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# Defining food waste for consistent European measurement and reporting

An update on recent European activity

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# EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste



The sub-group on food waste measurement mandate includes:

The analysis of conditions for a common EU monitoring and reporting framework enabling reporting on food waste amounts as envisaged in the legislative proposal amending the Waste Framework Directive (currently under negotiation) as well as enabling reporting to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3 target (in cooperation with FAO)



## The FP7 Fusions definition

“any food, and inedible parts of food, removed from the food supply chain to be recovered or disposed (including composted, crops ploughed in/not harvested, anaerobic digestion, bioenergy production, co-generation, incineration, disposal to sewer, landfill or discarded to sea)”

# European Commission Delegated Decision Consultation



To supplement Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards a **common methodology** and minimum quality requirements for the **uniform measurement** of levels of food waste.

Out for consultation during March 2019 and expected to pass by end of this month.

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## Key points:

- Narrower food waste definition than Fusions and Food Loss and Waste Standard for member state reporting;  
*‘Food waste **does not include** losses at stages of the food supply chain where certain products **have not yet become food** as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, such as edible plants which have not been harvested’*
- Types of food, which are **usually discarded as or with wastewater**, such as bottled drinking and mineral water, beverages and other liquids **will not be measured as food waste** but can be voluntarily reported.
- Member states will be required to provide an **annual food waste estimate** and measure the amount of food waste for **each stage of the food supply chain** using the defined methodology **at least once every four years**.

**Thank you.**

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