

# Quantification of Food Waste within the German Food Chain

Methods and selected results

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## Outline





# Food Waste (ANNEX III)

# Delegated Decision supplementing Directive 2008/98/EC

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Foreseen methods of measurement



Not foreseen methods of measurement

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Measurement Methods	0		<b>\</b>		
Direct Measurement				$\checkmark$	
Mass Balance	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Waste compositional analysis				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Questionnaires and interviews		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
Coefficients and production statistics	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
Counting/Scanning			$\checkmark$		
Diaries				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

Used methods of measurement



Not foreseen methods of measurement



Food waste - primary production



Food Waste - processing and manufacturing

Processing & manufacturing





#### Food waste - retail







77 data sets



Food waste

Sales area in m<sup>2</sup>

(Source: national statistics)

Waste coefficients

in kg/(m<sup>2</sup>·sales area)





#### Food waste - food service sector





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#### Food waste – German food chain

Germany





Food service sector

# Self-reporting in gastronomic kitchens









Food service sector

**Experimental Setup** 

- All-in-One-PC
- Electronic scale
- Software & user interface













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#### Product presentation - Breakfast Buffet (Hotel)









Initial Situation: Food waste - Returns from Breakfast Buffet (Hotel)





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#### Derived Measures from Monitoring - Example

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## **Conclusion and summary**

- Food waste in Germany: ca. 12.7 Million tons per year
- Avoidable food waste: ca. 7.0 Million tons per year
- Significant reduction of food waste through self-reporting
- SDG 12.3 (halving food waste) achieved:

➢ Hotels

Event caterings

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#### Thank you for your Attention!

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