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to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Minimising the amount of food waste

World Food Day and World Bread Day remind us of the fact that many people around the world do not have enough food. Conversely, a large amount of food ends up being thrown away.

According to a Commission report, approximately 88 million tonnes of food are thrown away each year in the EU, which represents roughly 20% of the food that is produced, and the associated costs are estimated at EUR 143 billion. The sectors that play the largest role in the generation of food waste are households, catering and retail (70%), while the remaining 30% of food waste comes from food production and processing activities.

What additional plans does the Commission have in the fight to reduce food waste?