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Subject: Need for a social dimension to the development of the circular economy

The amount of food being wasted is reaching alarming proportions across the EU. Every year, over 100 million tonnes of food go to waste, in a manner that brings no benefit to society or to farmers.

Since 2011 – when the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe was drawn up – there has been a constant increase in food wastage. This trend is set to continue and, by 2025, 120 tonnes of food will be wasted each year.

What guarantees can the Commission offer as to how efficient the circular economy programme will be in terms of reducing food waste by half by 2030?

Is there a social dimension to that programme? How much of the total budget of over EUR 6 billion earmarked for the circular economy programme will be invested directly in social programmes for the distribution and redistribution of foodstuffs?