

# Food waste

## EU perspective

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# Why we are tackling food waste?

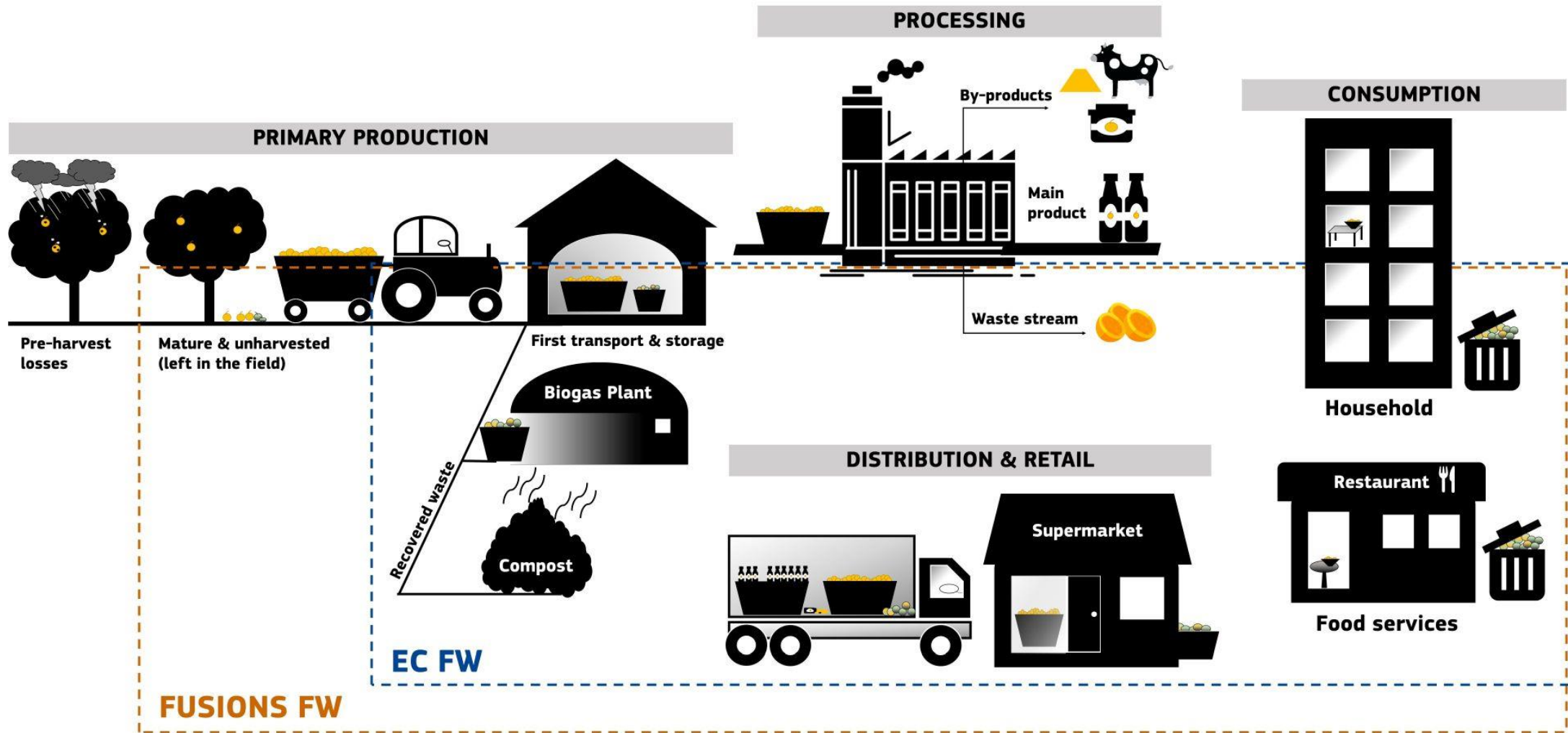
- **Food waste** has been identified as one of the **greatest** sources of **inefficiency** in the **food system**, so **reduction of food waste is essential** foundation for **sustainable food systems**
- It is 'quick win', relatively cheap and relatively easy to deal with
- It is also relatively easy to measure



