

Food waste prevention along the food supply chain

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Introduction

Thank you for participating in this survey on food waste prevention initiatives. This survey aims to collect relevant information on both ongoing and concluded food waste prevention initiatives in order to analyse their efficiency, effectiveness, and impacts. This information will allow us to identify those initiatives that delivered the best results.

Initiatives collected through this survey may be of any scope and size (that is, individual initiatives or multiple initiatives integrated as part of a broader food waste prevention programme) and should have data available on the impacts on food waste levels (using a Target-Measure-Act approach).

You may have already contributed to the two surveys launched by the Commission between March and April 2022 to inform a modelling exercise developed in the context of the Impact Assessment to set food waste reduction targets. If this is the case, please indicate the title of your initiative at the beginning of the form and you will only be asked for a few extra information. The survey has a dynamic format, adapting to the answers received. The submitted initiatives will be evaluated in order to contribute to the development of 'best practices' in food waste prevention. Through this assessment, the European Commission aims to support all actors in defining effective measures needed to prevent food waste and facilitate sharing of experience and best practice in order to accelerate the EU's progress towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3 targets. The information provided will also support the work of the European Consumer Food Waste Forum (https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/projects-activities/european-consumer-food-waste-forum_en), which aims to gather data and identify a variety of evidence-based, practical solutions to reduce food waste at consumer level, including household and food services.

All food waste prevention initiatives submitted through the survey will be evaluated for their efficiency and effectiveness by the Joint Research Centre (JRC). Thus we encourage you to submit information as complete as possible to be able to assess whether your initiative is a 'best practice'. The most efficient initiatives will be published in a report by the JRC, similar to the assessment of food waste prevention initiatives carried out in 2019 where selected initiatives were presented in factsheets (Annex 6 of report (https://ec.europa.eu/food/system/files/2019-12/fs_eu-actions_eu-platform_jrc-assess-fw.pdf)). Furthermore, 'best practices' will be promoted in meetings of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food-waste/eu-actions-against-food-waste/eu-platform-food-losses-and-food-waste_en) and as part of the monthly newsletter of the EU Food Loss and Waste Prevention Hub (https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste/eu-food-loss-waste-prevention-hub/). The dissemination of information submitted through the survey will be done only with your explicit approval.

- In case you represent a trade association, please forward the survey to your members, so that the survey can be filled in directly by those implementing the food waste prevention initiatives (in case your members are national associations, please ask them to forward it to their members, for the same reason). The replies to the survey will be sent directly to the Commission: if you wish to view your members' replies, please ask them to save a PDF version of their contribution after finalizing the survey.
- Clicking on icons with question mark will provide you with further information to answer some questions.
- Please note that the survey was designed for a range of different stakeholders and types of initiatives. Therefore, not all questions will apply to your specific case.

Please make sure you submit the survey by 3rd of October 2022.

Should you have any questions regarding the survey, please send us an e-mail at: JRC-FOOD-WASTE@ec.europa.eu

* Except for personal data, the information provided through this survey will be analysed and made publicly available in a report, similar to the exercise conducted in 2019 and reflected in the report "Assessment of food waste prevention actions (https://food.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2019-12/fs_eu-actions_eu-platform_jrc-assess-fw.pdf)". If you agree to this, select YES. Otherwise, your information will be used as aggregated data and will not be published in a disaggregated form. Data will be used within the European Commission and will not be transferred to third parties. Personal data are processed and protected by the Commission in line with this privacy statement (<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/files/cb92137f-3043-48e7-aa0f-f2d3d9d2d960/5065c989-099c-4878-a921-937a5da6d881>).

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Overview

* Have you already reported your initiative(s) through the survey on food waste prevention launched by the Commission in March/April?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Entity of the respondent

* Can we contact you for some follow-up questions on the answers provided, if necessary?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

1 - General information

Classification of food waste prevention interventions (Caldeira et al., 2019 (<https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC118276>)).

