

Question for written answer E-015955/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Food waste and the fight against poverty in the EU

Today, every fourth European, i.e. 125 million people, is at risk of poverty, while 16 million people are experiencing food insecurity. However, due to our consumption habits, particularly in the case of marketing centres, many products still suitable for consumption are either unsold, or removed from the market and destroyed. It has been estimated that every year Europeans waste 100 million tonnes of foodstuff. Many Member States have already taken measures to promote the donation of unsold foodstuff to charities.

Does the Commission not consider it necessary to examine the possibility of, in cooperation with the food sector, determining an EU-wide system, whereby marketing centres would be encouraged to distribute to charitable organisations its unsold but suitable-for-use foodstuff?