Working together to reach Sustainable Development Goal 12.3

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SDG 12.3 – Global fight against food waste

If Food Loss and Waste Were its own Country, it Would Be the Third-Largest Greenhouse Gas Emitter

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*Figures reflect all six anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, including those from land use, land-use change, and forestry (LULUCF). Country data is for 2012 while the food loss and waste data is for 2011 (the most recent data available). To avoid double counting, the food loss and waste emissions figure should not be added to the country figures.

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

THE VALUE OF THE WASTED FOOD IS ESTIMATED AT 143 BILLION EUR
To put the numbers in perspective...

- **~240 thousand tonnes** of food is wasted in the EU *per day*
- *That's:* ...96 Atomiums
So exiting to be here w @waste2taste! cofunded by #eu. Real hard work on the ground towards #SDGs. Does this look like waste to you? Delish!
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.
Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package
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
- report back on progress
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.
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.
Launch of the Platform

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.
Thank you!
And don't forget:
Be a hero – rescue food, rescue people, rescue planet!
#FoodWasteEU