

**Question for written answer E-007934/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Food aid in the European Union

Every year 90 million tonnes of food are wasted in Europe, and over 16 million Europeans are dependent on food aid.

The amount of food given to charities to be distributed to the most deprived is only a fraction of the EU's food surplus, as the EU has no common legislation on food aid and the strategic frameworks differ between the Member States.

In 2014 Wallonia adopted ambitious measures in this area.

At European level, in January 2012 Parliament adopted a resolution calling for a more effective food chain in the EU.

More recently, in July this year, the Economic and Social Committee published a comparative study of the legislation and practices of the Member States in the area of food aid. The study makes recommendations, for example, aimed at making it easier for food aid to operate in the EU.

Will the Commission state precisely its position on these two documents and say what initiatives it has taken to make it easier for food aid to operate?