

Public Consultation on the revision of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD)

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Introduction

The Waste Framework Directive (WFD) lays down fundamental waste prevention and management principles based on the five-step “waste hierarchy”. Its key objective is to protect the environment and human health. It provides key definitions as well as minimum rules on separate collection, waste management performance targets for several waste streams and permitting and reporting requirements. The WFD contributes to the EUs overarching objective to decouple waste generation and economic growth. This objective has yet to be achieved; total waste generation is actually increasing. In 2018, the EU produced on average 5 234 kg of waste per capita with the construction and mining sector (60%), manufacturing (10%) and household waste (8%) remaining significant generators of waste. 38% of this waste was recycled. Municipal waste amounts to 496 kg/capita of which 48% was recycled. Bio-waste is the largest component (34 %) and about 60 % of this is food waste.

Furthermore, measures to address specific waste streams such as waste oils and textiles remain fragmented. For example, textile consumption in the EU is high at 12.3 kg/capita in 2018 but it is estimated that less than 1% of all textiles worldwide are recycled into new textiles.

Considering the challenges above, the European Commission is conducting a targeted revision of the WFD. The general objective of the review is to increase the level of protection of the environment and public health from the impacts of waste management. The specific objectives are to reduce waste generation, increase re-use, and improve separate collection to promote preparing for re-use and quality recycling. The revision will also address several review clauses in the Directive linked to waste prevention, including prevention of food waste and lubricant waste oils management. It will be based on an impact assessment of the feasibility and the economic, environmental, and social impacts of different policy options. In line with the European Commission's Better Regulation Guidelines [1] This consultation of stakeholders is conducted to collect additional evidence.

It will take approximately 20 minutes to complete the questionnaire, and you will have the opportunity to upload relevant documents (max size 10 MB) at the end.

For technical questions regarding the questionnaire, please contact: ENV-WASTE-FRAMEWORK-DIRECTIVE-2023-REVIEW@ec.europa.eu

Your opinion matters and we are grateful to you for taking the time to complete this consultation. Note that a factual summary of the responses to this consultation will be published on Have your say and will later be included in a dedicated annex of the impact assessment that will provide an analysis of input received from all consultation activities.

You can find further information on the Waste Framework Directive on DG Environment's dedicate page: [background information](#). Further information on food loss and waste prevention is available [here](#), and on the initiative to propose food waste reduction targets can be found [here](#).

[1] Better Regulation Toolbox (2021). TOOL #52. See: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-making-process/planning-and-proposing-law/better-regulation-why-and-how/better-regulation-guidelines-and-toolbox_en

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Your opinion on waste related topics

QUESTIONS ON WASTE REDUCTION and PREVENTION

a) Regarding the volumes of wastes generated, please indicate to what extent are you concerned about the following.

	Very concerned	Concerned	Neither concerned nor unconcerned	Not concerned	Not concerned at all
Its impact on the environment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The cost of managing it	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The amounts of municipal wastes (from households, commerces and offices)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The amounts of textile wastes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The amounts of food waste	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

b) Concerning waste prevention, to what extent do you agree with the following statements (these questions are intended for individuals or households so please reply in your personal capacity)?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I know what I can do to prevent waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have the information needed to help me generate less waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I take on fewer waste prevention activities than I would like to due to the costs involved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I take on fewer waste prevention activities than I would like due to shortcomings in relevant infrastructure and services (e.g., proximity of reuse or repair services, effort required)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

c) Please indicate if and how frequently you do the following when you purchase and consume goods (these questions are intended for individuals or households so please reply in your personal capacity).

	Always (if possible)	Often	Sometimes	Never	Not applicable
I take waste generation into account when I buy goods (e.g., repairability, durability, quantity of packaging)	<input type="radio"/>				
I plan my food shopping to avoid food waste	<input type="radio"/>				
I prefer to buy used goods	<input type="radio"/>				
I share or sell my used products for re-use	<input type="radio"/>				
I use rentals or shared services (e.g., sharing household tools, bikes, clothing)	<input type="radio"/>				
I repair products when they are broken, faulty or worn out to continue their use	<input type="radio"/>				
I change the engine oil, gearbox oil, etc. in my vehicle myself and know how to dispose of the waste oil in an environmentally safe way	<input type="radio"/>				

