



Household Food Waste: From an International Perspective

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Dear Colleagues,

The topic of food waste is becoming increasingly studied, pushing the need for policies to deliver evidence-based results of their contribution to food waste reduction (as per the goals outlined in SDG 12.3). Household food waste is particularly relevant, as it is the largest fraction in comparison to other stages of the food supply chain, and it usually contributes to increasing the fraction of urban waste.

However, a majority of the national studies available are EU- and US-based, and a great heterogeneity of results is recorded within the UE as well, as a standardized methodology has only just been recently approved. We still do not know of any studies focused on the quantification and analysis of food waste drivers in large areas of the world, thus rendering the knowledge in the field as rather “eurocentric”. Moreover, the monitoring of policy measures is still largely unexplored at a scientific level...

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