

**Question for written answer E-006040/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Forthcoming legislation - the fight against food waste

Civil society associations and non-profit organisations in the Member States of the European Union have come up with a number of initiatives to prevent food waste. However, these initiatives often run up against various legal and administrative barriers. Slovakia has, for example, banned non-profit organisations from setting up 'public refrigerators' in public places in which people could put uneaten food and which volunteers would maintain and keep clean. Although this idea has proved its worth in other countries and has demonstrably reduced waste, in Slovakia it is prohibited on the grounds that these organisations are not registered food business operators.

In this context, I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. What new legislation to tackle food waste is in preparation in the Commission, and in what time frame will it be presented?
2. Is the Commission preparing legislation or initiatives that would motivate municipalities, restaurants and cafés to operate 'public refrigerators', or legislation that would allow non-profit organisations to locate such refrigerators in public spaces without excessive red tape?
3. Is the Commission contemplating new legislation inspired by the recent French law banning large stores from discarding food?