**SDG target 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.***



# Food waste (and loss) in food supply chain



## Reduction of food waste in the food supply chain - - different EU policies for in different stages

- **Primary production (including pre-harvest) – research, no dedicated action (yet)**
- **Processing and manufacturing – bioeconomy, cascading use of biomass, resource efficiency**
- **Retail and consumers – change behaviour of consumers (but also of food bussines operators), awareness and information**
- **All of the above – cooperation across food supply chain - Platform**

**Role for MS and EU institutions - creation of policy and supportive environment**



## Measures on food waste prevention envisaged in Circular Economy Action Plan (2015)

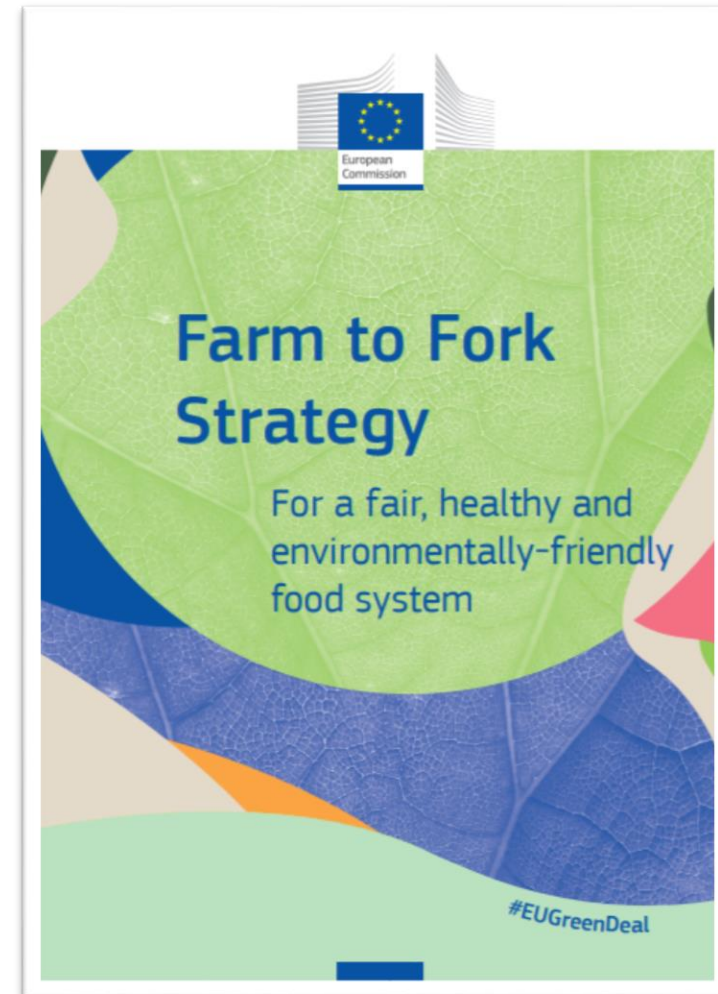


- EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste Prevention - **Set up in 2016, renewed in November 2021**
- Measure and monitor food waste – **Decisions adopted in 2019, data expected in mid-2022**
- EU guidelines to facilitate food donation - **Guidance adopted in 2017**
- Optimise safe use of food in feed – **Guidance adopted in 2018**
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking – **ongoing**



## Farm to Fork (2020) – actions to reduce food loss and waste

- **EU-level targets** for food waste reduction (proposal by 2023)
- **Revise EU rules for date marking** (proposal by 2022)
- **Investigate food losses** at production stage and explore ways of preventing them



