

# DON'T WASTE OUR FUTURE!

"DON'T WASTE OUR FUTURE! Building a European youth alliance against food waste and for new sustainable models of development and consumption" is a Development Education and Awareness Raising project, funded by the European Union, lasting two years.

The project involves approximately 80 primary and secondary schools, and 40 municipalities across 7 European Countries.

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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

The "DON'T WASTE OUR FUTURE!" Project aims to improve the **critical understanding, and the sense of responsibility and agency of young European citizens and Local Authorities** about food waste and the right to food, in order to promote more **responsible models of consumption and sustainable development at a local and global level.**

The project emerges from the fact that about **1/3 of global food production is wasted every year** and the appreciation that this situation may deteriorate further in the future. According to the United Nations, the world population will exceed 9 billion human inhabitants in 2050; food production will have to increase by 70% in order to satisfy global food demands.

A key element of the problem emerges from current **patterns of consumption and consumer behaviour**, often caused by a lack of knowledge and understanding of the underlying issues. The DON'T WASTE OUR FUTURE project will focus mainly on **food waste prevention and reduction in Europe through the change of individual and collective habits**, which are the challenges that concern every one of us, so this project is designed to **contribute in a concrete manner to the defence of our Planet and all our futures.**

## The project partnership consists of:

- FELCOS Umbria** (Fund of Local Authorities for Decentralized Cooperation and Sustainable Human Development)
- Municipality of Foligno**
- FPMCI** (Milanese Provincial Fund for International Cooperation)
- Oxfam Italy**
- Education for Global Citizenship Unit** of the University of Glasgow
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save food, love the world!

# WHO WE INVOLVE



**OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

# WHAT WE WANT TO DO

## LEARNING

Workshops for secondary school students on responsible food consumption, food waste and their relationship with sustainable development and the global right to food.

## COACHING

Meetings with secondary school teachers to improve professional skills and to share contents and methodologies of the learning activities.

## AWARENESS RAISING

Territorial workshops targeting Local Authorities and key stakeholders about food waste, and the crucial role that they can play in promoting tangible actions.

## PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP

Secondary school students, teachers and their LAs will identify priorities, ideas and proposals against food waste from the local level to the global.

## COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS

Secondary school students will create Local Campaigns in their territory, geared at schools and citizens to fight food waste and to campaign for responsible consumption and the right to food.

## EUROPEAN FORUM

Secondary school students, teachers and LAs will debate, discuss and declare shared basic values and actions for responsible and sustainable behaviour.

## PEER TO PEER

5 secondary schools students from each participating school with the support of teachers and experts will organize 2 workshops on food waste for primary schools pupils.

**The Don't Waste Our Future Charter 2015**  
A JOINT EUROPEAN MANIFESTO OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE FOOD WASTE REDUCTION AND THE GLOBAL RIGHT TO FOOD.

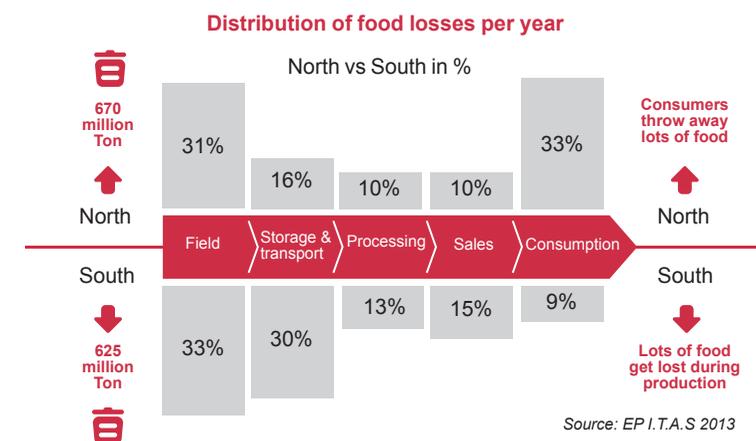


# FOCUSING ON

The enormous waste of food that happens every year is primarily a practical obstacle to the global fight against hunger and poverty, both within Europe and in countries worldwide with serious problems of development, poverty and food security.

**ONE IN SEVEN of the world's population go hungry**  
**ONE THIRD of the food produced for human consumption is wasted**

This food is wasted at all phases of the food chain: from production, processing, distribution, to consumption. Both in the North and in the South much of the food waste is in the field of production itself, but in developing countries the largest share is concentrated in the initial stages of the chain. In Europe, however, the majority of food waste is produced at the household level, which makes up about 43% of total EU food waste.



Understanding food waste requires a fuller appreciation of the impacts that food production have on the environment. Natural resources, such as soil, water and energy utilized in the production of food are becoming increasingly scarce. Climate change effects, increasing demand for food linked to demographic pressure and unsustainable usage of the available resources are pushing us towards a critical situation, beyond which the consequences for society and the environment may become catastrophic and irreversible.

These problems are universal and interconnected, and they can only be addressed by the cooperative engagement of public, private and associated stakeholders, together with all citizens, notably including all young people across the globe.