d) Waste reduction efforts may be hampered by certain barriers. For each of the statements below, please indicate how important you consider these barriers to be.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
Prevention measures are not an explicit objective of commercial operations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumers are not used to taking prevention measure (e.g., trying to repair a broken item instead of replacing it)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Giving or selling products for re-use is not convenient	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prevention measures are economically unattractive (e.g., repair is too expensive compared to buying a new product)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal barriers to waste prevention (e.g., liability, guarantees, re-used items considered waste)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waste prevention is technically difficult	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ineffective cooperation between key players (e.g., waste collectors and reuse centres)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loss of convenience for consumers (e.g., possible reduction in choice of products)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of data to monitor and identify the most effective waste prevention actions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Most of the issues identified in this questions have been correctly identified as barriers preventing waste reduction efforts, with the high labour cost of repairs being a particularly important issue. Another aspect that should be considered is focusing on prevention by linking waste and product legislation through the development of strong mandatory eco-design requirements to increase durability, reparability and reusability of products with a high reuse potential.

e) To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
The EU has in place effective measures to prevent waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My country/local authority has in place effective measures to prevent waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My employer has in place effective measures to prevent waste generation in the workplace	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

f) To what extent do you agree with the following statements on possible EU measures to improve waste prevention?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
I am in favour of more detailed data collection in order to measure the impact of prevention measures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am in favour of increasing use of economic instruments to prevent waste generation (e.g., "Pay As You Throw" taxes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am in favour of legally binding waste generation reduction targets (e.g., a maximum amount of kg of waste per inhabitant per year or a percentage reduction of current waste levels)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am in favour of legally binding quantitative targets to increase reuse of products	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am in favour of legally binding food waste reduction targets	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you have comments or information to provide, please enter them here.

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It is important to consult social enterprises in the circular economy as key stakeholders when developing such measures to ensure that the policy options chosen can serve the dual purpose of advancing circularity while also supporting the creation of local and green jobs.

Quantitative targets for re-use and preparation for re-use can encourage the correct application of the waste hierarchy, but their impact on the activities of social enterprises should be carefully assessed to prevent the emergence of monopolistic practices jeopardizing the access of accredited reuse operators to the waste stream.

More detailed data collection can be useful to inform policy-making, but this should not result in more administrative burden for reuse operators, many of whom are already struggling to fulfill the current reporting obligations.

QUESTIONS ON FOOD WASTE

g) The EU's Farm to Fork Strategy seeks to enable the transition to a sustainable food system that is fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly. It aims in particular to reduce the environmental and climate footprint of the EU food system, to protect citizens' health and ensure the livelihoods of economic operators. Taking action to reduce food waste is critical to achieving sustainable food systems.

Please indicate if you agree that reducing food waste can lead to the following benefits:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
Help mitigate climate change	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Help contain biodiversity loss	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Help reduce other environmental impacts (land use, water scarcity, etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contribute to food security	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduce costs for food business operators	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bring savings for consumers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduce costs for competent authorities (waste management)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Reducing food waste can help the EU meet its commitment to halve per capita food waste by 2030 – but only if it sets legally binding targets for member states to achieve 50% reductions in food by 2030. Reducing food waste can help reduce Unfair Trading Practices in supply chains – for instance, food waste arising in manufacturing and at primary production can often arise because of supermarket policies, such as last-minute order cancellations, cosmetic rejections, and perverse incentives to overproduction (such as implicit threats to delist suppliers who ever fail to supply a given amount). Tackling food waste therefore requires policies to prevent these unfair trading practices arising – such as strengthening Unfair Trading Practices to have an explicit food waste focus.

h) Fighting food waste requires action from multiple actors across the food supply chain and beyond. According to you, who needs to take more action to reduce food waste? (please select up to 5 actors from the list below)

at most 5 choice(s)

- producers (farmers, fishers, aquaculture producers)
- food manufacturers
- retailers and other distributors
- hospitality and food services (hotels, restaurants, canteens, etc.)
- EU institutions
- national governments
- regional governments
- cities, local authorities
- food banks
- other non-governmental organisations
- investors, banks, or financial institutions
- education providers (schools, etc.)
- consumers
- other

i) Food waste reduction initiatives may encounter several challenges. For each of the items listed below, please indicate how important you consider these challenges to be.

