Assessment of progress made in implementing the Council conclusions adopted on 28 June 2016

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Background

**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

→ 2016: Council Conclusions on Food Losses and Food Waste (10730/16)
→ 2018: 1st assessment of progress made in the implementation (6659/18)
→ 2020: 2nd assessment of progress made in the implementation (11665/20)
Food Losses and Waste in the EU

Table 1: Estimates of food waste in EU-28 in 2012 from this quantification study; includes food and inedible parts associated with food.

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<th>Sector</th>
<th>Food waste (million tonnes) with 95% CI*</th>
<th>Food waste (kg per person) with 95% CI*</th>
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<td>Primary production</td>
<td>9.1 ± 1.5</td>
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<td>Processing</td>
<td>16.9 ± 12.7</td>
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<td>Wholesale and retail</td>
<td>4.6 ± 1.2</td>
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<td>Food service</td>
<td>10.5 ± 1.5</td>
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<td>Households</td>
<td>46.5 ±4.4</td>
<td>92 ± 9</td>
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<td>Total food waste</td>
<td>87.6 ± 13.7</td>
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*Confidence interval

Milestones on EU-level

→ Revision of the Waste Directive
  → Sets an indicative food waste reduction target
  → Requires specific measures, e.g. raise consumer awareness

→ Common methodology for food waste measurement in the EU

→ EU Platform of Food Losses and Waste
  → Publication of concrete recommendations for action

→ European Green Deal, Circular Economy Action Plan & Farm to Fork Strategy

→ International Day of Awareness of Food Losses and Waste
Progress in Member States

→ Adoption of national strategies & non-legislative instruments in most Member States

→ Legislative measures focus just on certain points in many cases
  → Food donation
  → Food safety

→ Connection to general waste prevention and management programmes

→ Integration of the waste management hierarchy in national measures
  → More support possible
Progress in Member States

→ Consumer information
  → Date marking
  → Storage of food
  → Meal planning
  → Etc.

→ School education
  → educational material

→ Research on food losses and waste
  → “From Farm to Fork”, e.g. food waste measurement
  → Potential in the field of artificial intelligence
Progress in Member States

→ Collaboration with different stakeholders
  → Dialogue formats
  → Voluntary agreements

→ Funding of innovative approaches

→ Integration in other policy areas
  → Climate
  → Agriculture
  → Nutrition
  → Environment
  → Education
COVID-19 Pandemic

→ Impacts, e.g.:
  → Panic buying
  → Raised awareness
  → Closed catering facilities
  → Less volunteers at charity organizations

→ Solutions, e.g.:
  → Intensify information
  → Call up for responsible shopping
  → Support food donations in various ways
  → And much more…
Work in Progress

For example:

→ National implementation of measurement methodologies

→ Continue the exchange in the EU Platform
   → Topics we already dealt with (measurement, date marking, consumer information)
   → New topics

→ Specific actions to reduce food losses
Most important:

Continue to take action against food loss and waste!
Thank you for your attention!

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