

PORTUGAL

NATIONAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN TO COMBAT FOOD WASTE



CNCDA | National Commission for Combating Food Waste

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FOOD WASTE - WHERE ARE WE?

WHO?

WHAT KIND OF APPROACH?

WHAT?

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION?

HOW MUCH?

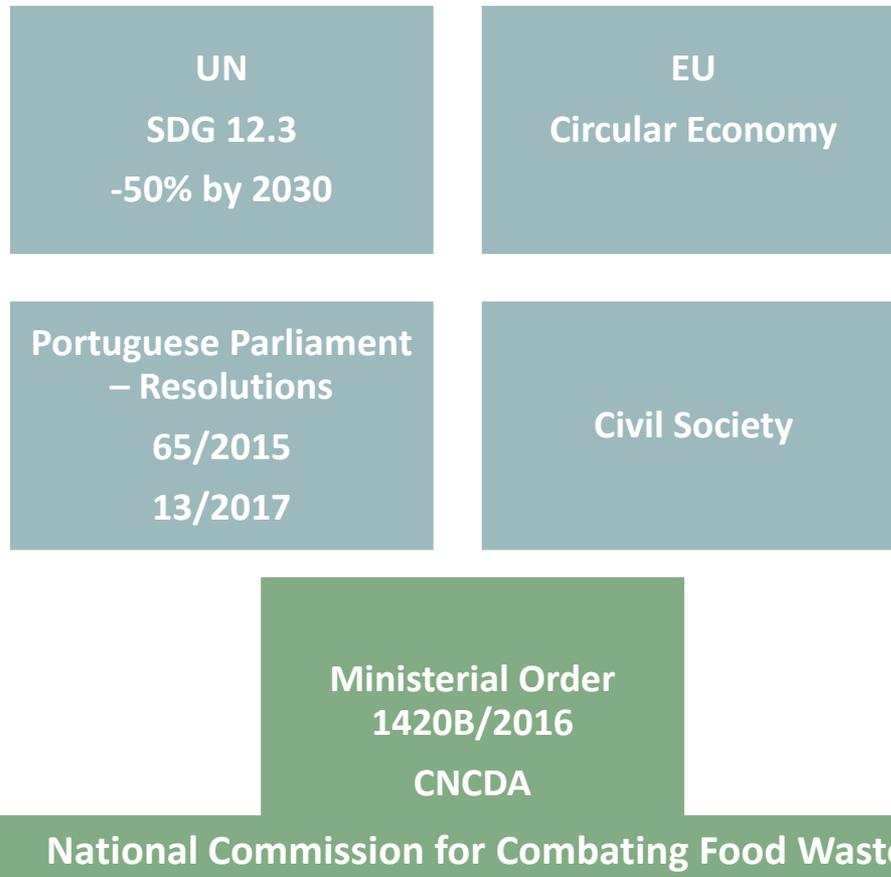
HOW TO QUANTIFY?

HOW?

HOW TO REDUCE?

WHAT TYPE OF GOVERNANCE?

CONTEXT & MANDATES



CONCERN ABOUT EFFICIENCY THROUGHOUT THE FOOD CHAIN

WHAT KIND OF APPROACH?

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A MISSION

Combating food waste, a shared responsibility from producers to consumers

COMPREHENSIVE AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY:

**10 Governmental areas, 2 Regional Government Associations and 1 NGO
(PT Food Bank)
Coordination by the GPP (Ministry of Agriculture)**

WHAT KIND OF APPROACH?

CNCDA Objectives on developing a National Strategy

- **Diagnosis, evaluation and monitoring in Portugal**
- **Identification of good practices**
- **Systematisation of measurement indicators**
- **Involvement of the civil society**
- **Electronic platform for the interactive management of food products at risk of waste**
- **Proposal of measures to reduce food waste**

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION?

