

**Question for written answer E-000539/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Combating food waste and waste management

A report by leading NGOs shows that, in the EU in 2021, more food was thrown away than was imported. The report estimates that food worth EUR 150 billion went to waste that year, while agri-food products of a total value of EUR 138 billion were imported. Throwing away more food than we are importing is absurd!

1. Given these circumstances, when does the Commission plan to bring forward a proposal for a review of the Waste Framework Directive?
2. Will legally binding targets be set as part of that legislative review – as has been advocated by Romania, the Netherlands, Estonia and Luxembourg – with a view to halving food waste throughout the value chain from producer to consumer by 2030?
3. To what extent will the Commission take into account the recommendations of the European Citizens' Panel on Reducing Food Waste, which were made public on 13 February 2023?

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