



Advancing Food Loss and Technologies and Policies

A farmer & agri-cooperative perspective

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Created in **1958**

22 million European farmers and family members

60 full members from the EU Member States and 36 partner organisations

Created in **1959**

22,000 European agricultural cooperatives

35 full members from the EU Member States, 4 affiliated members and 36 partner organisations



In **1962**, a joint Secretariat was created, making it one of the largest and most active organisations in Brussels for the past **60** years.

Food losses vs food waste

EU



- The 2018 WFD also set to reduce **food losses** along production and supply chains by 2030.
- Food losses** (no EU definition!) are excluded from the Directive. Any material used in farming or to produce energy are not considered as food waste.
- Food waste** as “all food as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council that has become waste.”

FAO



- Food loss**: a decrease in the quantity or quality of food resulting from decisions and actions by **food suppliers** (i.e., before or during food production and processing)
- Food waste**: a decrease in the quantity or quality of food resulting from decisions and actions by **retailers, food service providers and consumers.**

CC Concepts:

- * **Food wastage**: refers to individual behaviours whereby food which can be eaten is discarded.
- * **Food waste**: refers to the product which is itself thrown away or destroyed.
- * **Avoidable vs unavoidable or edible vs inedible**

Role of EU farmers & agri-cooperatives in managing resources

No reason to
discard a
product of
value

- surplus food is used for human distribution, food processing, animal feed, bioenergy purposes or for incorporation in the soil to increase its organic matter content. → **should not be considered as waste.**

Subject to
factors
beyond own
control

- high degree of economic dependence on their trading partners (**power imbalance**)
- characteristics and concerns of the agricultural sector (adverse weather conditions, seasonal, pests, diseases etc.).

EU public
mechanisms

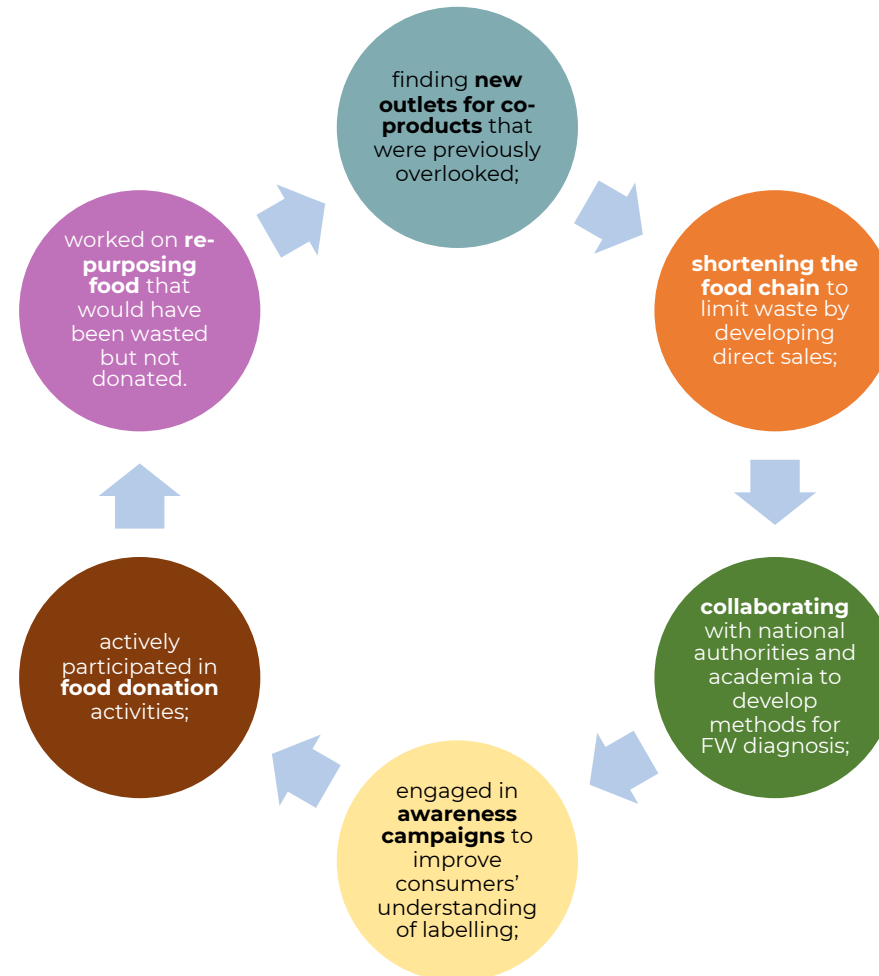
- producer organisations contribute to managing production in terms of quality and quantity (preventing and managing market supply situations).