	Very important	Important	Not so important	Not important at all	I don't know
Businesses need to make food waste prevention part of their business operations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Consumers need to adopt new habits in order to reduce food waste (e.g. improved food management skills)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ineffective cooperation between key players (e.g. farmers and retailers)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumers' acceptance of possible reduction in food choices (e.g. simpler menu options, less options available at store closure)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring sufficient action is taken at the pace needed to reach global commitments (i.e. halve food waste by 2030)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring no compromise on food safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of evidence and best practice to identify the most effective actions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Difficulty in collecting data on food waste levels and related impacts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Difficulty in monitoring compliance with food waste targets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Costs associated with food waste prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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The main barrier to EU food waste being reduced will be if the EU and member states rely on voluntary action, rather than setting ambitious regulation. I support legally binding targets for member states to reduce EU food waste by 50% by 2030, including 50% reduction of all food loss and waste from farm to fork – failure of the EU to implement a 50% farm to fork targets will seriously limit the rate of food waste reduction achieved. Relying only on voluntary agreement is a major barrier to reducing food waste in businesses – to move beyond this, regulatory options should be considered as mentioned in response to question j). A barrier to tackling household food waste will be if the EU/member states consider household food waste to be an individual behaviour problem, solved only by education – instead, the EU/member states must also target reforms at the “food environments” within which consumers make decisions, which are shaped largely by retailer and food service policies

j) Which measures do you consider to be the most effective in reducing food waste? Please indicate for each measure below, its possible level of impact.

	Very impactful	Moderately impactful	Limited impact	Not impactful at all	Do not know /no opinion
Best-practice sharing	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Measuring food waste to track progress	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Setting food waste reduction targets	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitating donation of surplus food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using surplus food and by-products (e.g. for animal feed)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving efficiency along the food supply chain (e.g. better management of supply and demand)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Packaging innovation (e.g., to extend shelf-life)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clearer, more understandable date marking (e.g. “best before” and “use by” dates)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumer-targeted campaigns	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital tools and apps (e.g., to facilitate redistribution of surplus food)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education and training (citizens, food business operators etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public/private partnerships: voluntary agreements of food business operators to reduce food waste in the supply chain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fiscal incentives (e.g., corporate tax credits for food donation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other regulatory initiatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Due to the limitations of voluntary business action, the impact assessment should consider regulatory options focused on preventing food waste occurring in the first place, including: 1) Mandatory measurement and reporting by food businesses over a certain size (on-track to be introduced by UK government), 2) Mandatory participation in food waste reduction agreements and reduction targets for businesses over a certain size, 3) Bans and taxes on sending food waste to landfill and incineration, 4) Fines for not following the food use hierarchy, 5) Stronger Unfair Trading Practices legislation, with an explicit food waste focus, 6) A levy on retailers proportional to the food waste levels of their suppliers, and 7) Restrictions on cosmetic outgrading. Food wasted by households is influenced by “food environments” shaped by retailers - consumer education is not enough. See Annex B of this briefing: <https://tinyurl.com/yt4t3sbx>

QUESTIONS ON SEPARATE COLLECTION

In order to facilitate recycling the WFD requires separate collection of waste paper, metal, plastic and glass, and oils. From 2024, this also applies to biowaste and from 2025 for textile waste and hazardous waste fractions produced by households. Under other EU law separate collection is also required for the following household wastes: packaging, batteries, electronic and electric equipment. Some current collection systems allow collection of several waste types in the same container (such as metals, plastic and paper together and cardboard together with beverage cartons).

For the purposes of this questionnaire, all dry waste fractions that are collected separately from residual (non-recycled) waste and biowaste (wet waste) may be considered as separately collected. Food waste is considered to be separately collected if it is collected alone or together with certain other biowaste.

k) Please indicate if you separate products for re-use and waste streams according to the available waste collection services and infrastructure in your municipality (these questions are intended for individuals or households so please reply in your personal capacity).

	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
I give goods for re-use directly to family and friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I give goods for re-use through door to door collection or bring back points	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I separate all the waste streams that are collected door-to-door	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I separate some of the waste streams that are collected door-to-door	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not separate waste and discard everything as mixed waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I separate some waste streams that I have to take to a collection centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

l) I participate in the separate collection of the following waste fractions (these questions are intended for individuals or households so please reply in your personal capacity).

	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Paper and cardboard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Metal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plastic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Glass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garden materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cooking oils	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other oils (lubricating and industrial oils such as engine oil, gearbox oil)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Batteries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electric and electronic equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Textiles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bulky items (e.g., furniture, mattresses)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hazardous household products (e.g., paints and varnishes, cleaning products, unused medicines)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate any additional municipal waste fractions collected separately in your local area.

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m) I am satisfied with the waste collection system in place where I live to separately collect the following waste fractions (these questions are intended for individuals or households so please select not applicable if you are not replying as a citizen).

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know	Not applicable
Paper and cardboard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Metal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plastic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Glass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garden materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cooking oils	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other oils (lubricating and industrial oils such as engine oil, gearbox oil)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Batteries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electric and electronic equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Textiles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bulky items (e.g., furniture, mattresses)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hazardous household products (e.g., paints and varnishes, cleaning products, unused medicines)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Any additional comments or information you would like to provide (for example, other waste fractions that should be separately collected for recycling).

