



# SOLIFOODWASTE NETWORK CHARTER

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When the circular economy  
becomes inclusive

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Food waste is destroying our planet, it is damaging our economies and it represents a moral anomaly as much on the global, European, national or local scales.

Indeed, the European Union is wasting nearly 20% of its food production while at the same time nearly 55 million people (9.6% of its population) are unable, one day out of two, to afford a quality meal!

Among the causes of this waste are overproduction, poor product targeting, product or packaging deterioration, trade norms, poor stock management and marketing strategies of companies in the agri-food sectors.

With regard to the environment, food waste is a direct factor of soils' degradation and their declining fertility, of excessive water use, of seabed degradation, all of which are contributing to the degradation of our ecosystems, the loss of biodiversity and global warming.

In 2020, there were around 100 million people with disabilities in Europe. They face discrimination that limits their full integration into society and the economy. More than ever, the needs of these 100 million European citizens must be met.

Therefore, there is an urgent need to unite as many stakeholders as possible around these crucial issues, which include both social and environmental challenges. The European network of the SoliFoodWaste project is fully in line with this logic and aims to take up these challenges simultaneously by developing economic activities to recycle unsold food by people with disabilities!

## AS MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN SOLIFOODWASTE NETWORK WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO:

1. To support directly or indirectly the employment of people with disabilities.
2. To understand what food waste represents and what is its scope, both in terms of quantitative and qualitative data.
3. Raise awareness of these issues within our organisations, among our peers and stakeholders and among the general public.
4. Disseminate our know-how and good practices that promote the recovery of unsold food and the employment of people with disabilities.
5. To work towards the valorisation of unsold food, particularly through the employment of people with disabilities.

When employers recognise the impact of food waste and decide to act socially, this contributes greatly to the development of a circular and inclusive economy!

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