Moving towards Sustainable Development Goal 12.3

EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste
Commissioner Andriukaitis
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Combatting food waste in the EU

ECA Special Report no 34/2016: Combating Food Waste: an opportunity for the EU to improve the resource-efficiency of the food supply chain

European Parliament resolution of 16 May 2017 on initiative on resource efficiency: reducing food waste, improving food safety
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.
Fighting food losses and waste at each stage of the food value chain
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
Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package
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.
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.
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 by 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.
Digital tools to promote cooperation

A knowledge sharing network created to reduce food waste across Europe & UK.

A third of food is wasted, making food waste the third-biggest carbon emitter globally.

30% of food goes to waste in supply chain.

100 million tonnes of food waste.

100,000 people that could have been fed a year.

£3.6 billion in financial loss a year.

Across the globe, waste 30% of food is wasted. This costs the economy billions. If used, some 30% of food could feed 1 billion people.
Tackling food waste in the EU

Facilitate cooperation and joined-up action!
Thank you