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Teacher Training Programme Crime Scene: Organic Waste Bin

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Training Overview



- Food waste Film Docu Film "Just eat it"
- Food waste Facts & Figures
- General introduction
- Impacts of food waste
- Global food situation Overweight and Malnutrition
- Food Waste along the food value chain

 -Reasons
 -Solutions
- Teaching about food waste
- General introduction
- STREFOWA materials
- Food waste excursions and hands-on experiences





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Docu-film "Just Eat It - A Food Waste Story" by Grant Baldwin (Canada, 2014, 75') Story of 2 people that decided for 6 months to eat only food waste from the food supply chain.

Projection of the docu-film (in English - subtitles possible!) with subsequent debate and analysis of the

topics covered in the film.

Food Waste Looks

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Food production is one of the main causes of consumer related environmental impact in the EU

Foods account for of private **20-30% of the total environmental impact** consumption (Tukker et al., 2006)

88 million tonnes of food waste occur along the value chain in the EU Globally, around 30% of edible food is thrown away along the entire value chain. 1,3 billion tones per year! (Gustavsson et al., 2011)



173 kg per person and year (+/- 27 kg) (Stenmark et al., 2016)

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Food Waste impacts



| Ecological | Economical | Social |
|---|---|---|
| Production requires energy, raw materials and soil Soil erosion Over-fertilization of waters-> eutrophication Water consumption -> Water shortage Loss of biodiversity Environmental impacts of disposal-> CH4, C02 emissions | Direct costs due to lost production Social costs: health costs and welfare losses Environmental costs because of green house gas emissions and water consumption 4% of the global gross national product | Dwindling livelihoods Health Conflicts Countermovements: e.g.: Dumpstern, Containern Strong contrasts: 800 millions are starving → abundance in |





"The world is thirsty, because it is hungry" FAO. 2019

The term **virtual** refers to the fact that the vast majority of this water is not physically contained in the product, but it is related to the direct and indirect consumption necessary for production throughout its life cycle.

Products of animal origin (milk and dairy products, meat and eggs) have a higher water demand than plant based products. The water footprint of an individual, a community or a company is defined as the total volume of water used to produce the goods and services consumed by that individual, community or company.



<u>Beef</u> 15 415 liter per kilo

<u>Cheese</u> 3178 liter per kilo

<u>Tomato</u> 214 liter per kilo

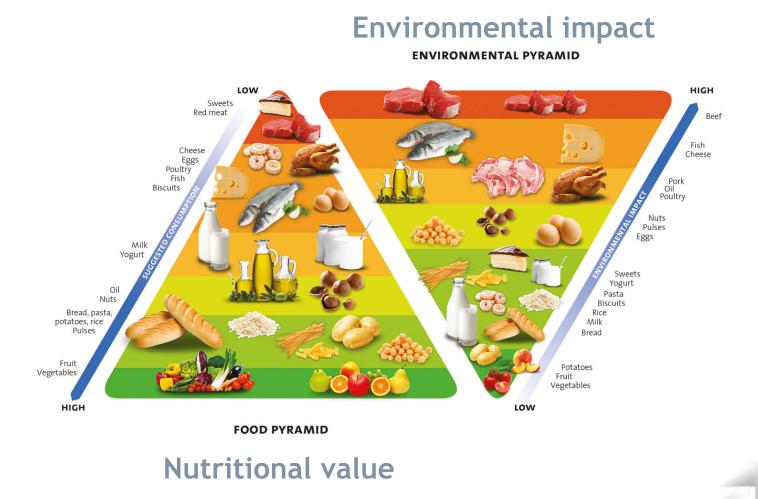
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Double pyramid of food



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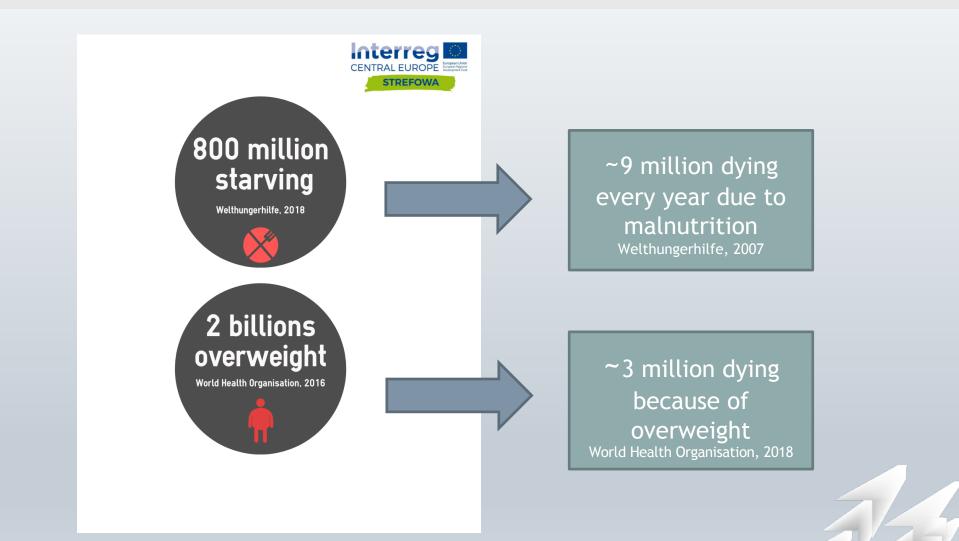
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WORLDWIDE - STRONG OPPOSITES



