EU ACTION TO FIGHT FOOD LOSS AND FOOD WASTE

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED AND WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AHEAD?

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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
• Optimise safe use of food in feed
• Promote better understanding and use of date marking
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FOOD WASTE MEASUREMENT

• Monitor and annually report on food waste levels, based on common EU methodology

• Possible future EU targets:

"By 31 December 2023, the Commission shall examine data on food waste provided by Member States (...) with a view to considering the feasibility of setting up a Union-wide food waste reduction target to be met by 2030 (...)"
EU guidelines: food donation (2017)

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

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EU guidelines: former food to feed (2018)

- Facilitate the safe feed use of former food, in line with "food use" hierarchy, and prevent food waste.
- Clarify application of relevant EU rules: food, feed and waste.
- Present best practice examples.
DATE MARKING

STOP FOOD WASTE — KNOW YOUR DATES!

"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.
EU PLATFORM DEDICATED TO FOOD WASTE PREVENTION (2016)

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ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION: ANALYSIS OF PLATFORM INITIATIVES

- Voluntary agreement
- Value added processing
- Ugly or imperfect product sale
- Training & guidelines
- Supply chain efficiency
- School programmes
- Regulatory framework/policy
- Redistribution

- Animal feed
- Awareness/educational campaign
- Date marking
- Digital tool (awareness raising)
- Digital tool (to improve efficiency)
- Gleaning
- National FW prev. programme
- Price discount
- Public procurement

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PLATFORM’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- Primary production
- Manufacturing
- Retail
- Hospitality/food services
- Consumers
- Food donation
- Cross-cutting
Farm to Fork will contribute to achieving a circular economy:

- Better informed citizens
- More efficient food production systems
- More sustainable processing and farm transport
- Better storage and packaging
- Healthy consumption and reduce food loss and waste