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## European Parliament demands greater ambition

### Food Waste

The European Parliament has today backed a report on reducing food waste. The report calls for a coordinated policy response and for the European Commission to introduce binding targets for food waste reduction. **Davor Škrlec**, shadow rapporteur for the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament, welcomes the report's findings:

*"This is a timely and welcome report. The European Court of Auditors has already shown that the European Commission's ambition has been moving backwards. There now needs to be a coordinated policy response at both EU and Member States level, backed up with binding EU food waste reduction targets.*

*"EU policy makers need to reject the claims from the industrial agriculture lobby that only they can "feed the world". It's clear that our first priority in delivering a sufficient and sustainable food supply should be massively reducing food waste. This should be our focus, not ever-increasing intensive and polluting methods of production."*

### Notes

The targets include: a call on Member States to take measures required to achieve an EU food waste reduction target of 30% by 2025 and 50% by 2030 compared to the 2014 baseline; a call on the Commission to examine the possibility of setting up binding Union-wide food waste reduction targets to be met by 2025 and 2030. The report also calls for the Council and Commission to designate a European year against food waste.

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