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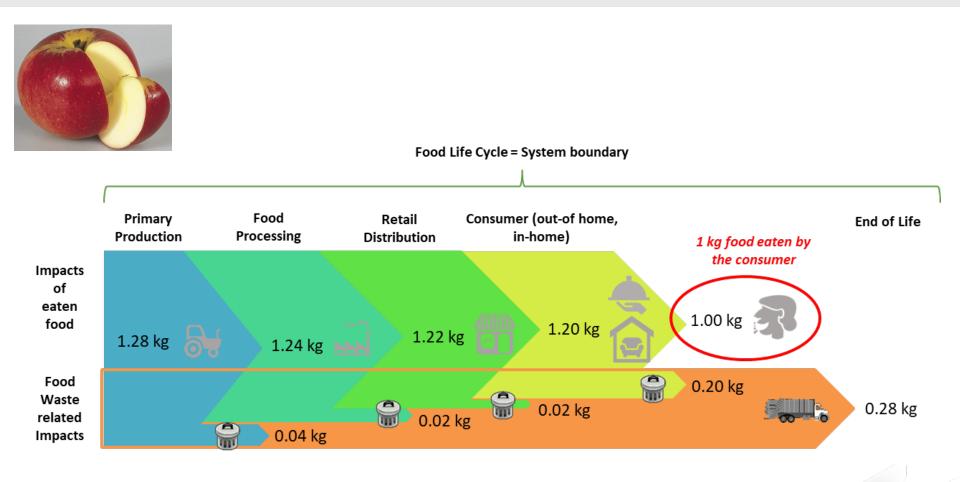


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Producing one kilogram of apples





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Scherhaufer et al., in praep.



Food waste (including food loss) refers to food as well as associated inedible parts removed from the food supply chain. That means they are not used for human consumption.



Avoidable and unavoidable food waste



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Avoidable

Leftovers Partly used or opened packages Food in original packaging Overproduction

Unavoidable

Bones Stalks Skins Stones Coffee grounds



Foods, that are still **fully edible at the time of their disposal**, or which would have been edible within timely use, but for various reasons...

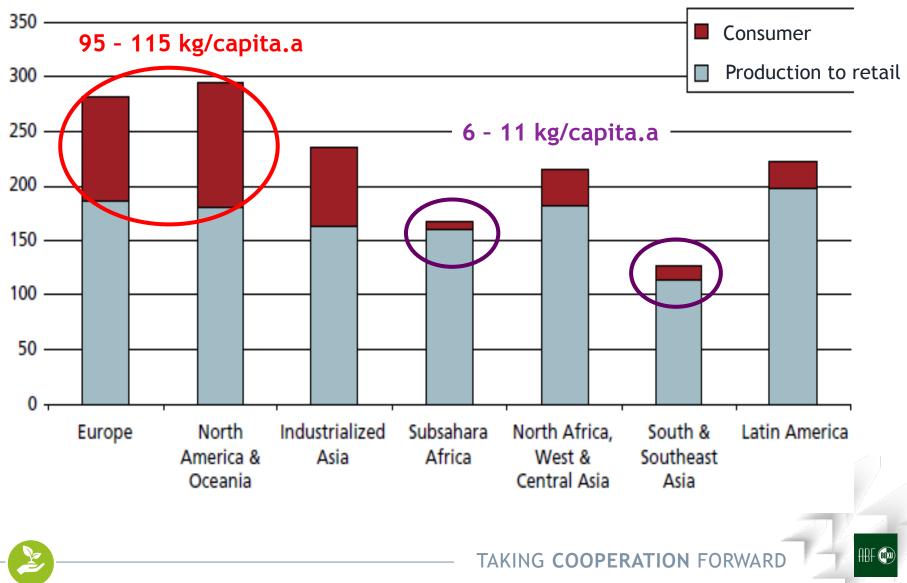
... are not marketable (production, industry, trade) ... are not eaten (food service, household).

And therefore they are **disposed** of.

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Food waste concerns industrialzed, emerging and developing countries (e.g.: FAO Study, 2011)





Gustavsson et al., 2011

Reasons



Social environment

- Change of social structures
- Food price in relation to other areas of life
- Relevance of security and perfection
- Increasing alienation through
 - Round-the-clock availability
 - Loss of ritual costums
 - Loss of food identity
 - Loss of knowledge about food handling
- Decreased appreciation
- Opposite trends of demand for "much and cheap" and "sustainability"

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Food waste in the EU



- EU-28 produce about 88 million tons of food waste per year worth about 143 billion euros.
- 304 millon tonnes of CO₂-equivalent CO₂ (from production to disposal) $N2^{O}$ CH_4 304 Mio CO₂ ngene Amsterdam liederlande Den Haad Utrecht Rotterdam Eindhover Belgien Deutschland

http://eu-refresh.org https://www.eu-fusions.org

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EU Food waste quantities



EU Estimates on food waste:

(Data from Stenmarck et al., 2016)



Primary production pre-harvest not included in "food waste"

Primary production post-harvest

9.1 million tonnes (± 1.5)

