

COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS AGAINST FOOD WASTE IN CATALONIA

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Food should never go to waste





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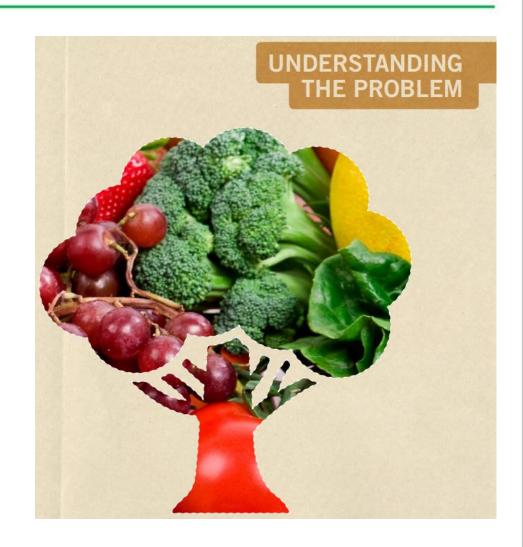
- The Catalan Waste Agency (ARC) is a public company within the Ministry of Territory and Sustainability of the Government of Catalonia.
- Catalonia has many delegated environmental competences, like waste planning, management, inspection, etc..
- The ARC is responsible for the waste generated in Catalonia and for those who manage waste within Catalonia. It deals with waste of the following types: industrial waste, municipal waste (MSW), construction and demolition waste, waste from agriculture and livestock, sanitary waste and soil recovery.
- 190 people working for a better waste and resources prevention and management in Catalonia

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The Diagnosis of Food Waste in Catalonia (2010)*

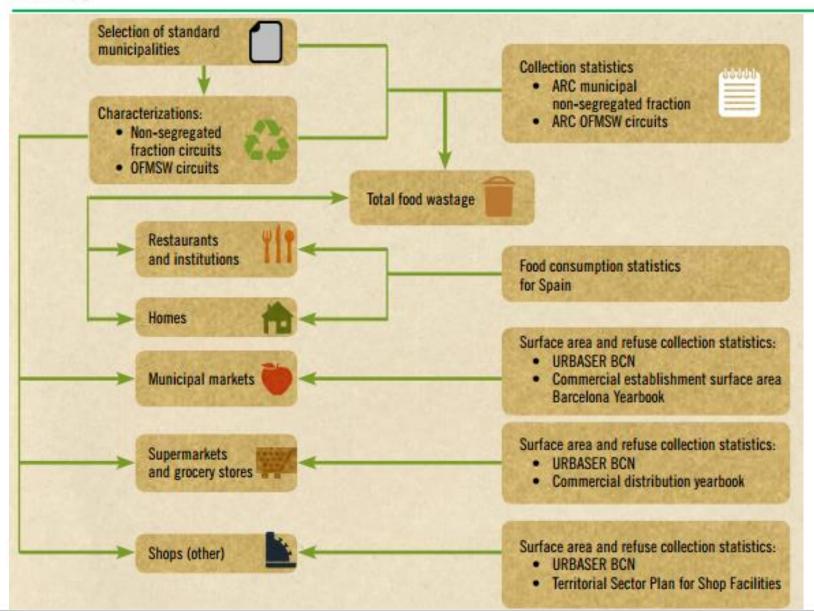
* Waste from wholesale distribution, the agrifood industry or the primary sector not considered in the study







Information collection procedure and source of data





Results

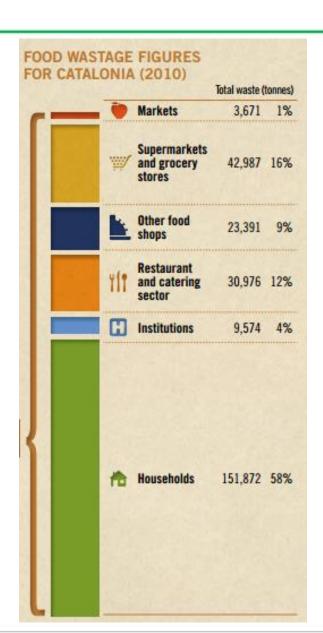
How much food goes to waste in Catalonia?



262,471 TONNES OF FOOD WASTAGE

34.9 KG PER PERSON PER YEAR





Results



What is the impact of food wastage?



- Total economic loss: 841 M€ in Catalonia (2012)
- Ecological footprint: 234.022 hectares or 20% of the total agricultural land in Catalonia
- Greenhouse gas emissions: 520.700 tonnes of CO2 eq in 2010 (equivalent of emissions from 20.300 motor vehicles throughout their working life)



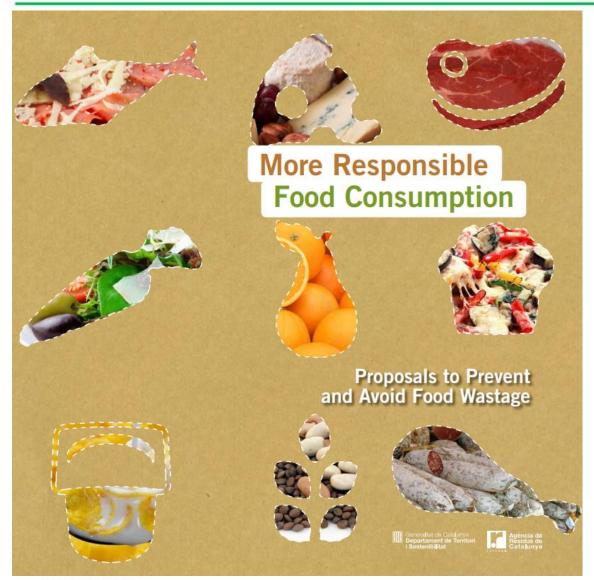
The diagnosis included a total of **23 proposed actions** for each of the following sectors:

- Administration
- Production and manufacture
- Distribution
- Restaurants and catering
- Homes





The guide



Published in 2012 Available at:

http://residus.gencat.cat/web/. content/home/lagencia/publica cions/centre_catala_del_recicl atge_ccr/guia_consum_respo nsable_en.pdf



Actions in Catalonia

- Communication campaign
- Education / Capacity building / Awareness raising
- Support for local projects







Communication campaign

SOM GENT DE PROFIT













Communication campaign

THE TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

Explains the origin of waste and how we can prevent it. It is complemented with a practical workshop



TV PROGRAMME (11 chapters)









Each spot (3') approaches the issue from a different angle using well-known celebrities





Communication campaign









CALCULADORA DE RACIONS

2
PASTA SECA
RACIONS

160 G DE PASTA





INSTAGRAM (15" animations)



CONTEST

GUALYADORA

AND RECEIPTA

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SOM GENT DEPROFIT

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El premi per a les tres guanyadores és una cistella de fruita i verdura ecològica de La Tavella. RECIPE



Education and capacity building

Publication of education material for schools and restaurants







Conferences and seminars









Awareness raising

6th European Week for Waste Reduction (LIFE Project)

- Held from 22nd to 30th November 2014 all over Europe
- Actors involved: public authorities, companies, schools, associations and citizens.
- Results for 2014: 11,995 actions (871 Catalan actions) and 34 regions in Europe
- Prevention Thematic Days 2014 focused on Stop Food Waste
 - ✓ 8 Data sheets describing actions and communication tools
 - ✓ 2 Calculators for restaurants/canteens and for homes
 - √ 339 Catalan actions with 26,427 participants and 6,527 kg avoided waste
- ➤ 172 Eco-restaurants tested a pilot Toolkit obtaining a reduction of 4kg per week and establishment.





Support for local projects

Economic subsidies and technical support:

- Catalan Food Bank Foundations (since 2007)
- Local bodies and non-for profit organisations (since 2010)

Collaboration with other institutional initiatives:

- Supportive Food Distribution Committee of Catalonia (since 2012)
- Spanish Association of Commercial Coding (AECOC): "No wasting food; make the most of it"
- Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment (MAGRAMA): "More food, less waste"
- Food Use for Social Innovation by Optimising Waste Prevention Strategies (FUSIONS) Project
- Resource Efficient Food and dRink for Entire Supply cHain (REFRESH) Project





Some examples...

Plataforma Aprofitem els Aliments (PAA)

Platform of citizens and entities with a strong commitment towards food waste prevention (https://aprofitemelsaliments.wordpress.com/)



GASTRORECUP (Semproniana restaurant)

Gourmet dinner prepared with products discarded by commerc**SOPAR GASTRORÉCUI** circuit in order to publicize the importance

of the fight against food waste (http://blogs.cuina.cat/semproniana/)













Some examples...

Nutrition without borders: Barcelona shares its food

Recovering the surplus cooked food that is generated in 11 Hotels and 15 food companies in the city of Barcelona, for its distribution to 13 charity organizations (http://www.nutricionsinfronteras.org/bcncomparteixelmenjar)



Espigoladors: It's im-perfect

Gleaning project of discarded fruits and vegetables for its transformation into food products or direct consumption for groups at risk of social exclusion (http://www.espigoladors.cat/)



Barcelona city council:

Edition of the guide "Think, buy, cook, eat" (2011) and programme for schools: "We eat everything"

(http://www.sostenibilitatbcn.cat/index.php/programes-i-campanyes2/164-a21e-





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The future

The Catalan General Waste and Resource Management and Prevention Programme 2013-2020 (PRECAT20)



General Targets [4a.1] To effectively **reduce** the **total primary waste generation** and, specifically, to achieve a **15**% weight reduction in waste generation by **2020 in respect of the 2010 figure**.

[4a.2] To set specific waste generation reduction targets by the end of 2018 for flows or sectors that may be specific.

for
Biodegradable
organic
waste (food
wastage)

Generalitat de Catalunya
Departament de Territori
i Sostenibilitat

[4b.1] Reducing food wastage by 50% in 2020 compared with 2010 in the retail, hospitality, catering and domestic sectors.

[4b.2] Establishing, by the end of 2018, food wastage reduction targets for the primary and agrifood sectors, including wholesale distribution.

Next steps



- Diagnosis of food wastage in the primary, agrifood and wholesale distribution sectors (scheduled for 2017). Now developing methodology.
- Continuous monitoring of the generation of food wastage in:
 - the organic fraction of municipal waste (ongoing since 2012)
 - non segregated fraction of municipal waste
- Continuation and rolling-out of the WE'RE FOOD WISE campaign
- Continuation of the "Schools against food wastage" project, in particular with the goal of carrying out a pilot project in schools
- Grants for prevention projects (local bodies, not-for-profit organisations and universities) giving priority to food wastage prevention actions (1,8 M€ in 2015)



Thank you very much!

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