Role of EU farmers in reducing food waste

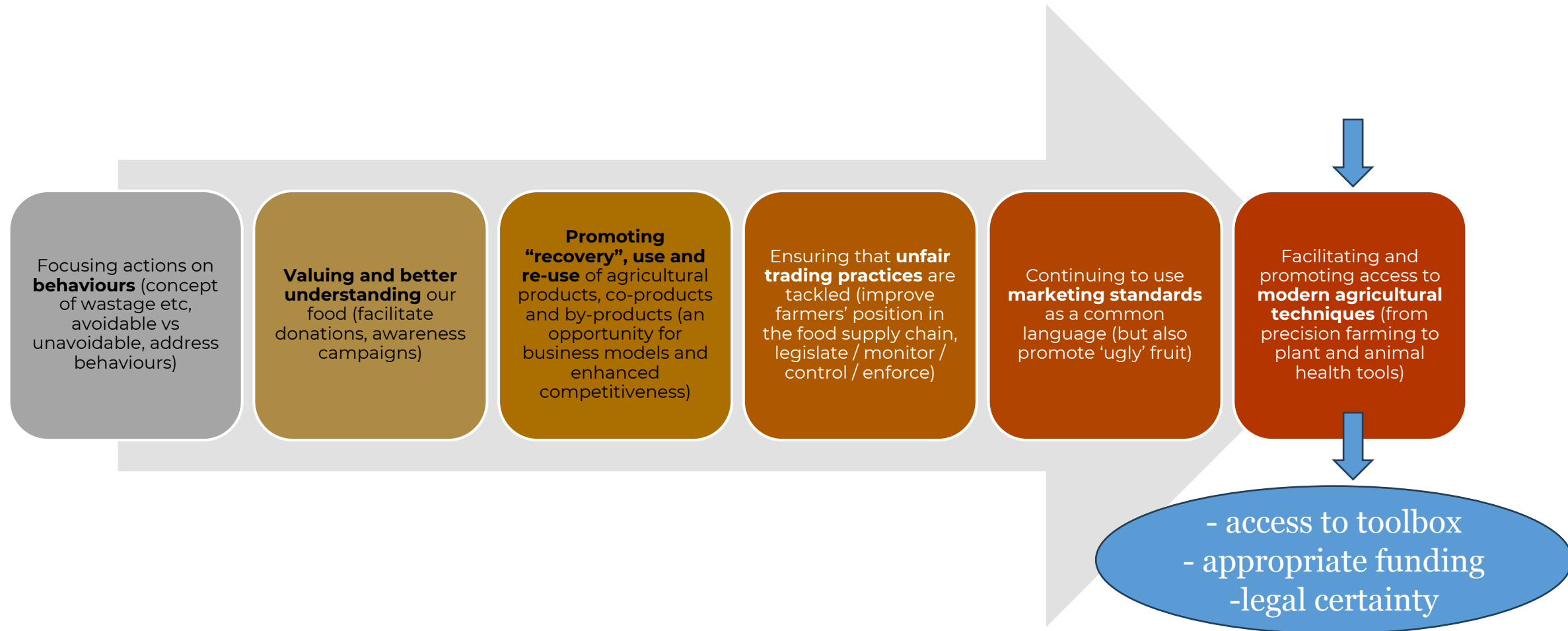
Projects and programmes

Already making a significant contribution to managing waste by seeking to use natural resources efficiently to minimise losses on their farms.

Food waste reduction: a social (ethical) and environmental responsibility, as well as an economic opportunity.

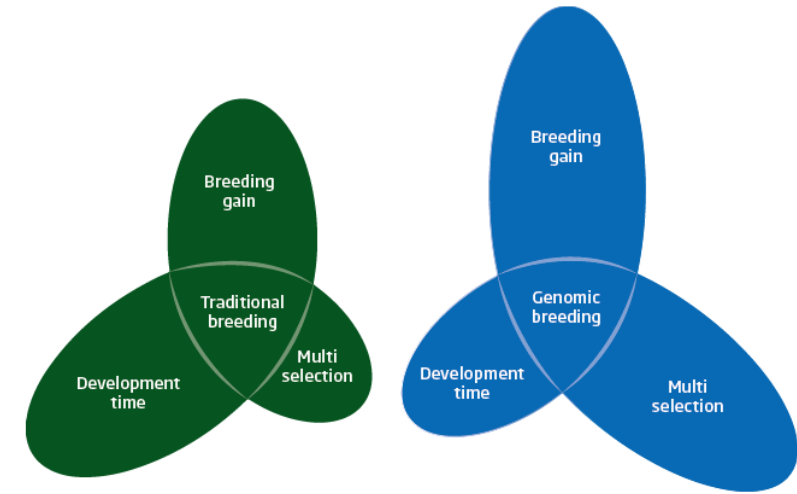


Some challenges that need to be tackled



Examples of projects involving innovation & technology

- * ResQ Club or Lunchie (FI),
- * FiksuRuoka/SmartFood (FI),
- * DAFC (DK)
- * Chr. Hansen (DK)
- * Kipster (NL)





Thank you for your attention!



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