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Local and Regional Action Plans Addressing Food Waste Through Support to Eco-Innovations

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Ambition of the project

- To help territorial authorities to better address the reduction of food waste along the food chain by the support of eco-innovations
- To demonstrate that food waste prevention and reduction could be at source of a resource efficient and environmentally friendly economy for the territories
- To emphasise the pivotal role of public policies and strategies in coalition and institution building

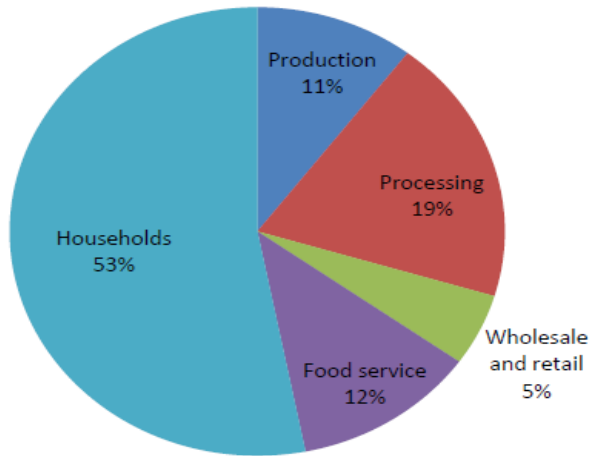



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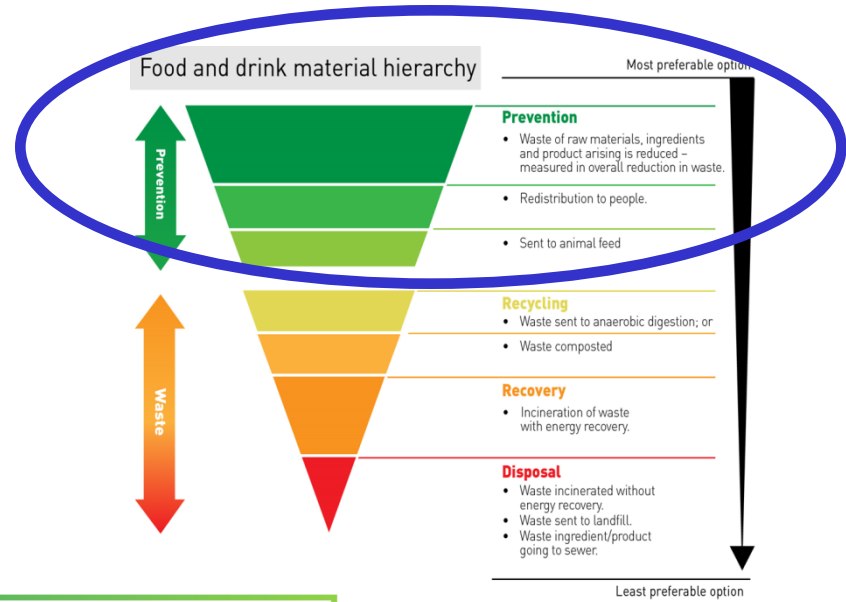

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Facts, Focus and Scope of the project



Split of EU-28 food waste in 2012 by sector; includes food and inedible parts associated with food
Source: FUSIONS



Source: WRAP



Sources : FUSIONS, Eurostat, DG Agri

Supporting Eco-Innovations...

ECOWASTE4FOOD project partners have investigated eco-innovative cases for food waste prevention/reduction. Eco-innovations:

- are innovations that help to **improve the resource efficiency** of processes and to lower the environmental impact of human activities
- help to **enable the move towards a circular economy** through a mix of technological and organisational changes
- can **help to prevent food waste at different levels of the food system** and at the same time increase the number of citizens receiving adequate daily nutrition
- generate lasting direct benefits that impact business sectors and **influence social behaviours regarding food waste.**



... Through Action Plans

- Almost all project partners have embedded their action plan into national, regional or local strategies. Their activities to prevent and reduce food waste can be clustered as follows:
 - 1. reducing poverty** through **food donation/redistribution** innovative partnerships;
 - 2. reducing the amount of food waste at citizen/consumer level** through **awareness and education**;
 - 3. improving the resource efficiency of the agri-food industries and food services** through **research and innovation**.
- Municipal and regional authorities have the opportunity to drive and implement concrete solutions, which clearly demonstrate the potential to halve food waste at local level

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