Building a concept at national level within the framework of the EU and international institutions, leading in practice to:

"Food fit to be consumed, but that is rendered useless"

DEFINITION: *It is any substance or product, whether processed, partially processed or unprocessed, intended to be, or reasonably expected to be ingested by humans, which the holder (primary producers, agri-food industry, trade, distribution or households) discards or intends or is required to discard, thus assuming the nature of waste.*

NOTES: *This definition was built before political agreement on Waste Directive revision; donation of food fit to be consumed is not considered food waste*

PARTICIPATION (actors, stakeholders, civil society)

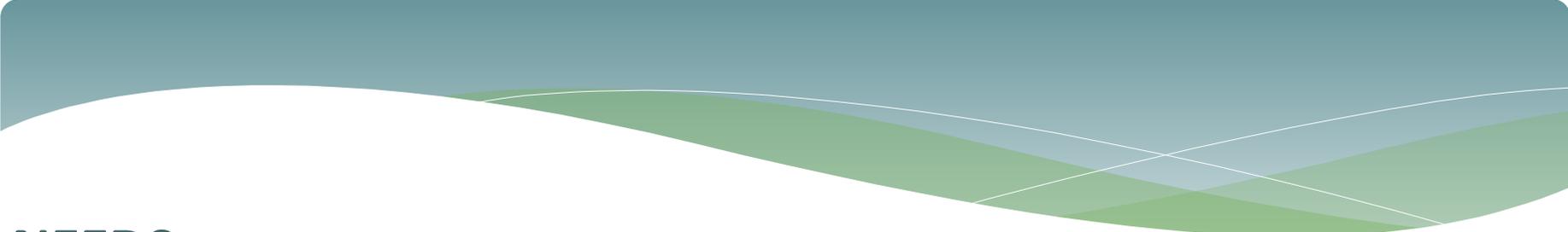
128 identified initiatives

- 65 responses to surveys on initiatives
- 25 targeted interviews to promoters of initiatives and association leaders

More than 300 responses to the public consultation, of which 83 full responses

- 93% believe that the diagnosis made reflects the concerns and the facts about food waste at the national level;
- 96% believe that the strategic and operational objectives reflect the concerns and needs identified in the diagnosis;
- At least 91.6% of respondents consider each of the 9 operational objectives to be relevant, very relevant or extremely relevant.
- 67% consider that the proposed measures are sufficient (90% when excluding "Don't know / No answer" responses).

Individual interviews with main food chain stakeholders



NEEDS

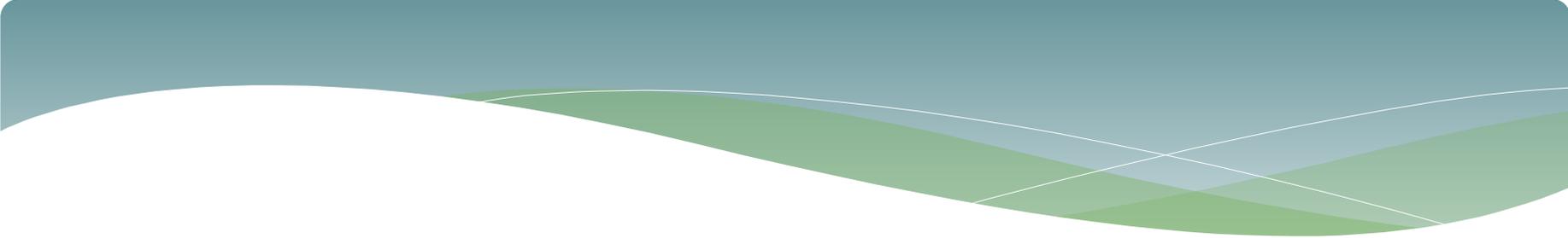
**Campaigns:
information,
awareness,
communication**

**Training:
qualification /
capacity building**

**Mobilisation of
civil society,
including
universities**

**Promoting
Innovation and
Technological
Development**

**Assessment of the
regulatory
framework and
potential barriers**



HOW TO REDUCE? WHAT TYPE OF MANAGEMENT?