Processing and manufacturing

16.9 (± 12.7) million tonnes

Wholesale, retail and marketing

4.6 (± 1.2) million tonnes

Food preparation and consumption out-of-home

10.5 (± 1.5) million tonnes

Food preparation and consumption at-home

46.5 (± 4.4) million tonnes

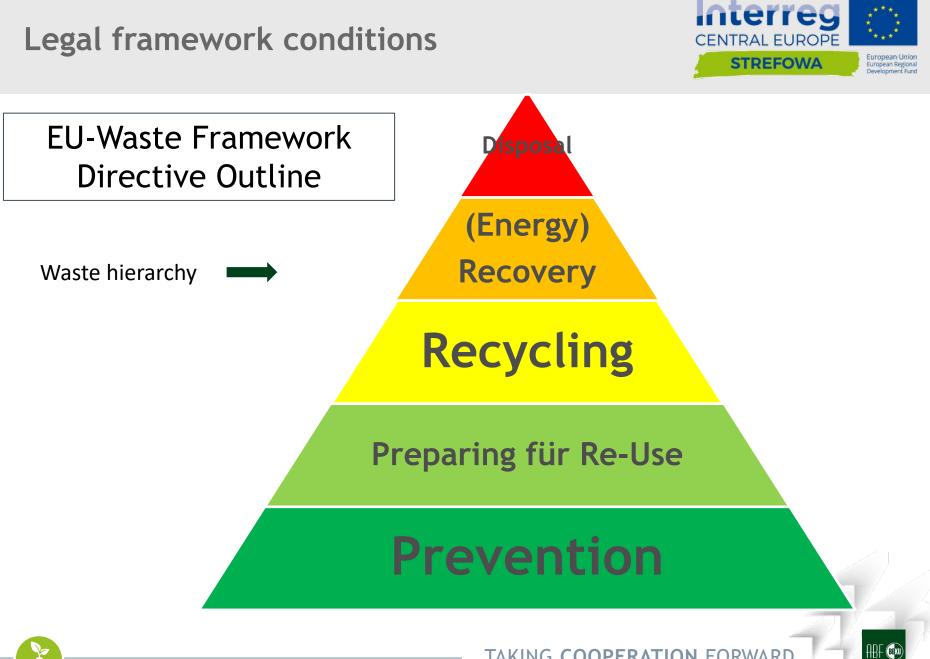
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"Reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses"

"By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels"

 \rightarrow a reduction of approx. 31 million tonnes

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Primary Production



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Reasons



Products cannot be sold/ will not be harvested due to...

- Marketing standards (too big, small, curved)
- Strict contracts concerning purchase quantities
- Deficient edibility (woody, bitter, mealy)
- Existing market surplus (optainable prices are lower than costs for harvest)
- Overproduction (harvest was better than expected)

Missing...

- storage opportunities
 - limited storage life of some varieties
 - limited storage capacities
- infrastructure

Impressions





Photo: Schneider, 2011 _____



Pumpkins: Harvest losses in Austria



Field test: 0.8 ha, full census



Results

700 kg gleaned
(harvested after harvest)
15 % not useable
41 % unripe
26 % unripe with damages
18 % completely fine and saleable

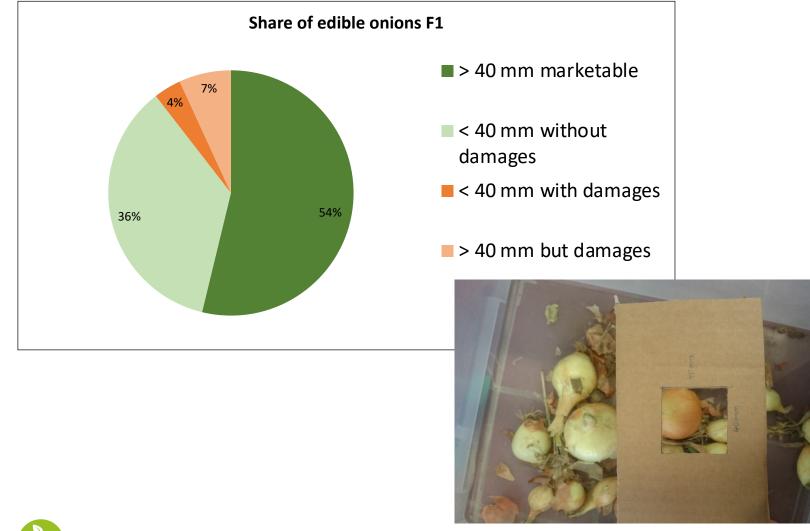
-> 73 % edible!

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Gleaning potential:~ 600 kg/ha

Harvest losses onions





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Food waste prevention in primary production



- Cooperation with industry (e.g. contract farming)
- Cooperation with the food service sector
 especially for not marketable products
- Innovative Business Models (e.g. Unverschwendet in Austria – preserving of surplus fruits and vegetables from farmers)
- Change of market norms, trading standards

Goal The quality of food has to be more important then the appearance







Industry

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Reasons



Losses due to....

