

Full List of Food Waste Proposals and Associated Amendments for Directive 2008/98/EC on Waste

We call on the European Council and Commission to support the following amendments to the Waste Framework Directive at the trialogue discussions, and back the European Parliament's position.

Over 70,000 people and over 50 organisations from around 18 EU countries have backed our 4 proposals below, which are supported by the following amendments, which the European Parliament overwhelmingly voted in favour of in March 2017. We call on you to support the following amendments, to ensure ambitious binding targets to halve EU food waste from farm-to-fork by 2030.

The amendments approved by the European Parliament in March 2017 were numbered at the time of the vote [36](#), [98](#), [107](#), [145](#), [149](#) and [236](#).

Proposal 1:

- The Circular Economy package to introduce a clear definition of food waste which includes food wasted at the level of primary production, and develop a methodology for measuring it by 31 December 2017. A clear timeline to be introduced to measure and baseline food waste farm-to-fork by 2020.

Proposal for a directive ([Amendment 98](#) voted for by European Parliament)

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point f e (new)

Directive 2008/98/EC

Article 3 – point 20 d (new)

(fe) *the following point is added:*

"20d. "food waste" means food intended for human consumption, either in edible or inedible status, removed from the production or supply chain to be discarded, including at primary production, processing, manufacturing, transportation, storage, retail and consumer levels, with the exception of primary production losses;"

Comment: We object to the phrase adopted by the Parliament "with the exception of primary production losses". This is ambiguous, and the definition should clearly include all food waste at primary production level caused by human factors, including edible produce ploughed back in or left to rot in the field pre-harvest. Primary production food waste in Europe is significant, and needs to be included in the reduction target. If this definition is kept, then we urge for a legislative definition to clarify what is meant by "primary production losses".

Proposal for a directive ([Amendment 149](#) voted for by European Parliament)

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 9

Directive 2008/98/EC

Article 9 – paragraph 3

3. Member States shall monitor and assess the implementation of their food waste prevention measures by measuring *the levels of* food waste on the basis of a *common methodology*. *By 31 December 2017, the Commission shall adopt a delegated act in accordance with Article 38a in order to supplement this Directive by establishing the methodology, including minimum quality requirements, for the uniform measurement of the levels of food waste. That methodology shall take into account the waste prevention measures implemented through donations or other ways of preventing food from becoming waste.*

Proposal 2:

- The Circular Economy package to establish a specific food waste hierarchy, rather than relying on a generic waste hierarchy

Proposal for a directive ([Amendment 107](#) voted for by European Parliament)

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 d (new)

Directive 2008/98/EC

Article 4 a (new)

(3d) *The following Article is inserted:*

“Article 4a

Food waste hierarchy

1. *The following specific food waste hierarchy shall apply in order of priority in food waste prevention and management legislation and policy:*

(a) *source prevention;*

(b) *edible food rescue, prioritising human use over animal feed and the reprocessing into non-food products;*

(d) *energy recovery;*

(e) *disposal.*

2. *Member States shall provide incentives for the prevention of food waste, such as setting up voluntary agreements, facilitating food donation or, where appropriate, taking financial or fiscal measures.”;*

Proposal 3:

- The Circular Economy Package food waste reduction target of 50% by 2030 to be specified as farm-to-fork. This means that it should include not just retailer and consumer food waste, but also food wasted at the primary production, manufacturing and distribution levels.

Proposal for a directive ([Amendment 36](#) voted for by European Parliament)

Recital 12

(12) Member States should take measures to promote prevention **and reduction** of food waste in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 25 September 2015, and in particular its target of **reducing** food waste **by 50 %** by 2030. These measures should aim to prevent **and reduce the total generation of** food waste **and reduce food losses along the whole supply chain, including primary production, transportation and storage**. Having regard to the environmental, **social** and economic benefits of preventing food waste, Member States should establish specific food waste prevention measures, **including awareness campaigns to demonstrate how to prevent food waste in their waste prevention programmes**. **With these measures**, Member States should establish specific food waste prevention measures in their national waste prevention programmes in order to reach at least 30% of food waste reduction by 2025 and 50% by 2030 and should measure progress in food waste reduction. **Member States should also measure progress made in the reduction of food waste and food losses**. To **measure this progress and to facilitate exchange of good practice** across the EU both between Member States and between food business operators, **a common methodology** for such measurement should be established. Reporting on food waste levels should take place on **an annual** basis.

Proposal for a directive ([Amendment 145](#) voted for by European Parliament)

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 9

Directive 2008/98/EC

Article 9 – paragraph -1 (new)

- 1. *the following paragraph is inserted:*

(a) a significant reduction in waste generation;

(b) decoupling of waste generation from economic growth;

(c) a progressive substitution of substances of very high concern as defined in Article 57 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 if there are suitable alternative substances or technologies that are economically and technically viable;

(d) an Union food waste reduction target of 30 % by 2025 and of 50 % by 2030 compared to the 2014 baseline;

(e) an Union marine litter reduction target of 30 % by 2025 and 50 % by 2030 compared to the 2014 baseline.";

Proposal 4:

- **Introduce a review to make the Circular Economy package food waste reduction target of 50% by 2030 binding rather than a voluntary aim.**

Proposal for a directive ([Amendment 236](#) voted for by European Parliament)

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 9

Directive 2008/98/EC

Article 9 – paragraph 3a (new)

3 a. By 31 December 2020, the Commission shall examine the possibility of setting up binding Union-wide food waste reduction targets to be met by 2025 and 2030 on the basis of the measurements calculated in accordance with the common methodology established pursuant to paragraph 3. To that end, the Commission shall draw up a report, accompanied by a legislative proposal, if appropriate, which shall be sent to the European Parliament and to the Council.