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to the Commission
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Subject: Rising food waste in the EU and meeting the 2030 reduction targets

According to Eurostat, the EU generated 57.9 million tonnes of food waste in 2024, equivalent to 129 kg per capita and up 0.7 % on 2023. Household waste accounts for 53 % of the total.

Such waste comes at an environmental and economic cost, consuming natural resources and generating around 16 % of the European food system's greenhouse gas emissions.

Directive (EU) 2025/1892 sets binding 2030 food waste reduction targets: a 10 % reduction in the generation of food waste in processing and manufacturing, alongside a 30 % per capita reduction across retail, food services and households. However, the figures show that the EU has failed to reverse the trend.

1. What measures does the Commission plan to take to ensure that the 2030 food waste reduction targets are met, particularly at household level?
2. How will it ensure that Member States adopt effective prevention measures along the entire food supply chain, including reducing losses linked to commercial practices?
3. In the review scheduled for December 2027, does the Commission consider it necessary to extend the binding food waste reduction targets to primary production and set more ambitious targets for 2035?

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