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n) To what extent do you agree with the following statements on separate collection?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
The EU has put in place effective measures to separately collect waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My country/local authority has put in place effective measures to separately collect waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My employer has put in place effective measures to separately collect waste in the workplace	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

o) Separate collection efforts may be confronted with several challenges. Please indicate which factors you think would increase participation in separate collection of municipal waste (please select up to 5 factors from the list below)

at most 5 choice(s)

- More information on why separate collection matters (safety of recycled products, contamination, impact on the environment)
- More information about what happens to my waste once it is collected and how it can serve a useful purpose
- Certainty that all the waste I separate would be prepared for re-use or recycled
- More information on how to separate waste for collection (e.g. which waste goes into which bin)
- More information about the different collection methods I can use (e.g. door-to-door, collection points, mobile collection units)
- Easy to find information about the location and opening hours of the closest collection points, civic amenity site, mobile collection point
- More convenient locations of street bins for separate waste collection
- More convenient locations of mobile collection units (e.g. for hazardous waste)
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- More convenient locations of civic amenity sites
- More convenient opening hours of mobile collection units, civic amenity sites
- Better accessibility of the closest civic amenity site (in terms of access rights)
- More space in my household for several different waste bins
- Greater frequency of collection for separately collected waste compared to mixed waste
- Greater volume of street bins
- Street bins' surroundings for separate collection would be cleaner and safer (e.g. free of broken glass, putrefied waste)
- Waste containers would be labelled with clear instructions (e.g. pictograms or colours) on the accepted waste
- My municipality would reward me for my effort to separate different fractions of waste in different bins through financial incentives (e.g. if discarding mixed waste was more costly than discarding separately collected waste)
- Other

If other, please specify

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While each separate collection model should take the specificities of each waste stream into account, it should always be ensured that separate collection happens at the earliest stage possible to prevent damaging reusable items. This can be done by providing clear information to citizens on how to correctly discard unwanted products and ensure the access of accredited preparing for re-use operators to waste facilities in order to identify reusable items.

Special attention should be paid to textiles as the obligation for the separate collection of textiles that will enter in force from 2025 will lead to capacity issues for reuse centres without adequate support for the necessary infrastructure investments.

p) With regard to overcoming challenges and improving separate collection activities, please indicate whether you agree with the following statements

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
I have information on how to separate waste at home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have information on where and when to bring my separated waste (e.g. location, opening hours, accepted waste)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Improved information on the products themselves about their composition and how to discard them in separate collection would be helpful	<input type="radio"/>					
Improved information on waste bins and from waste collection service providers on how to correctly separate waste in different waste containers would be helpful	<input type="radio"/>					
I am in favour of sorting my waste into more separate bins in my household for door to door collection for an environmental benefit (to increase the efficiency and quality of recycling)	<input type="radio"/>					
I am in favour of sorting my waste into more separate bins to bring them to collection points outside my home for an environmental benefit (to increase the efficiency and quality of recycling)	<input type="radio"/>					
I am in favour of sorting my waste into more separate bins at home or bring them to collection points outside my home to reduce my waste bill	<input type="radio"/>					

REGULATORY AND/OR ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

The WFD encourages Member States to make producers of products financially or organisationally responsible for their end-of-life products, i.e. separate collection and treatment of waste (known as “extended producer responsibility”). At the EU level this already applies to packaging, batteries, electronic equipment, some single-use plastic items, fishing gear and cars.

Member States are encouraged to apply also other economic instruments to create incentives for better waste management. One such measure is ‘Pay-as-you-throw’ whereby waste producers (e.g., households) are charged for waste management based on the volume and/or type of waste generated. This incentivises separation of recyclable waste and reduction of mixed waste.

q) To what extent do you agree with the following statements on waste management costs?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know

I know how much I pay for waste collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'Extended producer responsibility' should be applied to more product categories (e.g. textiles)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'Extended producer responsibility' should also cover waste prevention activities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'Extended producer responsibility' should be better enforced for on-line sales	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'Pay-as-you-throw' systems should be applied more widely and strictly	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Citizens should pay more to discard mixed waste (that is unlikely recycled; is incinerated or landfilled) than to discard separately collected waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

r) Do you agree there are sufficient regulatory and/or market incentives for businesses to invest in the following activities?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
Prevention of waste generation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preparing for re-use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Material recovery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sorting of waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Separate collection with a view to preparing for re-use and recycling (of own waste)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decontamination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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