A STRATEGY

National Strategy to Combat Food Waste (ENCDA)

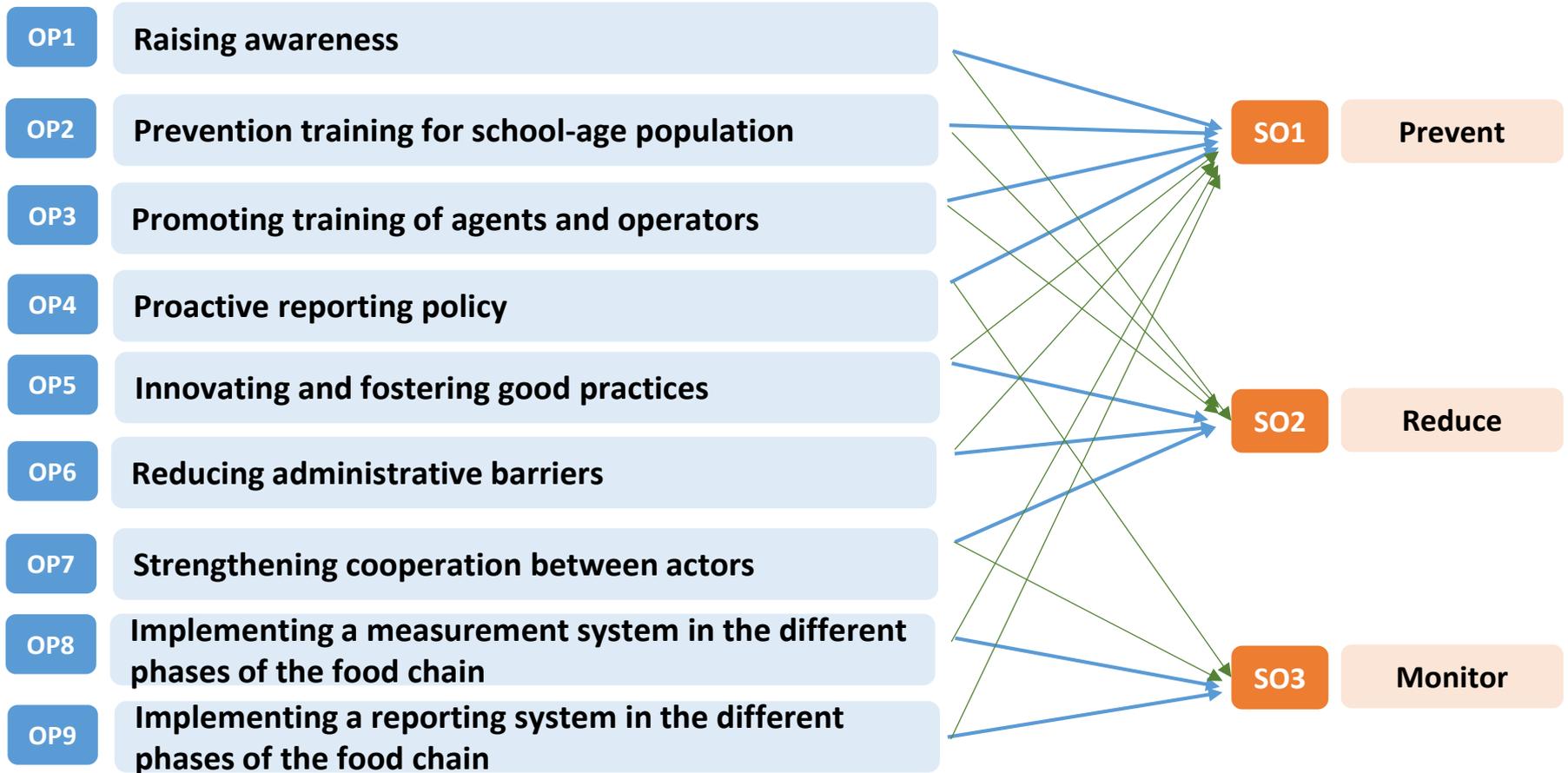
STRATEGIC objectives

PREVENT

REDUCE

MONITOR

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES



—→ Main Interaction

—→ Secondary Interaction

MEASURES (Action Plan)

M1

Reviewing and disseminating food safety guidelines aiming to combat waste

M2

Promoting consumer awareness actions

M3

Implementing awareness-raising actions for the school-age population

M4

Developing specific training actions for different segments of the food chain

M5

Regularly publishing a statistical panel of food waste levels, including the creation of an area dedicated to this topic in the official statistics portal

