EU actions to fight against food waste

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

- **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)
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
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.
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)

EU food donation guidelines

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

#FoodDonationGuidelines #CircularEconomy #WorldFoodDay

Food waste – we act! #FoodWasteEU

http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste/eu_actions/eu-platform_en
EU guidelines: "former food" to feed (adopted 13 April 2018)

- Facilitate the valorisation of food no longer marketed for human consumption as animal feed thus preventing food waste.
- Clarify application of relevant EU rules: food, feed and waste.
- Present best practice examples which comply with regulatory framework and prevent unnecessary administrative burden.
Date marking

"USE BY" informs you about food safety

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"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.
Focus on "Action and Implementation"

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

Any questions?