• Damages in transit

Losses due to production proccesses

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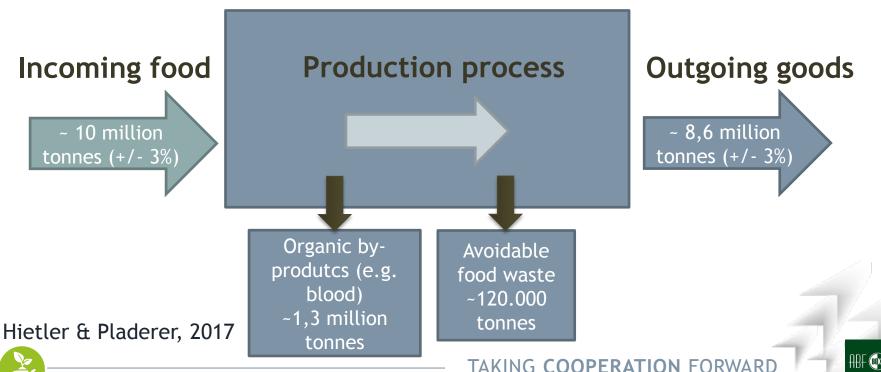




Food waste in the food production sector



- Reliable data about amounts missing in almost all european countries!
- First analysis in Austria (Hietler, Pladerer, 2017) show high prevention potential (120.000 tonnes per year in Austrtria)!



Food waste in Austrian production sector

³⁰ Food waste prevention in the production sector



- Preparing for reuse
- Food redistribution
- Use in company canteens
- Discounted sale for employees
- Support of innovative start-ups

Hietler & Pladerer, 2017





Retail and Wholesale





Reasons



Damage

- Caused by inproper handling (staff and customer)
- Caused by transport

Assortment changes

• Seasonal items

Expiration dates

Mistakes

- Wrong orders
- Wrong labels

High expectations of consumers

- Constant availability
- Perfect appearence



Impressions: Bread and pastry





Impressions: Fruits and vegetables in the organic waste bin





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Impressions: Fruits in the residual waste





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Food waste prevention in the retail sector

- Adapt assortment to demand
- Communication
- Even food that will expire soon is still perfectily fine
- Smaller selection of bread before closing time to avoid food waste
- Influencing the expectations of consumers in positive way - offer pre-ordering of food!
- Training of employees \rightarrow Food handling!
- efficient ordering systems with predictability
- Better communication with suppliers
- Price reductios nearing the expiration dates
- Cooperation with social institutions





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Food Service



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Reasons



Storage

• Missing overview on food stock

Leftovers kitchen

- Peel and cutting techniques
- Prepared side dishes (salads, sides) are prepared but not used
- Big menue leads to too much food produced in advance

Leftover buffet

- Hygienic regulations (Leftovers have to be disposed)
- Guests expectations
- Edible decoration

Plate Waste

- Too big standard portions // side dishes
- Bad taste
- Lack of communication between guests and service staff

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Impressions





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Example: Food Waste Generation in the Austrian Food Service Sector

Der Lebensmittelabfall lag in den Testbetrieben bei **3 % bis 46 % des ausgegebenen Essens** - ohne Zubereitungsreste

= Der Anteil der vermeidbaren Lebensmittelabfälle in Relation zu ausgegebenen Speisen

Mittlere Verlustquoten Beherbergung: 21%, Catering: 38% Gastronomie: 14% Großküchen (inkl. Gesundheitswesen): 22%





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Food waste prevention in the food service sector

- Use a data protocol or a software to keep track of food stock
- Communication between guests/service/kitchen
- Information about different portion sizes and ingredients
- Service offers to wrap up leftovers
- Second helping at a discount/ for free \rightarrow smaller portion sizes at first (side dishes!)
- **Kitchen**
- Improve peel and cutting techniques
- Use cook&chill and sous vide methods
- Avoid edible garnish
- Be creative with leftovers (e.g. breadcrumbs)
- Use surplus food as food for staff
 - Cooperation with social institutions/ apps TAKING COOPERATION FORWARD







