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Insights gained from consumer-facing interventions in Germany

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Challenge

→ Study by Kranert et al. (2012) commissioned by BMEL:



Breakdown of food waste from households by product groups / Source study of GfK (2017) funded by the BMEL



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Binaldown of food waats by food-chain section / Source: Study by the University of Stattgart (2012), funded by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMB.)

The intervention

Too good for the bin! initiative:

- → Digital measures
- → Different dialogue formats
- → Information materials















Why this was successful

- \rightarrow Raising awareness
- → Educational work
- → Evoking emotions
- \rightarrow Encouraging action.

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> We throw away every eighth item of food we buy. You can make a real difference.





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Main insights gained

A campaign is not a sure-fire success.

A stable network of co-operation partners is helpful.

It is beneficial to pursue a target group-specific approach to the action to be taken.



Other learnings

First results on waste generation in private households

- \rightarrow 4.4 million t of food waste in German private households per year
- \rightarrow around 55 /kg per person
- \rightarrow about 50 % is avoidable





Too good for the bin! will be continued and is an essential component of a national strategy





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