

**Question for written answer E-003722/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Tonnes of food wasted each year accelerating global warming

According to a recent UN report, around one-quarter of the planet's non-glacial soil has suffered the ill-effects of human activity. Ecosystems are being irreversibly undermined by the increased intensity and frequency of droughts, floods and heatwaves brought on by global warming. Deforestation is one of the root causes of global warming, weakening the soil's capacity to absorb carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and prevent the accumulation of greenhouse gases.

Researchers are also recommending different food production methods in a bid to halt the increasingly rapid rise in temperatures over recent years. The most effective solutions would include cutting down on food waste, planting trees on farmland and proper soil conservation. While substantial European Union funding is being channelled into these recommended measures, they have to date proved unequal to the scale of the problem. To make matters worse, tonnes of food are being discarded while, at the same time, almost one billion people are going hungry.

What resources does the Commission have at its disposal to reduce food wastage and combat global warming?