Question for written answer E-003584/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Valentinas Mazuronis (EFDD)

Subject: Food waste management

Efforts to decrease food waste quantities throughout Europe are fragmentary and non-targeted; promotional events and projects are often initiated and implemented by non-governmental organisations or even by individual communities. Food waste is generated in all food supply chains, but in some cases it is not possible to avoid it.

What steps will the Commission take in order to significantly reduce the quantities of discarded food and to set a common EU policy on food waste?

When does the Commission intend to prepare a strategy for the prevention of food waste, as well as to determine a common EU monitoring and calculation system for food waste or discarded food?

What socially innovative measures and financial assistance measures does the Commission intend to implement, in order to efficiently use food throughout the whole food supply chain?