

## **Appendix 2: Food Waste Figures**

### **REFRESH Research Programme**

The Taskforce is connected to the European research programme REFRESH (Resource Efficient Food and dRinks for the Entire Supply Chain, 2015-2019), coordinated by Wageningen University & Research. In this programme, 26 partners from 12 European countries and China work together towards the reduction of food waste across the world. The starting point is the UN Sustainable Development Goals for “responsible production and consumption” and specifically SDG 12.3: “towards 50% less food waste and losses in 2030.” In five pilot countries - the Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Spain, and China – national coalitions were set up to achieve a faster, more substantial impact with actions to combat food waste via a multi-stakeholder approach. ([eu-refresh.org](http://eu-refresh.org))

### **Food Waste**

750 billion Euros worth of good food is lost globally, according to the figures from the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). This has huge implications for the global economy, society, and the environment. An example would be challenges for food security, but also waste in terms of water and farmland use. Furthermore, the lost food is also responsible for 8% of the emissions of greenhouse gases in the world.

In the Netherlands, the total amount of wasted food is currently 100-160 kilograms per person each year, despite an ambitious government goal (20% less waste in 2015 compared to 2009) and initiatives from the business community, industry organisations, the government, and societal organisations.