National Strategy for Food Waste Reduction

From the strategy to implementation
Context and challenge

→ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with SDG 12.3: halving food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reducing food losses along the food supply chain by 2030

→ Food production uses up valuable resources such as soil, water and energy and emits greenhouse gases

→ Reduction of food waste poses a challenge for all stakeholders

→ The National Strategy sets the framework in order to define measures and achieve a change of mindset within society
National Strategy

→ Drawing up a strategy together with the federal ministries and the federal states (Länder)

→ Involving trade associations and civil society

→ Adopted by the cabinet on 20 February 2019
Food waste
What are the stakes?

→ Definitions of the revised EU legislation (Waste Framework Directive)

→ Foodstuffs only after the harvest and after slaughter

→ Waste arises at all points of the food supply chain

→ Causes of food waste are very complex and diverse
Sectors of the food supply chain

Primary production
Processing and manufacturing
Private households
Retail and other distribution of food
Restaurants and food services
Measuring food waste

- At present, data on food waste levels along the food supply chain are not sufficient.

- An inter-ministerial working group was initiated in May 2018 that is working on an indicator and methodological paper.

- The Thünen Institute is conducting a status quo analysis based on existing data from 2015.

- Baseline in June 2019.
Fields of Action

1. Political framework
   Focus: formation of various committees for future cooperation

2. Process optimization in the economy
   Focus: Improving of existing business processes

3. Behavioral change among all actors
   Focus: publicizing the benefits of reducing food waste

4. Potential through research and digitization
   Focus: Development of innovative, digital solutions for complex logistics distribution
Future structure of cooperation

Joint committee of the Federal Government and the Länder

Working group indicator SDG 12.3

National dialog forum

Dialog forum primary production
Dialog forum processing and manufacturing
Dialog forum Retail and other distribution of food
Dialog forum Restaurants and food services
Dialog forum private households
Each one of us has a role to play

→ to show appreciation for our foodstuffs in everyday life

→ Federal Government and Länder: facilitating communication and cooperation between the actors through dialogue platforms

→ Food business operators: find practicable solutions, identify the greatest potential for reduction and work out measures

→ Science: assists the process through applied research with partners in practice
Road map for less food wastage

- Extension on the initiative *too good for the bin*
- Continuous information and documentation of implementation
- Joint committee of the Federal Government and the Länder takes over the cross-departmental and transnational steering
Thank you very much!