Question for written answer E-001617/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Gabriel Mato (PPE) and Carlos Iturgaiz (PPE)

Subject: Improving the policy on food donations in the EU

A recent study on the law and practice governing donations of food in EU Member States reveals that there is a lack of legislation and specific guidelines from the EU on this issue.

This report recommends that the EU should publish a guide on food hierarchy giving clear priority to feeding people through the avoidance of food wastage and the donation of unsaleable food to charitable organisations. It also recommends that tax measures be considered with a view to fomenting the donation of food in the EU.

Is the Commission working on any proposal for tax measures to foment food donation in the EU?

Is the Commission considering any initiative to establish a food hierarchy?

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