

**Priority question for written answer P-001923/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Urgent action needed to reduce food waste in the EU

In the light of Eurostat data revealing that the EU generated 59.2 million tonnes of food waste in 2022, amounting to 132 kg per person. With households contributing over half of this waste, it is clear that the EU faces a significant challenge in addressing food waste. Given that other regions, such as the UK, are implementing stricter food waste regulations, and that innovative technologies and business models are emerging to tackle this issue, it is crucial for the EU to strengthen its efforts.

1. What measures is the Commission planning to introduce or expand to support Member States in reducing food waste, particularly at household and supply chain levels?
2. Additionally, how does the Commission intend to promote innovative technologies such as those emerging in the dairy and agricultural sectors, and encourage the adoption of stricter policies to ensure that the EU meets its goal of halving food waste by 2030, as outlined in the UN Sustainable Development Goals?

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