Measures in the food service sector









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Consumer





Reasons for disposal



Missing overview on food stock at home

• Forgetting about food

Shopping behaviours

- Shopping when hungry
- Shopping without list
- Special offers

Food handling

- Knowledge about "best before" and "use by" dates
- Storage

Missing knowledge

- Freezing, jam making, pickling
- Cooking with leftovers

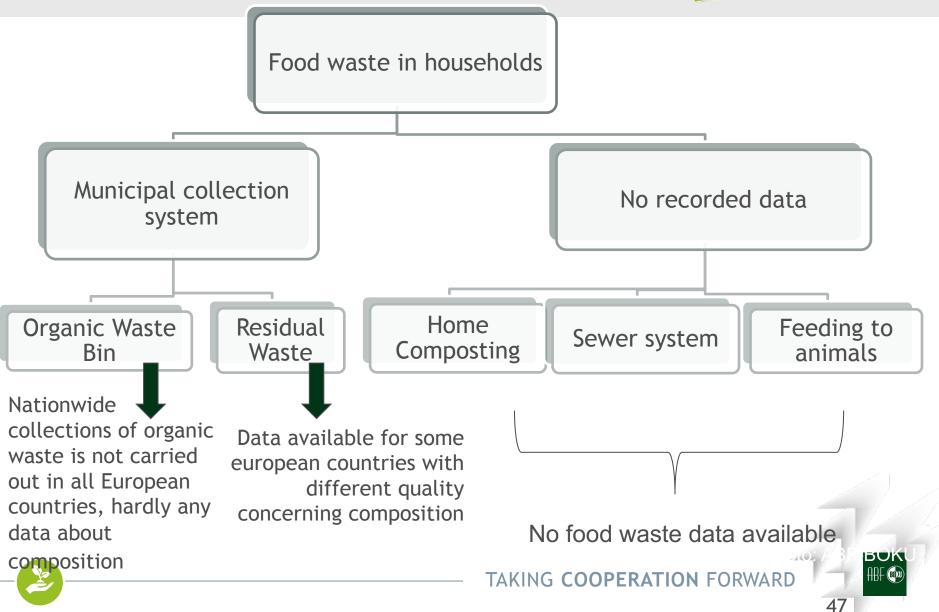
Lifestyle and attitudes toward food

- Not enough time to cook regularly
- Food is not important enough
- Taste

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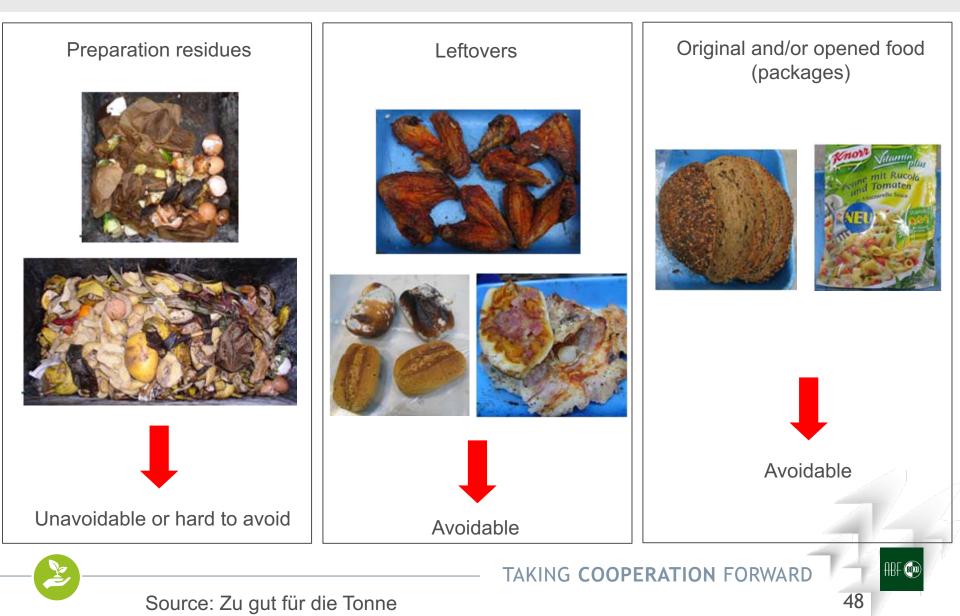
Food Waste Collection in Europe





Avoidable and unavoidable food waste in households



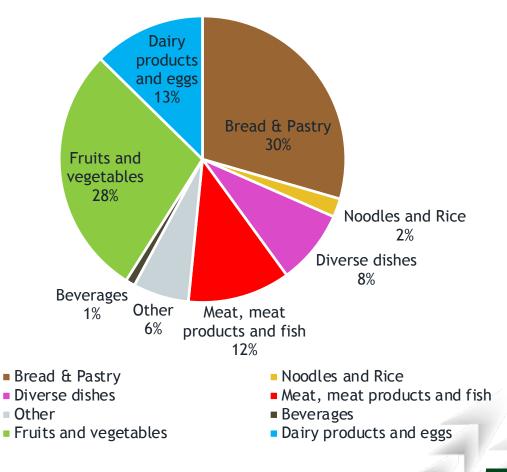


Food waste composition





Food waste composition in Austria



Best before date



- The date until which food business operators guarantee that the products will **retain their specific characteristics** (e.g flavour, texture, appearance)
- "best before + day + month
- "best before end …" + month + year
- No quality guarantee!
- In some european countries (e.g. Austria) it is even possible to sell food after it passed the best before date!
- Food that does not require expiration dates: fruit and vegetables, salt, sugar, vinegar, freash baked good, acohol ≥ 10
 Vol.-%





- Date until which the food should be consumed
- "Use By + day + month + year
- For easily perishable food that might affect human health after consumption
- Food mustn't be sold after passing the Use-by date
- Examples: Meat and Fish



- with increasing age less food waste is occuring
- people with higher educational level waste more food
- Increasing employment rates lead to more food waste
- Families with children discard more food
- In urban areas more packaged and unopened/original food is discarded



- many buying, cooking and eating activities are a habit
- habits lead to unconscious actions
- need to be made aware of to allow for change at all
- habits are very resistent to change
- options for action must be integrated into everyday life

Food waste prevention in households





Overview on food stock

Planning: Shopping list, meal plan **Shopping:** several times a week, do not shop hungrily, do not buy more than you need (special offer!) **Storage:** "First in - First out", inform yourself about the right storage place and temperature Is it still good? Do not trust the best before date look, smell and taste \rightarrow then decide! **Cooking:** portion sizes, leftover cooking **Plate waste:** take more than once, but smaller portions! **Preserving:** freezing, jam-cooking, etc.





BASICS - FREEZING





How to store food in the fridge?

- Glass Container Jam jars or other glass containers
- Plastic container have to be suitable for freezing
- Freezer bags use them more than once!



