

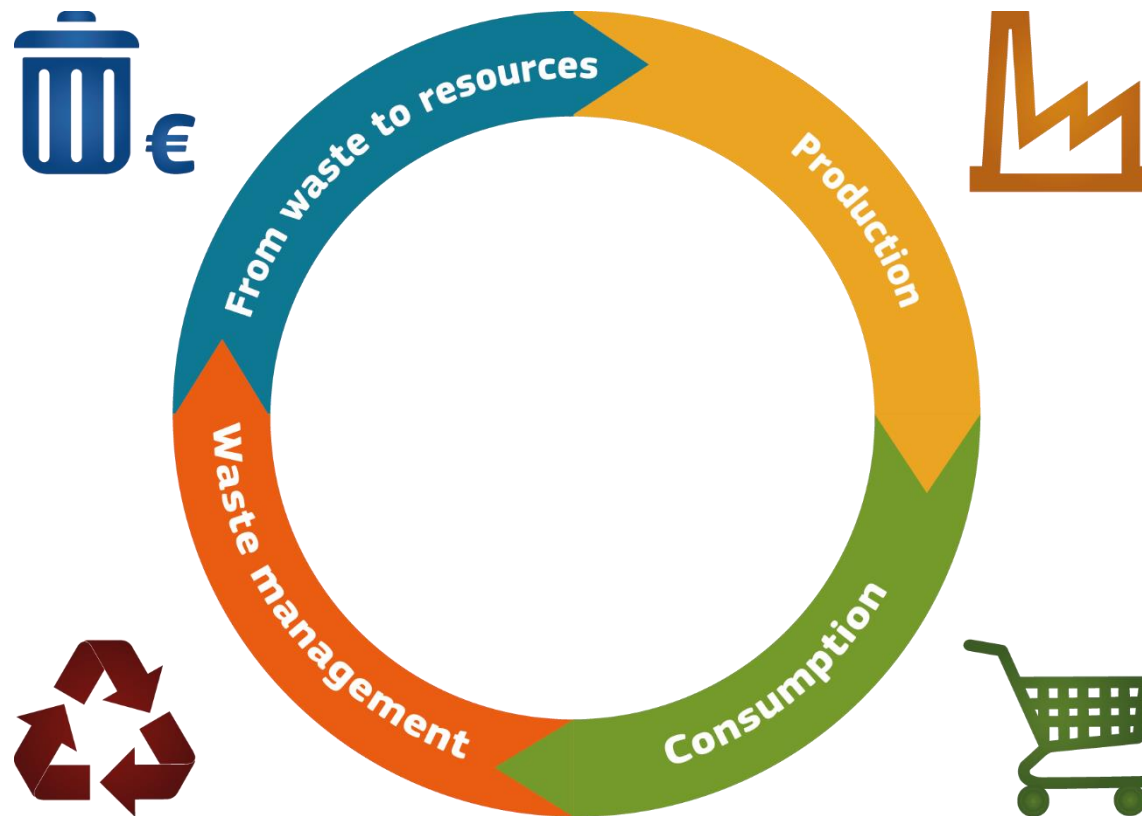


Food waste prevention in Circular Economy Action Plan

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Food waste prevention: integral part of Circular Economy Package (2015)



EU co-operation in fighting food waste

Key challenges for Commission are to ensure that:

- **all actors** are involved, from farm to fork
- **EU action** complements/adds value to Member State initiatives
- **learning and best practice** are shared effectively, including international experience

