

# Good practices for waste management in the EU

Country	Main Initiative	Result/ Outcome
Ireland	<p><b>Government establishment of food waste platform</b></p> <p>The importance of Government taking responsibility and initiating locals with the use of this tool to reduce their footprint regarding the waste produced from each household or business.</p>	<p><b>Example of Ireland:</b> Government of Ireland has created an online guidance with good practices to reduce food waste within the households of Ireland - use of platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness-raising initiatives to share easy tips and resources on how we can make the most of our food, keep it fresher for longer and avoid food waste.</li> <li>• By making small changes to how we plan, store and cook food, we can save money and time and lessen our impact on the environment</li> </ul> <p>Source: stopfoodwaste Ireland</p>
France	<p><b>Establishment of Food Waste Prevention Legislation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of government taking radical action through legislation tackling the food waste in the country</li> </ul>	<p>Creation of 3 Legislation regarding the Food Waste in France</p> <p><b>1. Establishment of an anti-food waste action hierarchy</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food waste prevention through discounts and awareness raising</li> <li>Donation to charity organisations</li> <li>Animal feed</li> <li>Composting or anaerobic digestion</li> <li>Disposal</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obligation to establish a partnership with a charity organisation to donate unsold food products, for supermarkets of more than 400 m2</li> <li>• Food retailers are forbidden to destroy unsold food products still fit for consumption</li> </ul>

		<p><b>2. Extension of the obligation to donate unsold food</b> products to mass catering (preparing more than 3,000 meals a day) and the food industry (whose annual turnover exceeds €50 million)</p> <p><b>3. Fines to businesses</b> for destroying unsold food products fit for consumption are strengthened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance circular economy</li> </ul> <p>Source: France's law for fighting food waste</p>
<p><b>Across EU</b></p>	<p><b>Food Donation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diverts food waste from landfills and puts food on the table for families in need.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example of Cyprus:</b> Use of <b>food waste platform</b> as a method to reduce food waste in Cyprus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donating surplus food, you can reduce waste and support local organizations that help feed people in need</li> <li>• Use as a tool to reduce the food waste produced in businesses on a daily basis</li> <li>• Increase awareness of people working in the food industry and build strong relationships with the people using the platform</li> <li>• Motivate more stakeholders to become donors in the platform and create a safe, ethical and ecological community</li> <li>• Support the government and local authorities (policy makers) to create enabling policy environments that stimulate food waste prevention and reduction</li> <li>• Circular economy</li> </ul> <p>Source: foodprintcy</p>
<p><b>Across EU</b></p>	<p><b>Zero Waste shops</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A zero waste shop enables customers to live a more zero waste lifestyle through eliminating packaging and encouraging the use of containers from home to fill and refill with bulk wholefoods, natural beauty and cleaning products plus much more.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example of Cyprus first Zero waste shop:</b> Agno ZW Shop in Limassol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance of reuse of packages (glass bottles and jars)</li> <li>• Support local farmers and contribute to sustainable agriculture practices selling only seasonal fruits and vegetables</li> <li>• Both seller and buyer adjust how the goods are sold and bought to make plastic</li> </ul>

		<p>packaging not part of the picture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero Waste shops are small and have less options than a supermarket to reduce over consumption and product waste</li> <li>• Zero waste stores also tend to plan for more sustainable disposal of goods</li> <li>• Buyers have to bring their own packages(jars and bottles) to carry their groceries</li> <li>• There's less plastic packaging</li> <li>• Selling 100% biodegradable cleaning products</li> <li>• Carry local brands from small businesses.</li> </ul> <p>Source: Shopping at a Zero Waste store/ Benefits of Zero Waste shops</p>
<p><b>England</b></p>	<p>Establishment of Environmental Plan binding festivals and other businesses</p> <p>Government ban of production of single use plastics and promoting recyclable and compostable bins enforcing all festivals and businesses to reduce productivity of non-manageable waste.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abolish carrier bags, food packaging and disposable plastic straws</li> <li>• Enhance circular economy</li> <li>• Specialising in food recycling there is a particular focus on green initiatives and it uses two particular types of recycling to avoid sending waste to landfill sites</li> <li>• that actively encourage public information and awareness campaigns during the festivals</li> <li>• Promotion of zero waste festivals</li> </ul> <p><b>25 Year Environmental Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• commitments to double resource productivity by 2050, reuse materials and to minimise and manage waste to reduce their impact on the environment</li> <li>• local authorities collect food waste separately and about 50% providing quality feedstocks for anaerobic digestion and composting</li> </ul> <p>Source: Waste Management Plan for England</p>

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