Vacuum

- Best way to prevent freezer burn
- Doubles shelf life in the freezer
- If you don't have a vacuum device at home try to get out as much air as possible from your containers/freezer bags

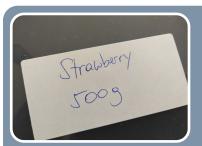


Blanching

- Important for freezing of vegetables
- Boil water in a pot, add salt and the vegetables (cleaned and cut in pieces) and simmer for 2-3 minutes.
- Rince under cold water and freez immediately.

BASICS





Labeling

• Date

- Amount (500g strawberries) or pieces (3 chicken breasts)
- Keep track check what is inside your freezer regulary or keep a list!



Portioning

- Try to think of dishes you want to cook in advance
- Fill the containers with different amounts and label them



Freeze loosely - Pre-freezing

- For food that should be stored in one bag but shouldn`t stick together
- Place food on a cutting board or plastic wrap and freeze
- Then put together in one bag



FRUITS AND VEGETABLES





What you need to do:

• **Peel** and remove the core if necessary! All varietes that you want to use without skin after thawning (e.g. pear, peach, aparagus, carrots) should be peeled!

• Blanching

 Reduced activity of those enzymes responsible for the decomposition of the structure, the aromas and the vitamins in vegetables

- Helps to keep colour after defrosting

•Pre-Freeze



Attention!

Especially fruits won`t have the familiar texture when defrosted - use them for cooked dishes (fruit cakes, compotes)

- Do not freeze raw potatoes!

How long?

6-12 months

Pressed juice: Juice can be frozen in containers or ice cube trays.

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MEAT AND FISH





EGGS



Do's

• Important for recipes with unequal number of egg white and yolks

• Separate eggs and freeze

•Label containers (number of egg yolk/white and date)

• Thaw in the fridge overnight

How long? 8-12 months

Attention!

• Do not freeze boiled eggs or meals that contain boiled eggs!

•Do not use thawned eggs for dishes with raw eggs (like beef tatare or tiramisu) - use them for cooked/backed dishes!!

DAIRY PRODUCTS





- Butter is ideal for freezing
- Whipped cream can be frozen

 Hard cheese and milk can be frozen but will change texture slightly when defrosted

Attention!

 Buttermilk, yoghurt, curd cheese, and kefir and soft cheese are NOT suitable for freezing
 Hard cheese may change change it`s texture when defrosted

How long? Up to 4 months!

Thawing

In the fridge overnight

Freeze
 whipped cream
 in ice cube
 trays to refine
 dishes!

BREAD AND PASTRY



Do's

- Can be frozen easily

How long? Up to 5 months!

- Freeze the whole loaf or slices (easier portioning)

-All kind of pastry can be frozen (also a lot of cake doughs!)

Defrost bread slices in the toaster and enjoy them in a few minutes!

Attention

Try to remove as much air as possible so it won't dry out

Thawing

Defrost overnight at room temperature - remove freezer bags and change to paper or linen fabric

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Cooked Food



Do's

Sauces, soups, stews, desserts, quiches or processed meat (e.g. burger) can be frozen without difficulty.

Attention!

Rice and pasta should NOT be frozen due to a strong shift of the texture while defrosting

Thawing

Defrost overnight in the frigde
 In case of soups or stews heat up slowly

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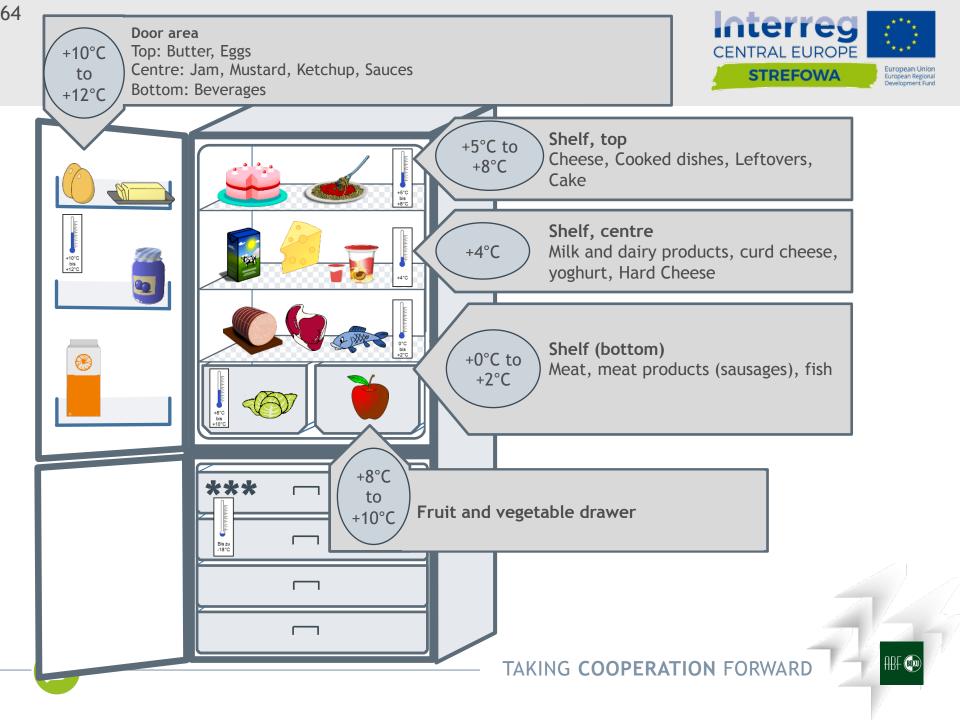
JAM - FOUR STEPS!



