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Abstract

Food waste in Romania represents a major social problem: statistics indicate 5 million tons of food waste annually, representing between one third and a half of the total amount of food for human consumption produced in a year (about 250 kg / inhabitant). Annually, about a third of the products bought in Romania end up in the trash or are wasted unnecessarily. This quantity corresponds to about 2.55 million tons of food, respectively to the load of 127,500 trucks lined up from Bucharest to Munich. Every Romanian wastes an average of 353 grams of food per day in the household and over 6,000 tons of food end up in the garbage every day. The greatest waste of food is registered in the urban environment, while the rural communities use traditional methods of capitalization of food waste in the household. In the urban environment, over 95% of the municipal waste reaches the landfill, thus making it impossible to capitalize on waste of any kind, both food and non-food. Present paper seeks to provide an overview regarding the phenomenon of food waste in Romania. It also presents the conclusions resulting from interviews and questionnaires with the owners of agro-mountain boarding houses on how they manage this phenomenon with a negative impact on life and the environment. The conclusions will also present a series of measures that can contribute to reducing food waste in Romania.