



# **Working together to tackle food waste in the EU**

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# **Fighting Food Waste: key challenges for the Commission**

Ensure that:

- prevention of food waste does not jeopardise food safety
- all actors are involved, from farm to fork
- EU action complements/adds value to Member State initiatives
- learning and best practice is shared effectively, including international experience



## Fight Food Waste: no impact on safety of the food chain

- Measure and monitor progress in reducing food waste
- Facilitate food donations
- Optimise use of resources in the food and feed chain
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking
- Raise awareness and engagement  
[http://ec.europa.eu/stop food waste](http://ec.europa.eu/stop_food_waste)

# Food Waste Reduction: Regulatory initiatives

- **Communication on the Circular Economy /proposal to review waste targets** COM(2014)387final – 2 July 2014
- Calls on Member States to develop **national food waste prevention strategies**
- **Non-binding target: 30% reduction by 2025**
  - Sectors: manufacturing, retail/distribution, food service/hospitality and households (excluding agricultural production for purpose of target setting)
- **Food waste definition:** for setting objectives/monitoring
  - *"food waste"* means food (including inedible parts) lost from the food supply chain, not including food diverted to material uses such as bio-based products, animal feed or sent for redistribution

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**[www.eu-fusions.org](http://www.eu-fusions.org)**

# Awareness raising, information and communications



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What can I do in  
my daily life to limit  
**food waste?**

- Need for further EU-wide communications support on food waste?
  - What topics, channels, tools?
- ⇒ Pursue dialogue with interested stakeholders and with Member States

# Commission Food Waste website: sharing best practices

## Good practices

A wide range of initiatives on food waste reduction is launched at national, regional and local level. This compilation aims to facilitate the exchange of good practices. Have a look and be inspired !

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and education](#)

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imposed certification](#)

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**Tackling food waste in the EU:  
Commitment and co-ordinated action is required**