| Wash, peel, cut fruits Remove cores | Put fruits in a pot together with preserving sugar (fruit: jamsugar ratio depends on the sugar; 1:1, 1:2 or 1:3) Add some specials If you have time - leave it until the next day | Bring it all to the boil and wait until the fruits are soft (3-8 minutes) | Fill previously prepared, glean glasses! | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| From starting to enjoying in less than 1 hour! | | | | |

From starting to enjoying in less than 1 hour!







- Give it away and do not throw it away!
- **Platform:** Households can put unneeded food in online food baskets (e.g. myfoodsharing.at)
- FairTeiler: Special labeled refrigerators and shelves help to make food sharing even easier for everyone. There are already 33 locations throughout Austria.
- Apps: Besides other important food waste prevention tipps (like leftover recipes, shopping list, etc) Apps will also also help to get surplus food from other parts of the food value chain or share your own surplus food.





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| taste | | | | |
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| empowering childro | en senses | | | |
| explaining | impacts | creativity | | |
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- Waste separation is more likely to be approached in schools than waste prevention
- Knowledge about food waste prevention is no longer passed on to the children by the parents
 - What is still edible?
 - How do I handle expiration dates?
 - What can I cook from leftovers?
- The topic of food waste prevention is not anchored in general school curriculas





- Show **specific options for action** in their area of influence
- Develope **new skills**
- Repromote critical thinking and personal initiative

Possible subjects to deal with the topic:

- Biology
- Geography and economics
- Modern foreign languages
- Mathematics

STREFOWA teaching materials



 Worksheets (Basic knowledge and in-depth knowledge) Reasons, amounts, composition, avoidable and unavoidable food waste, interpretation of expiration dates, various options for action

Available in German and English version

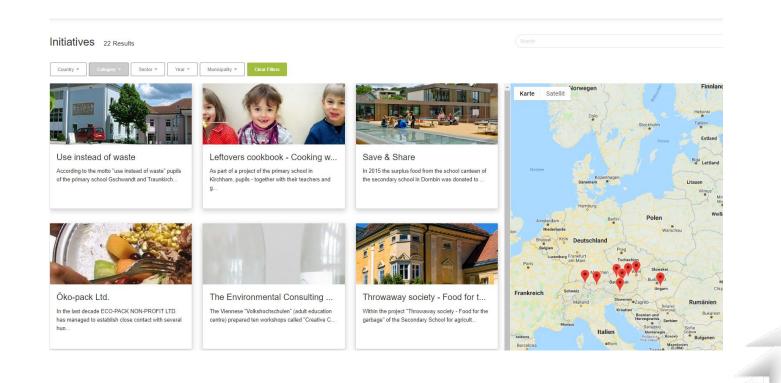
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- Accompanying documents for teachers



How to find other teaching materials



Use the STREFOWA Tool tool.reducefoodwaste.eu



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Excursions and Hands-on Experiences





Leftover-cooking classes

• Creative cook ideas for leftovers developed in class



Visit at compost or biogas plants

• Public tours will help children to understand what happens with their waste



Preserving food

• Jam-making, pickle - workshops

Experience Food / Waste





Farm visits

Where does our food come from? Children are allowed to help producing certain foods (e.g. cheese or bread)

Children can harvet fruits and vegetables



Apps

- Apps can help consumers to prevent food waste
- Let children find and evaluate food sharing, leftover-recipe and other apps to prevent food waste

Film



- Taste the waste
- Wasted- the story of food waste
- Just eat it A food waste story
- STREFOWA Clip: Don't feed the bin



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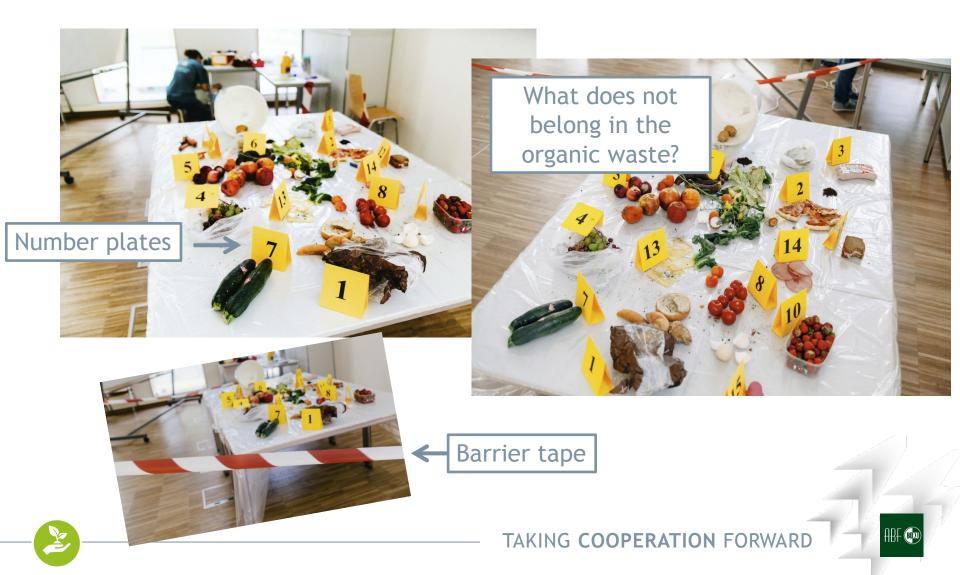
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Crime Scene Organic Waste bin