Type	Sub-type
Redistribution	Surplus food redistribution
	Gleaning
	Digital tools for redistribution
Food valorisation	Value added processing
	Animal feed
Consumers behaviour change	Awareness/educational campaign
	Digital tool for behaviour change
	School programs
	Awards
Supply chain efficiency	Process innovation
	Innovation of products - packaging
	Innovation of products - date marking
	Training & guidelines
	Price discount
	Imperfect product sale
	Certification
	Public procurement
	Digital tools for supply chain efficiency
Food waste prevention governance	Voluntary agreement
	Regulatory framework/policy
	National food waste prevention program
	Fiscal incentives

*the sub-types of actions are just examples and are not considered a comprehensive list of possible prevention actions

* According to the image above, select the type of initiative (multiple choice available) ⓘ

- ☐ Redistribution
☐ Food Valorisation
☐ Consumer behavioural change
☐ Supply chain efficiency
☐ Food waste prevention governance
☐ Other

* Stage of the food supply chain where food waste was prevented (multiple choice available)


- ☐ Primary production
☐ Processing and manufacturing
☐ Retail and distribution
☐ Restaurants and food services
☐ Households

* If the initiative addresses any of the recommendations for action (https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/7143f94e-600f-4df5-acef-5b332e7e44ec_en?filename=fs_eu-actions_action_platform_key-rcmnd_en.pdf) of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste, please indicate at which stage (multiple choice available) ⓘ

- ☐ Cross-cutting recommendations for action
☐ Recommendations for action for primary production
☐ Recommendations for action at manufacturing stage
☐ Recommendations for action at retail stage
☐ Recommendations for action in hospitality/food services
☐ Recommendations for action at consumer level
☐ Recommendations for action for food donation
☐ No, the initiatives does not follow any of the Platform's recommendations for action

* What are the objectives of the initiative? Are there specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) selected for each objective? ⓘ

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* Have you set specific targets linked to the objectives listed above? If yes, please provide details 

1000 character(s) maximum

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* Did the initiative achieve the targets set?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ No targets have been set
☐ The initiative is on-going

Provide further details below regarding results achieved (if relevant)

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* Was a baseline measurement established? 

- ☐ Yes
☐ No


* Was there a monitoring system put in place to track the progress for each Key Performance Indicator (KPI) selected?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If any specific food category was monitored, for example fruits or meat, as part of the food waste measurement, please provide the general information.
Detailed information may be asked in a later section.

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Did you identify a driver of food waste generation while running your intervention? 

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Were there any unexpected positive or negative outcomes resulting from this initiative? 

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Key learning points: Please introduce the positive elements, difficulties, challenges that you have encountered in the implementation of the initiative and what was done to overcome them.

500 character(s) maximum


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Was the initiative affected by Covid-19 related restrictions or any other particular circumstances that could alter the expected results? Please, select the most appropriate options

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, the whole initiative took place during particular circumstances
- ☐ Yes, part of the initiative took place during particular circumstances

This section collects information on the cost and the results of the food waste prevention initiative. It is very important that all the quantitative data provided refer to the **same reference period** (e.g. one week, one month, 12 months).

Information on costs and resources

If relevant, could you provide an estimate of the total distances covered to carry out the initiative during the reference period reported in this survey as well as the (average) type of vehicle? 

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Were there any additional resources used when implementing the initiative? Can you provide some details below on the different resources used and their quantities during the reference period?

Sustainability over the time

In case of ongoing initiatives, which elements have been put in place to ensure that the initiative can be sustained over time? (multiple choice available)

- ☐ Organisational support
- ☐ Ensuring availability of human resources, infrastructure and technology needed in the long term
- ☐ Ensuring the economic sustainability of the initiative
- ☐ Training of staff
- ☐ Setting up a long term strategic plan
- ☐ Other

In case of concluded initiatives, which elements have been put in place to ensure that the beneficial effects of the initiative are maintained in time? (multiple choice available)

- ☐ Monitoring plan to assess the long-term impacts of the initiative
- ☐ Plan to run follow-up initiatives
- ☐ Dissemination and communication activities
- ☐ Other

Transferability and scalability

* Was the initiative upscaled (e.g. from a pilot to a real-case scale, from a city to a national scale)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

* Was the initiative transferred to a different context (e.g. from an NGO to a municipality), audience (e.g. from children to teenagers), sector (e.g. from public canteens to restaurants) or location/region?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Thanks for your participation!

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