

# **Food - Waste - Circularity: Contradictions and challenges**

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## **Abstract**

Circular economy is a goal of sustainability efforts in the EU and worldwide (e.g. UN SDGs). To achieve circularity, we need to consider the whole life cycle of a product and rethink the relation between resource - product - waste. This is a challenge in contemporary societies, but even more so for food waste management. This presentation will discuss food waste management for circularity and based on the experiences of some EU funded projects, will highlight contradictions and challenges faced at several levels - culture, policy, administration / bureaucracy, economy and physical space - aiming to provide some insights for policy making.

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