M6

Disseminating good practices (guidelines and success stories)

M7

Promoting the development of innovative processes

14 MEASURES (Action Plan)

- M8** Facilitating and encouraging the food donation scheme
- M9** Improving coordination and involvement of national administration in European and international regulation
- M10** Implementing a collaboration platform to identify availability by type of food
- M11** Promoting specific locations to sell products at risk of waste
- M12** Developing the methodology for calculating food waste at the different phases of the food chain
- M13** Implementing health and nutrition pilot projects
- M14** Periodic reporting to the government and the public at large

MEASURES (Examples)

M6

Disseminating good practices (guidelines and success stories)

OBJECTIVES

Disseminating good practice and encouraging the development of pioneering and creative initiatives in combating food waste

Distinctive Seal / Logo

Excellence Award

GOALS

- Legal framework by the 2nd quarter of 2018
- Uptake by 350 companies in the first year

WHEN?

From July 2018

PROMOTER

CNCDA (GPP/DGC)

EXECUTOR

GPP/DGC

MEASURES (Examples)

M10

Implementing a collaboration platform to identify availability by type of food

OBJECTIVES

Facilitating the link between holders of food surplus and those who may need it, thus reducing the potential for food waste
Providing information on the ENCDA implementation and on food waste monitoring

Supply / demand collaboration platform

GOALS

- Pilot project implemented by October 2018
- Platform launch by July 2019
- Status Report by December 2019

WHEN?

Operating in 2019

PROMOTER

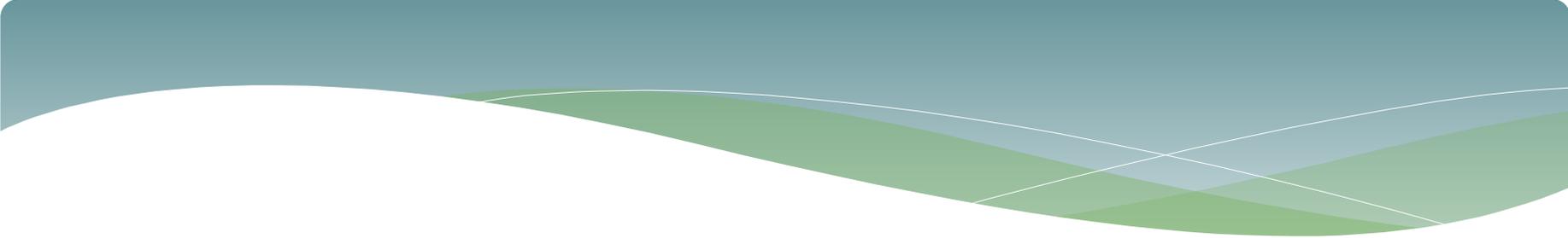
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GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERS' INVOLVEMENT

- Comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach, with involvement of several entities and governmental areas
- Dynamic and participatory process
- CNCDA monitors and evaluates the implementation of the Strategy including the monitoring of all ENCDA measures
- In 2022, first notification to the European Commission of the food waste measurements in Portugal (ref. year 2020)
- Implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan is ensured within the framework of the management tools of the public agencies involved



Key dates

- **25/11/2016** – Publication of the Order establishing the CNCDA
- **30/01/2017** – First plenary meeting
- **01/08 to 30/09/2017** – Public consultation
- **08/11/2017** – Public presentation of the Strategy and Action Plan
- **From 2018 onwards** – Fine tuning and implementation

CNCDA

MISSION: Combating food waste, a shared responsibility from producers to consumers

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VISION: Zero food waste - Sustainable production for responsible consumption

Objetivos Estratégicos

Prevenir

Reduzir

Monitorizar

9 OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

ACTION PLAN

14 MEASURES

"Zero tolerance for food loss and waste makes economic sense. It has been shown that for every \$1 companies have invested to reduce food loss and waste, they saved \$14 in operating costs.

Investing in measures to prevent food loss and food waste also means making investments in pro-poor policies as it promotes sustainable food systems for a zero hunger world."

José Graziano da Silva, FAO Director-General , 20/09/2017, New York

Thank you for your attention !