**International conference about Halving Food Waste big success**  
**From 17 to 19 June 2024 the international conference Towards Halving Food Waste in Europe took place at CHV Noordkade in Veghel, the Netherlands. With over 350 attendees from 33 nationalities and over 50 expert speakers, Food Waste Free United and its partners look back on a successful conference. This event brought together representatives from companies, public- and scientific organizations and civil society, with high ambitions of halving food waste by 2030. The only way to achieve SDG12.3 is by accelerating joint efforts to change our food system and eliminate food waste at all levels in the food supply chain. During the conference lots of knowledge and inspiration was shared, new coalitions and collaborations were formed and many new connections were made.**  
  
**Inspiration on stage and in the field**The attendees experienced an inspirational program on stage with over 50 experts who shared best practices, in an extensive plenary program and eight breakout sessions for a deep dive into more specific subjects. The next generation also took to the stage to share their views for the future. On the last day 21 companies opened their doors to show how they manage to prevent and reduce food waste.  
  
**New coalitions**During the conference multiple new coalitions were announced. These coalitions exist of companies and organisations joining forces to make a big impact on reducing food waste together. The new coalitions that were announced are:

* Date Labelling Coalition
* Smart Food Technologies Coalition
* Upcycled4Food coalition by Foodvalley

**What’s next?**This conference has ignited a flame of inspiration in all participants to take (even more) active steps to reduce food waste in their country. In October Hungary will host a new conference in Budapest about halving food waste in Europe, to keep the inspiration flowing. We cannot reduce food waste on our own, but if all parties in the food supply chain and supporting organisations work together, we can make a big positive change. Together we can halve food waste in Europe by 2030!  
  
**Key partners**The Dutch foundation ‘Samen Tegen Voedselverspilling’ (Food Waste Free United) is the national public-private initiative set up to realize SDG 12.3, with the long-term ambition of leading the way towards a responsible and circular food consumption and production system.  
  
Food Waste Free United did organise this conference in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature, and Food Quality, the province of North Brabant, the municipality of Meierijstad and Wageningen University & Research. It was financially supported by the Regio Deal Noordoost-Brabant and endorsed by The European Commission DG Sante and the Global Champions 12.3 coalition.