<h2>Good practices in food waste prevention and reduction</h2> <p>A wide range of initiatives to prevent and reduce food waste are underway at national, regional and local level in the EU. This webpage aims to facilitate the exchange of good practices by compiling as many of these initiatives together in one place as possible, so you can be inspired!</p> <h3>Good practices in food waste prevention and reduction</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research and innovation• Awareness, information and education• Policy, awards, self-imposed certification• Food redistribution <p>Should you wish to contribute to this compilation of good practice initiatives in food waste prevention and reduction, please contact the Commission at:</p> <p>SANTE-FOOD-WASTE@ec.europa.eu</p>
Stop food waste	
EU actions	
Good practices	
Research and innovation	
Awareness, information and education	
Policy, awards, certification	
Food redistribution	
Communications materials	
Resources library	

Digital Platform: in progress

Tackling food waste in the EU



Facilitate cooperation and joined-up action!

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