Progression of events and motive

Equipment for students: gloves and magnifying glasses

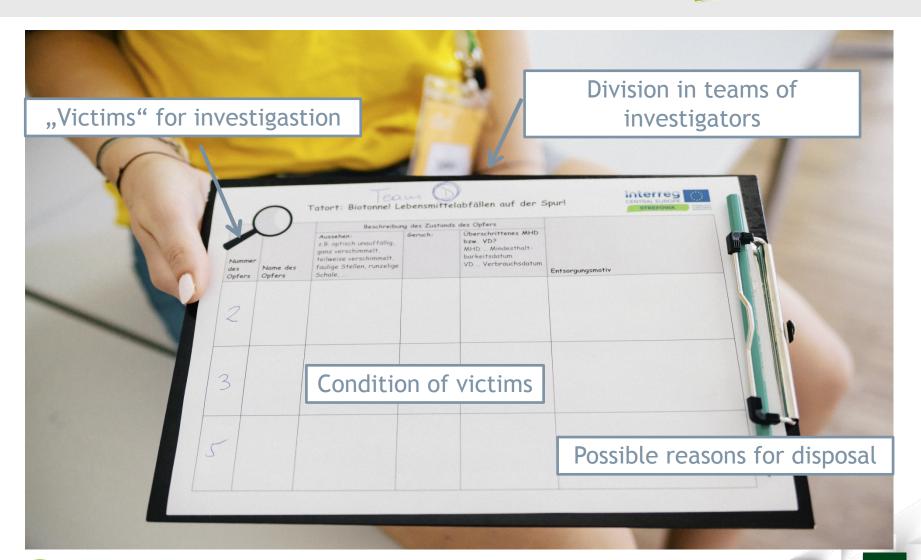
Taking of evidence:

- Concert tickets
- Weather forecast
- □ Family plan for the week
- Poster with information on the right storage and a picture how the family stored their food

Please check the STREFOWA Tool: tool.reducefoodwaste.eu to find all materials in a download area soon !

Record observations





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Reconstitution of the crime - Examples





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Reasons and solutions



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Wrong Storage

• Food has not been stored in the fridge

• Especially important when storing fruits



Too big purchases

• How is it possible to cope with big amounts of food?

• How can you prevent buying too much?

Taste



• What can you do when you do not like the taste of the food you bought?

• Share it, swap it and of course talk to your parents in case of school snacks.

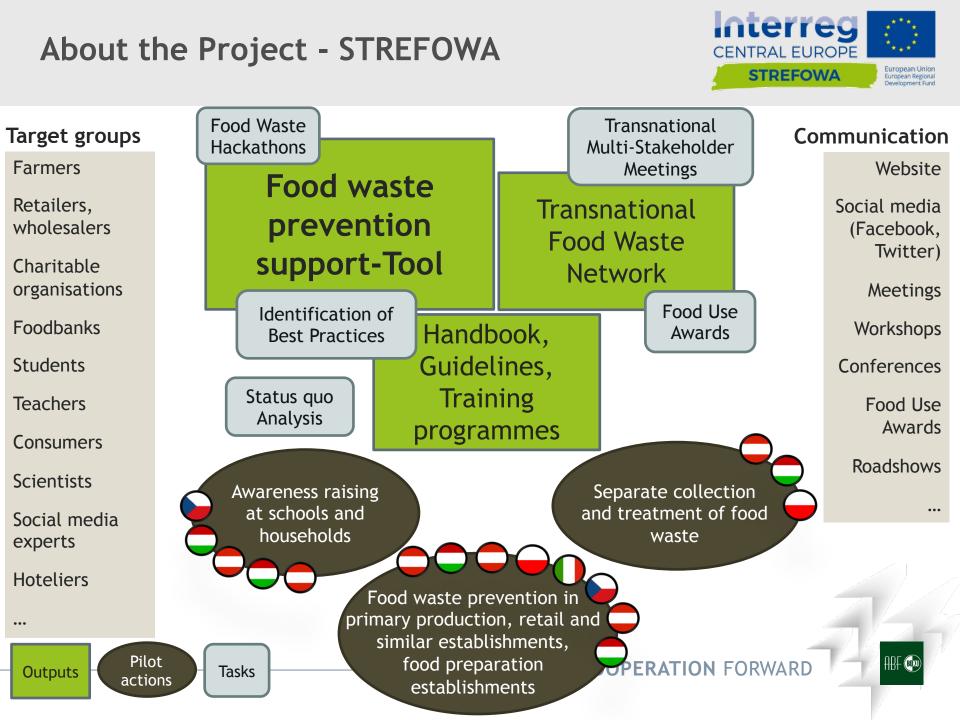


Change of plans

• Nevertheless do not forget about the food you have at home!

Handling of expiration dates • Look, smell and taste







Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!

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