⇒ **Precondition: ensure food and feed safety**

prevention of food waste cannot jeopardise human or animal health

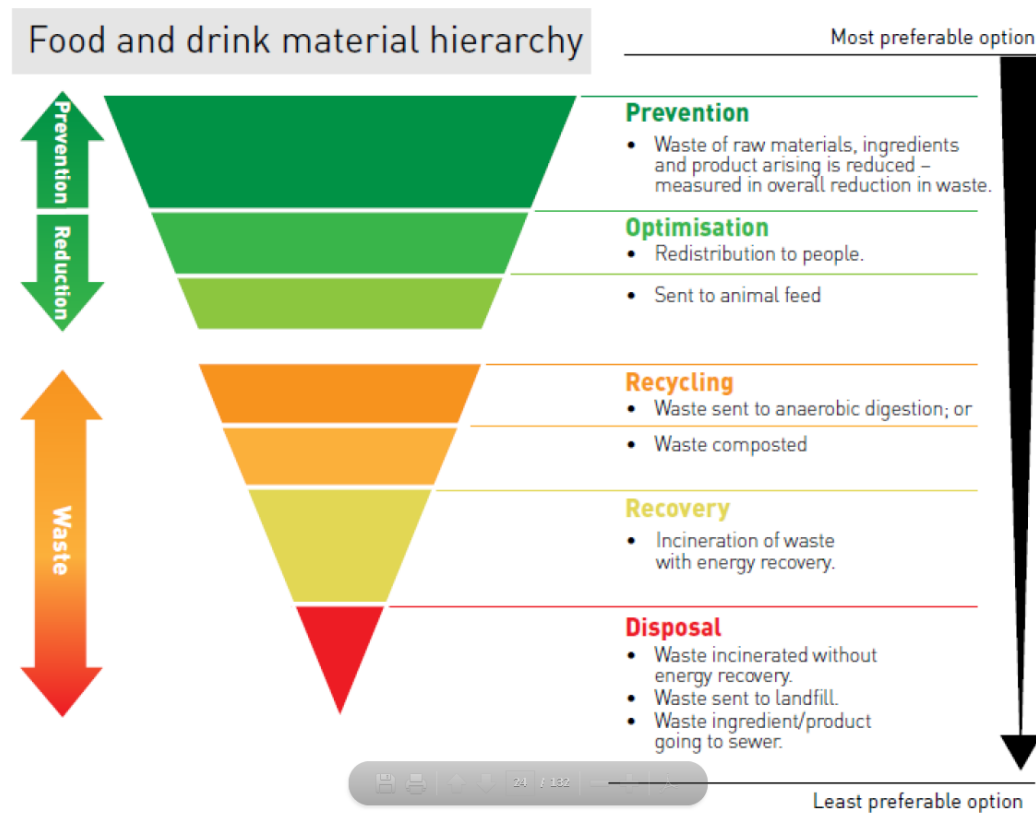
Food waste prevention

- **Overall aim:** Reach Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) to halve food waste by 2030 at retail and consumer level and reduce food losses along the food production and supply chain.
- **Food waste in the EU*:**
 - around 88 million tonnes of food are wasted every year (173 kg/pcc)
 - Estimated cost: 143 billion €
 - 20% of food produced ends up as waste
 - 70% of EU food waste: consumers, retail and food service sectors
 - 30% of EU food waste: processing and production sectors

*based on FUSIONS definitional framework (2012 data)

Food and drink material hierarchy

Figure 2 An example food and drink material hierarchy, used to scope waste prevention.



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



- Measure and monitor food waste
 - EU Platform on food waste prevention
 - EU guidelines to facilitate food donation
 - Optimise safe use of food in feed
 - Promote better understanding and use of date marking
 - Raise awareness and engagement
- http://ec.europa.eu/stop_food_waste

Waste legislation proposal: reinforces food waste prevention in EU waste policy

- Proposal to revise Waste Framework Directive (*COM(2015)595 final*) reflects commitment to SDG 12.3 and requires MS to:
 - **reduce food waste generation at each stage in the food supply chain** (primary production, processing/manufacturing, retail/other food distribution, restaurants and food services, households)
 - **Monitor** food waste levels, based on **common EU methodology**, and **report** (on a biennial basis).
- **Monitoring** obligations will **support assessment of progress towards SDG 12.3** and exchange of best practice informed by an evidence base.
- **Feed materials excluded from scope of WFD** to facilitate use of former foodstuffs in feed.

EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

- Newly established (August 2016), first meeting 29 Nov 2016
- Members – MS, international organisations, EU institutions/EU bodies + 37 private sector organisations (food value chain)
- EU Platform will facilitate inter-sectorial cooperation and support all actors in:
 - **defining measures** needed to prevent food waste;
 - **sharing best practice**;
 - **evaluating progress** made over time.

(http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste/eu_actions/eu-platform/index_en.htm)

Thank you