# Scale up action and mobilise key players across the EU

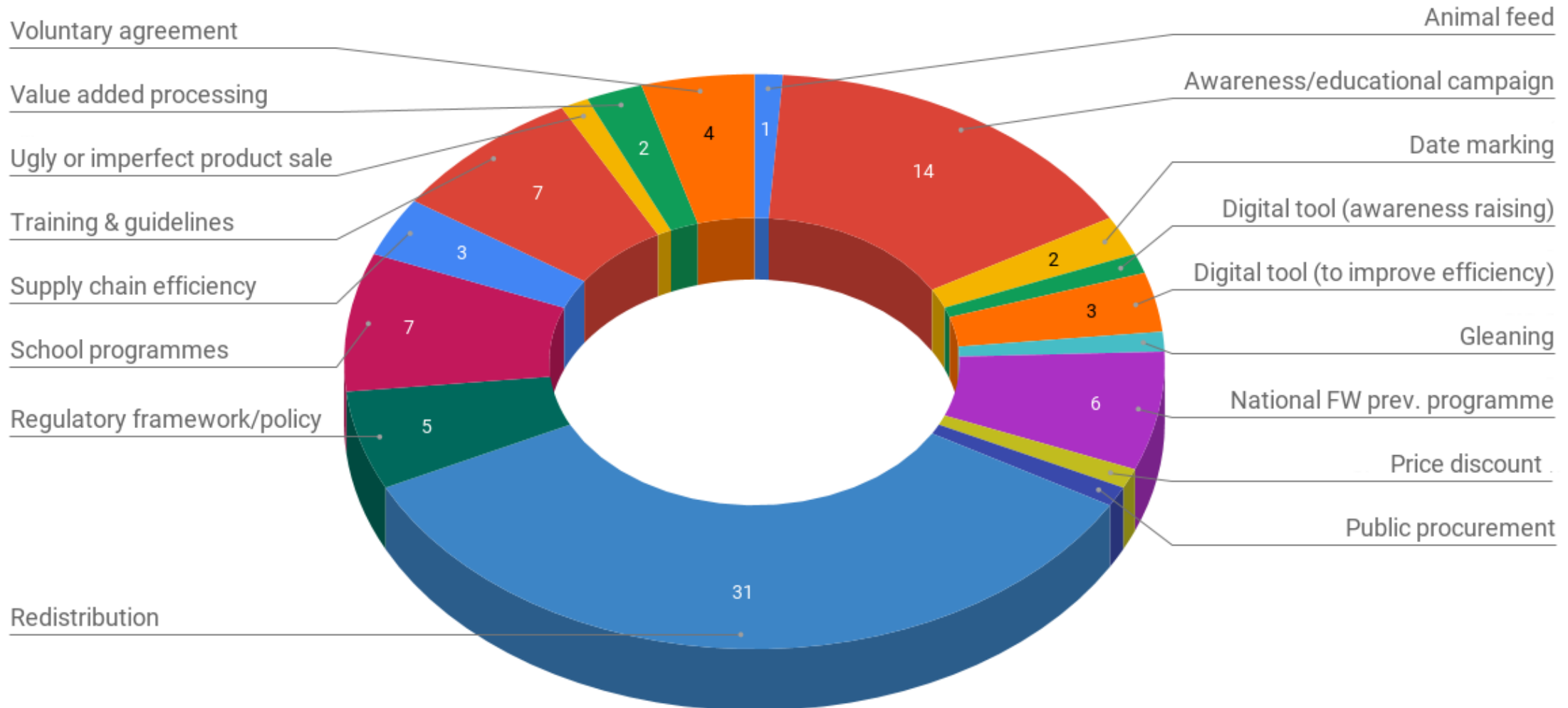


- Promote uptake of **EU Platform's recommendations for action** and implementation of food waste prevention hierarchy
- **Strengthen evidence-base** for food waste prevention and share best practice through the EU Platform on FLW
  - assess effectiveness of food waste prevention initiatives
  - *European Consumer Food Waste Forum*
  - online *EU Food Loss and Waste Prevention Hub*
- **Support actors in taking action** to fight food waste (e.g. Horizon Europe, grants through Single Market Programme)



# Examples of food waste prevention actions by stakeholders

## EU Platform on Food Loss and Waste (2019)





| **Thank you!**

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